

Chesler champion and reserve in Bromont

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Frankie Chesler of Orangeville has turned up the heat in Quebec at the CSI-W International Bromont, the former location of the equestrian events in the 1976 Montreal Summer Olympics. This charming town is nestled in at the foothills of the Laurentian Mountains and is host to over 700 horses competing at all levels of the hunter and jumper disciplines.

The low hunter division, where most young show horses begin their career, started with over 40 horses competing in an all day event of low hunters. When all was said and done, Chesler dominated the day by winning all four classes aboard her newest mount Back Talk, a five-year-old elegant thoroughbred gelding by Tabasco Cat and out of You Snapped. Wednesday morning brought another perfect day, with

Chesler competing with both Back Talk and her five-year-old thoroughbred mare Pillow Talk by Peasant Colony and out of Mission Hill.

The pre-green hunter division began mid-morning and before the day was done Chesler had, after four classes, tied herself for champion by winning two first place ribbons and one second with each of her mounts. After a flip of the coin, the show declared that Back Talk would be Champion and Pillow Talk would be Reserve Champion.

When asked where she had acquired these horses and when did she begin riding hunters, Chesler replied, "I rode in the small pony hunter division with my favourite pony Buttons and Bows until I was 10 years old. This past winter I rode my homebred Flippin Murmur until he was sold to a junior rider in New Orleans. While I was in Aiken, South Carolina for the

month of April, waiting for our winter to end at home back in Orangeville, my horses and I stayed with our friends Bill and Brenda MacKay at their Mystery Stables. While I was there, they asked me to ride some of their hunters and to my surprise I forgot how much fun riding a hunter was, I really enjoyed the challenge."

Chesler is not about to shy away from the jumper ring as it is still her deep-seated passion, but she believes that the hunters are a big part of the industry she works in and thinks that an equestrian today cannot be complete without riding hunters at some point in their career.

Chesler, along with many other high profile riders, will be taking part in this first week of summer horse showing. From Bromont, many will travel to Blainville Quebec, Ottawa, Ontario and then back to Palgrave for two weeks.



Orangeville's Frankie Chesler won events in the low hunter division and pre-green hunter division at the CSI-W International Bromont, the former location of the equestrian events in the 1976 Montreal Summer Olympics.

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