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In the Ribbons - Frankie Chesler



Frankie Chesler is no stranger to top level competition and hard work. At 17, she was the youngest person on the Canadian Nation's Cup team at Madison Square Garden with Ravenna Z. And she hasn't slowed down any. Her mother proudly reports that Frankie drives her own bus, does her own groundwork and describes her daughter as a down to earth, all-round horseperson,

Now 24, Frankie spent eight months out of the last year training in Europe. Working with Schep Waldman, she took two of her own horses to Holland and Belgium. Over the course of her stay she expanded her string, returning home with four.

Frankie has been in Florida since January 12th. Like many other Canadians, she has her five horses stabled at Littlewood. One of her Florida mounts this year is homebred Choco de Pomme -- grandson of the great Jus de Pomme. But her moment of great pride this month was realized on VDL Oscar, her 17.2h gray Dutch warmblood, who Frankie piloted to a clear round in the Lincoln Idle Dice Classic Grand Prix despite the pressure of being first in the order of go. Frankie's ever-present father Alan was ecstatic, to say the least. Performances like this

are what led to Frankie being chosen as a member of the Canadian team in this year's Nation's Cup in Wellington.

While horses are big in the Chesler household, everyone needs a break. So after the Florida circuit is over, the Cheslers are taking a family vacation to Disneyland. We also hear that Frankie has taken quite a liking to Cheez Whiz -- particularly the Venezuelan variety!

Watch for big things from Frankie in the future. She's easy to spot... just keep an eye out for her long braid.



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