

GRAND PRIX RESULTS ABROAD

Frankie Chesler remained in Europe following the Developing Riders' Tour to earn more overseas competition experience. She has been showing throughout Germany and was the only Canadian invited to attend the CSI-A Hachenburg. Here she and her 12-year-old Hanoverian mare, Ravenna Z, finished tenth in a qualifier for the show's grand prix which was to take place on August 5. In the big class, the pair only dropped one rail to wind up in 19th place, impressive considering she was competing against some of the world's finest riders such as current European champion Ludger Beerbaum (winner of the grand prix), Rodrigo Pessoa and Leslie Howard.



Chesler finishes strong in Germany

GERA, GERMANY-Orangeville's Frankie Chesler continues her European experience at the Gera International horseshow located in the former East Germany just west of the Czech border. This show, as is every show here in Europe, was overflowing with the usual star-studded horse and rider stars that you just never seem to get used to.

In the Friday Golden Toast Preis Qualifying Class, Frankie had a wonderful round. Out of 54 horse and rider combinations, she placed 10th with her fabulous mare Ravenna Z. This made it possible for Frankie to advance, along with 29 fellow qualifiers, to the Sunday Grand Prix.

On Sunday, after jumping a flawless clear round to the last jump, the slightest rub at the last fence resulted in one rail coming down, and therefore placing Frankie 13th. This is still a great accomplishment for this Canadian rider.

The large fan gathering of 20,000 was genuinely rooting for Chesler as she competed in this challenging class. The collective groan from the crowd at Chesler's only rail was of disappointment for her, not of her fail-



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Orangeville's Frankie Chesler (right), signs autographs for her young fans in Germany. Chesler has developed a strong fan following in Europe.

ure to go clear. Even in the short time that Chesler has been here in Europe, she has developed a true fan following.

Chesler is definitely holding her own in this world class company of riders, and is having a ball at the same time.

With a bit of luck, next week will be her time to shine.