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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Canadian Equestrian Team Media Guide for the FEI World Equestrian Games™ Tryon 2018, offered to all media as a convenient way to get to know the CET athletes competing for the maple leaf in Tryon.

All members of the CET for WEG 2018 are profiled, allowing easy access to background information, horse details and competition history for each athlete. We have also included major games history for the CET.

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BRITTANY FRASER-BEAULIEU

Birthdate: Aug. 27, 1988

Birthplace: New Glasgow, NS

Hometown: Saint Bruno, QC

Horse: All In – 2005 liver chestnut Dutch Warmblood gelding, owned by Brittany Fraser-Beaulieu, Craig Fraser & Marc-Andre Beaulieu

A rider since the age of five, Brittany Fraser-Beaulieu began regularly commuting to Ottawa when she was 13 to train with well-known dressage rider, Ruth Koch. Under Koch's watchful eye, Fraser-Beaulieu first reached the FEI level in 2007, representing Canada at the FEI North American Junior & Rider Championships. From there, she progressed to the Small Tour level with her current top partner, All In (Tango x Damiro), a 13-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding she co-owns with her father, Craig Fraser and husband, Marc-Andre Beaulieu.

Working closely with Canadian Olympian, Ashley Holzer, Fraser-Beaulieu has fully committed herself to becoming one of the best the sport of dressage has to offer. Her success has not gone unnoticed by the athletic community in Canada, and in 2013 she was named to CIBC's Team Next as one of 67 athletes recognized for outstanding athletic achievement.

In 2015, Fraser-Beaulieu and All In were chosen to represent Canada at the Pan American Games in Toronto, ON, where they helped the Canadian Dressage Team earn the silver medal. Shortly after the Games, the duo moved up to the Grand Prix level with much success. In 2017, the duo made their European debut at the CHIO Aachen, picking up a top-10 finish against some of the world's best dressage athletes. They wrapped up the season by earning back-to-back wins in the CDI Grand Prix Freestyle in Saugerties and Devon with personal best scores of 75.090% and 75.500%, respectively.



Fraser-Beaulieu kicked off 2018 in January by being named the inaugural recipient of the Brosda Olympic Bursary, set up as a lasting legacy in memory of Élisabeth Brosda and used to support NextGen athletes striving toward the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. From there, Fraser-Beaulieu headed to Wellington, FL for the prestigious Adequan Global Dressage Festival series, where she rode All In to numerous top placings, including a CDI 4* Grand Prix win in March.

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Susan J Stickle

JILL IRVING

Birthdate: April 4, 1963

Birthplace: Sudbury, ON

Hometown: Moncton, NB

Horse: Degas 12 – 2002 light bay Hanoverian gelding, owned by Jill Irving and Windhaven Farm

Jill Irving has gone from a national-level hunter and jumper competitor to one of Canada's top dressage talents. She has more than proved herself a strong, capable and exciting competitor, recording numerous top 10 finishes since her FEI debut in 2013.

Irving has represented Canada four times at the FEI Nations Cup CDIO 3* with her veteran partner, Degas 12. In 2015, the pair was part of Team Canada 2, which finished in the bronze position. Irving returned in 2017 to help the Canadian Dressage Team earn its first team gold medal in the history of the prestigious competition, and most recently in 2018, helped the team to a silver medal finish.

Irving and Degas 12 have also racked up top three placings outside of Nations Cup competition, including wins at the 2013, 2014, and 2018 Adequan Global Dressage Festival, 2014 Palgrave CDI-W, 2015 Saugerties CDI-W, 2016 Dressage at Devon, and 2018 Cedar Valley CDI 3*. Their personal best score came at the 2016 Saugerties CDI-W, where they won the Grand Prix Freestyle with an impressive score of 73.050%.

A busy mother of four, Irving is married to Robert Irving, a prominent industrialist in Eastern Canada.



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MEGAN LANE

Birthdate: April 5, 1991

Birthplace: Collingwood, ON

Hometown: Loretto, ON

Horses: Caravella – 2001 bay Dutch Warmblood mare, owned by Megan, Cathy & Kelsey Lane |

Zodiac MW – 2004 bay Dutch Warmblood gelding, owned by Deer Ridge Equestrian

Website: <https://meganlanedressage.com>

From a very young age, Megan Lane displayed an amazing ability to ride. Her show career began at the age of five, when she started training and competing on the hunter/jumper circuit. At the age of eight, Lane's focus shifted to the sport of dressage. Her career developed with the help of top professional coaches and trainers, including Jaki Beck, Jacqueline Brooks, Tina and Jaimey Irwin, Ute Busse and Belinda Trussell. Her talent was immediately recognized by judges, owners, and coaches alike.

In 2001, Lane formed a partnership with a stout low-level school horse named Dolany that resulted in a series of national level championship wins. By 2008, she was ranked as the top junior rider and represented Canada at the FEI North American Junior and Young Rider Championships (NAJYRC). In many of the classes, Lane was the youngest rider and Dolany was the smallest horse in the ring.

In the spring of 2009, Lane purchased an eight-year-old Dutch Warmblood mare, Caravella — a hunter horse with basic dressage training. Three weeks after purchasing Caravella, she began competing in the FEI Junior division and the pair went on to capture six medals in their career at NAJYRC.

Lane and Caravella travelled to France to compete at the 2014 FEI World Equestrian Games, where the pair helped Team Canada earn a ninth place finish. At the start of 2015, she and Caravella were part of Team Canada I, which brought home the silver medal at



the CDIO 3* Nations Cup in Wellington, FL. At the 2015 Pan Am Games in Toronto, Lane and Caravella were members of the Canadian Dressage Team that earned the silver medal and broke the Canadian record for the highest team average score achieved at a major games. Lane subsequently made her Olympic debut at Rio 2016 aboard Caravella, where she set a new personal best record at a major games, scoring 71.286% in the Grand Prix.

In 2017, Lane and Caravella continued to dominate the leaderboard, winning the CDIO 3* Grand Prix Freestyle at the 2017 Nations Cup in Wellington, FL. Additionally, Lane began to compete with a new horse, Zodiac MW. Together, the promising pair is compiling an impressive record that includes two first place finishes in their FEI debut at the 2017 Tryon CDI 3*, and wins at the 2018 Adequan Global Dressage Festival, Ottawa Dressage Festival, and Cedar Valley CDI 3*.

With unrelenting focus in training and competition, Lane remains loyal to her goal of medalling for Canada at future major games.

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Susan J Stickle

BELINDA TRUSSELL

Birthdate: Aug. 27, 1971

Birthplace: Sydney, AUS

Hometown: Stouffville, ON

Horse: Tattoo 15 – 2003 dark bay Westphalian gelding, owned by Belinda Trussell

Website: <http://Belindatrussellinternational.com>

Belinda Trussell spent her childhood in locations across the globe and dabbled in multiple disciplines – including polo, cross-country, and jumping – before focusing on dressage at age 13. Trussell represented her native Australia in FEI competition until 1994, when she became a Canadian citizen.

In June 1995, Trussell purchased her first Grand Prix horse, Elicard, and together they achieved great success in both Canada and Europe. In early 2002, Belinda acquired Royan II, with whom she represented Canada as the youngest member of the Canadian Dressage Team at the 2002 FEI World Equestrian Games (WEG) in Jerez, ESP. The pair went on to compete at the 2003 European Dressage Championships in Hickstead, GBR and helped the Canadian Dressage Team earn a berth for the 2004 Athens Olympics. In addition, Trussell and Royan II won the Swarovski Canadian League World Cup Final at the 2003 Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, and represented the maple leaf in 2004 at both the FEI World Cup Dressage Final in Duesseldorf, GER, and the Athens Olympics.

In 2009, Trussell debuted a new partnership with Anton, with whom she would achieve monumental success. The pair competed at WEG in 2010 and 2014, and helped the Canadian Dressage Team win the silver medal at the 2015 Toronto Pan American Games. There, they broke the Canadian record for the highest team average score achieved at a major games. Trussell also broke a Canadian major games record in Toronto for the highest individual score after receiving 75.078% in the Grand Prix Special. Wrapping up the 2015



season on a high note, Trussell and Anton captured victory in front of a hometown crowd in the Grand Prix and Grand Prix Freestyle at the Royal Invitational Dressage Cup. Their Freestyle score of an even 77% was due in part to Trussell's decision to perform the incredibly challenging piaffe pirouette one-handed, a first for the pair in competition.

Trussell continued to reach new heights in 2016, racking up wins at the prestigious Adequan Global Dressage Festival (AGDF) in Wellington, FL, where she broke the Canadian record for the highest score in a Grand Prix Special with 75.529%. Twelve years after her Olympic debut, Trussell returned to the Games at Rio 2016 aboard Anton, where she qualified for the Grand Prix Special and finished in 27th overall.

In 2017, Anton retired from high performance competition. Tattoo 15 took over as Trussell's top mount, and has kept her winning record alive with victories at the 2016 AGDF, 2016 and 2017 Ottawa Dressage Festival, 2017 Cedar Valley CDI 3*, and 2017 Saugerties CDI-W.

Trussell, her husband, Mark Trussell, and their two children Matthew and Sophie, live in Stouffville, ON. Trussell owns and operates Oakcrest Farms, a distinguished Canadian dressage facility, where she coaches a diverse group of clientele.

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Reserve:

DIANE CREECH

Birthdate: Feb. 4, 1963**Birthplace:** Columbus, GA**Hometown:** Caistor Centre, ON**Horse:** Diana C – 2007 bay Hanoverian mare, owned by Diane Creech & Louise Leatherdale**Website:** www.leatherdalefarms.com

Diane Creech was born in the United States but moved to Germany at the age of two. She began riding as a teenager while taking care of horses for a veterinarian. After four years of “doing time” in business management, Creech decided to fulfill her dream of working with horses and spent the next three years achieving her German Bereiter status. On Christmas Eve in 1989, Creech arrived in Canada as part of her quest to see the world, but never left, instead establishing herself as a dressage trainer.

Since then, Creech has shown multiple world-class horses for Leatherdale Farms to international success. Aboard Wiona, Creech helped the Canadian Dressage Team claim the silver medal at the 2007 Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro, BRA.

Creech was the sole trainer of Devon L, with whom she earned the 2005 Canadian FEI Five-Year-Old Championship title and represented the maple leaf at the 2006 World Young Horse Breeding Championships in Verden, GER. In 2009, Creech and Devon L made their Grand Prix debut and have since enjoyed top placings around the globe. The pair was nominated to the Canadian Dressage Team for the 2012 London Olympic Games as the first alternate. In 2013, Creech and Devon L won first place in the FEI Grand Prix Special at the CDI-W in West Palm Beach, FL, and capped off their fall season by winning the Grand Prix Freestyle in the \$20,000 Royal Invitational Dressage Cup at Toronto’s Royal Horse Show.

From 2014 to 2017, Creech enjoyed tremendous success in both the small and big tour aboard multiple mounts, including



Robbie W, Hallmark and Chrevis Christo. Capping off an incredible winter season in 2015, Creech and Devon L were part of Team Canada I for the Nations Cup during the CDIO 3* Adequan Global Dressage Festival (AGDF) in Wellington, FL, helping capture a silver medal for Canada. Creech also went on a European tour with Diana C and Chrevis Christo, with whom she earned third place finishes at the Uggerhalne, DEN and Hartpurty, GBR CDI 3* competitions.

Creech continued to be highly successful with several horses at the CDI 3* level in 2018. She returned to the CDIO 3* AGDF, this time with Chrevis Christo, and once again contributed to a silver-medal finish for Team Canada in the 2018 Nations Cup.

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Cealy Tetley

COLLEEN DEVRY



Birthdate: Aug. 11, 1966

Birthplace: Quesnel, BC

Hometown: Fort Saskatchewan, AB

Horse: NightWind's Indigo Bey – 2002 black Arabian gelding, owned by Colleen DeVry

Website: www.google.com/site/nightwindsendurance

As a child, Colleen DeVry would ride any horse that she should get her hands on. She finally got a horse to call her own at the age of 16, an Arabian/Quarter Horse yearling she spent countless hours training and riding in a variety of disciplines.

DeVry was self-taught until the age of 25, when she began dressage lessons with Betty Briggs and started showing on the Arabian circuit. Around that time, DeVry began to dabble in endurance, but she concentrated on showing for the next 15 years in an effort to promote the sale of horses from her successful breeding program, NightWind Arabians.

DeVry was showing one of her horses, NightWind's Indigo Bey ("Bey"), in Western pleasure when she decided that the gelding would benefit from trail riding to improve his carriage and impulsion in the ring. However, when the pair ended up at an endurance ride, the show ring fast became history.

DeVry and Bey were naturals in endurance, and quickly asserted their dominance at the 2010 Region 6 Arabian Horse Association Championship, at which they won the 80km division. Since then, they've created a winning legacy, including being part of the 2012 ZTEC gold medal team at the 160km Fort Howes Endurance Ride, and earning both first place and the Best Condition Award at the 2015 Jackpine's 120km race, 2016 FEI 120km Bird's Hill Sensation, and the 2017 120km NW Fall Frolic.

In addition to being a fierce competitor, DeVry has made a name for herself as a successful endurance coach. She coached Young Rider, Heather Nielsen to individual and team silver medals at the 2015 FEI North American Endurance Team Challenge. DeVry finished in the top 10 with her up-and-coming horse, NightWind's Bey Infiniti ("Infiniti") at the same event.

Over the past 10 years, DeVry and Bey have accumulated over 4,250 competitive miles and look to add more at the 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games. DeVry also has her sights set on the 2020 World Endurance Championships, in which she hopes to compete with Infiniti.

ROBERT GIELEN

Birthdate: July 1, 1950

Birthplace: Edmonton, AB

Hometown: Flesherton, ON

Horse: More Bang For Your Buck –
2009 bay gelding, owned by Robert Gielen

At the age of 36, Robert Gielen started trail riding in Belleisle, NB as a form of exercise and leisure. His modest introduction to the sport has turned into a stellar career, as Gielen is now one of Canada's top endurance athletes.

Gielen began competing at the FEI level in 2005, earning wins at the 2009 Fun in the Sun Pioneer Ride, 2010 Lowell CEI 2* 120km and 2012 Coates Creek CEI 1* 80km rides.

Aboard FC Galaxy, Gielen represented the maple leaf with successful completions at the 2008 World Endurance Championships in Malaysia (40th place) and the 2010 FEI World Equestrian Games (37th).

Gielen and his current mount, More Bang For Your Buck (affectionately known as "Bang"), began competing together at the FEI level in 2015, and participated in the 2015 North American Championship. Starting in 2016, the charismatic duo recorded six consecutive wins from the CEI 1* 80km level all the way up to the 3* 160km level. At the end of 2017, they sat comfortably in seventh place in the FEI Open Combination World Endurance Rankings, and earned a top 100 placing in the FEI Open Riders World Endurance Ranking.

Gielen and Bang's success continued in 2018 at the WEG Endurance Test Event, where they were the first North American combination to cross the finish line in eighth place.



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WENDY MACCOUBREY

Birthdate: Aug. 10, 1966

Birthplace: Scarborough, ON

Hometown: Ste-Justine-de-Newton, QC

Horse: Black Bart's Lolita – 2009 black Arabian/Standardbred-cross mare, owned by Wendy MacCoubrey

Coached by her mother, Wendy MacCoubrey began riding at a young age. However, a move to the city took her out of the saddle and into a corporate job for 15 years. At the age of 28, MacCoubrey decided to make the change to ride for a living and has never looked back.

MacCoubrey has achieved remarkable success in competition since her FEI debut in 2005. In her first competition outside of North America, MacCoubrey and mount, Mariah finished in 46th place out of 160 teams at the 2008 World Endurance Championships in Malaysia. She has racked up numerous top three placings, including wins at the 2013 and 2014 Stormont Endurance Race; 2014 Broxton Bridge USA Fall Fundraiser; 2014, 2015, and 2016 Biltmore Challenge; and 2014 and 2018 Fun in the Sun Rides.

With her current top mount, Black Bart's Lolita, MacCoubrey ended the 2017 season in fourth place in the FEI Open Combination World Endurance Rankings, and in 21st place in the FEI Open Riders World Endurance Rankings.

Looking to the future, MacCoubrey is focused on developing her young, homebred horses into successful 100 mile horses.

MacCoubrey also holds the position of Chair of the Equestrian Canada Endurance Committee, and was named the 2017 Ron Janzen Memorial Award winner in light of her tireless dedication to promoting the sport of endurance.



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KIMBERLEY WOOLLEY

Birthdate: Dec. 1, 1965

Birthplace: Ottawa, ON

Hometown: Finch, ON

Horse: Schakka Khan – 2006 Arabian mare, owned by Kimberley Woolley

A move from the city to the country led Kimberley Woolley to pick up riding at the age of seven. While attending Kemptville College in the mid-1980s, Woolley completed her first Equestrian Canada (EC) coaching certification, and got her first taste of distance riding. However, she wouldn't become immersed in the world of endurance until 1993, when she became involved with the Seaway Valley Arabian Horse Association.

In 2009, Woolley was named Head Coach/Technical Advisor to the Canadian Endurance Team, and traveled with them to the 2009 Kentucky Cup and the 2019 FEI World Equestrian Games (WEG).

Woolley has been riding at the FEI level since 2011, and earned third place finishes in the 2012 CEI 2* 120km in Berwick, ON and 2013 CEI 1* 80km in Finch, ON. As a member of Team Canada - East, she competed in the North American Endurance Team Challenge in Florida in 2013, and again in Millbrook, ON in 2015.

Always ready and willing to share her time and expertise, Woolley acted as nominal Chef d'Équipe for riders Kathy Irvine and Jessica Manness in 2015, and crewed for them at the President's Cup in Dubai.

In 2017, Woolley and her mare, Schakka Khan, earned the third-highest FEI combination ranking in Canada after an impressive season that included a second place finish in the CEI 2* 120km race in Coates Creek, ON. The duo has continued to post impressive speeds and hone their skills in 2018.



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Woolley competes alongside her husband, Mike Merriam, with whom she is also training two young endurance horses. She has also maintained a love for dressage, fitting in lessons and clinics whenever possible. Woolley continues to pursue her coaching goals as an EC certified Competition Coach, Learn to Ride Evaluator, Coach Mentor and Coach Developer.

Reserve:

TRACY VOLLMAN



Photo
Credit:
Becky Siler
Pearman

Birthdate: Nov. 9, 1969

Birthplace: Fort Qu'Appelle, SK

Hometown: Regina, SK

Horse: RA Karim – 2002 bay Arabian gelding, owned by Tracy Vollman

Tracy Vollman started riding on the family farm as soon as she was old enough to catch a horse by herself. She progressed to participating in local horse shows, gymkhana events and trail rides. A magazine article about the Old Dominion 100-mile ride was Vollman's first introduction to endurance, and it stuck in her mind. Eight years later, she started participating in the sport.

Vollman quickly established herself as a top endurance competitor by winning her first-ever FEI event in 2014, the Birds Hill Fall Fun CEI 1* 80km race, with RA Karim. She has gone on to accumulate numerous top placings

from Alberta to Florida, including wins at the 2015 Birds Hill Provincial Park CEI 2* 120km with AJ Splash of Pizzaz; the 2016 Canadian Championships in the CEI 1* division with Always Fame PW and in the CEI 2* division with RA Karim (who also received the Best Condition award); and the 2017 Goethe Gallivant CEI 1* 80km with NC Galloping Gus. Notably, Vollman and RA Karim also placed 23rd in the challenging 2016 Tevis Cup out of a field of 165 starters.

Vollman and RA Karim currently sit in sixth place on the FEI Endurance Open Combination World Ranking. They duo continues to compete with the goal of receiving the American Endurance Ride Conference's Decade Team award. Since 2016, Vollman has also had the pleasure of competing alongside her daughter, Lexi, in FEI competition.

HAWLEY BENNETT-AWAD

Birthdate: May 6, 1977

Birthplace: Langley, BC

Hometown: Temecula, CA

Horse: Jollybo – 2004 bay Irish Sport Horse mare, owned by Hawley Bennett-Awad & Jollybo Syndicate LLC

Website: <http://hawleybennett.com>

Hawley Bennett-Awad grew up on a hobby farm and was involved with the 4-H Horse Club and the Grove and Langley Pony Clubs throughout her childhood. Like countless other little girls, she dreamed of riding in the Olympics one day – a dream that she would achieve twice through dedication, hard work and pure talent.

Bennett-Awad's first lesson was with legendary eventer and close friend, Pamela Arthur. By the age of 16, she had competed through Training level with her Arabian gelding, Ibn. In 1994, Bennett-Awad met Livingstone, a four-year-old off-the-track Thoroughbred gelding bred by Dr. Anderson of Langley, BC. Following a fourth place finish at the 1998 FEI North American Junior and Young Rider Championships (NAJYRC), Bennett-Awad, then just 21, was named to the Canadian Eventing Team Long List with Livingstone. They went on to enjoy great success at the 3* and 4* levels, including a top 20 placing at the 2005 CCI 4* Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event. Together, Bennett-Awad and Livingstone helped the Canadian Eventing Team earn the silver medal at the 2003 Santo Domingo Pan American Games, and represented the maple leaf at the 2004 Athens Olympics. They also placed 15th at the 2005 FEI Eventing World Cup Final.

Bennett-Awad's medal run continued in 2010 when she earned another team silver, this time at the 2010 FEI World Equestrian Games (WEG) aboard Gin & Juice. In 2011, she rode Five O'Clock Somewhere in the Guadalajara



Pan American Games to rack up another team silver medal. Bennett-Awad and Gin & Juice went on to compete at the 2012 London Olympics and WEG 2014 in Normandy, FRA.

In 2016, Bennett-Awad was introduced to her current top FEI mount, Jollybo. The two have since earned a third place finish at The Event at Rebecca Farm CCI 3* and tackled the 2017 Rolex and 2018 Land Rover Kentucky Three-Day Event CCI 4* in anticipation of WEG 2018.

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Cealy Tetley

LISA MARIE FERGUSSON

Birthdate: Aug. 10, 1982

Birthplace: Vancouver, BC

Hometown: Langley, BC

Horse: Honor Me – 2006 chestnut Welsh Sport Horse gelding, owned by Lisa Marie Fergusson

Growing up with horses at home, Lisa Marie Fergusson had been riding her whole life before developing her skills through the Canadian Pony Club.

Fergusson achieved her 'A' level riding long-time partner, Uni Griffon. She purchased Uni Griffon when he was only one week old from breeder, Carol McDonald of Langley, BC. Together, they climbed the eventing ranks and, in 2006, the pair finished sixth in the CCI 2* division at the Galway Downs International Horse Trials to earn a place on the Canadian Eventing Team Long List. They maintained their Long List status for three years running until Uni Griffon retired from FEI competition in 2008.

After taking a short break while studying Criminal Justice at the University of the Fraser Valley, Fergusson returned to international competition with a string of talented horses, ready to make her mark on the leaderboard. In 2011, she won the Fair Hill International Horse Trials CIC 2* and Jersey Fresh CCI 2* aboard Smart Move. The next year, she and Uni Sprite topped the 2012 Barrington Hills CCI 1*. In 2013, it was Feral Errol with whom Fergusson would claim victory at the Rebecca Farm International Horse Trials CCI 2*.

Fergusson's current top mount, Honor Me, has been her trusted partner in international competition since 2012. The pair has earned exceptional results, challenging some of North America's toughest three day events together, including the world-renowned 2018 Land



Rover Kentucky Three-Day Event CCI 4* in 2016, 2017 and 2018. Fergusson and Honor Me also helped the Canadian Eventing Team secure the silver medal in the 2017 and 2018 CICO 3* FEI Nations Cup Eventing, held at the Great Meadow International in The Plains, VA.

Fergusson credits the development of her horsemanship to her coach, mentor and close friend, Lynn Sanderson. In addition, Fergusson trains with specialized coaches for the various aspects of eventing, including Scott Hassler for dressage, Richard Picken for show jumping, and Phillip Dutton for cross-country. She is also a riding instructor, trains young horses, and volunteers her time with the Pony Club.

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Brinkman

COLLEEN LOACH

Birthdate: April 10, 1983

Birthplace: Sherbrooke, QC

Hometown: Dunham, QC

Horse: Qorry Blue d'Argouges – 2004 grey Selle Francais gelding, owned by Peter Barry

Website: <http://colleenloachequestrian.ca>

Colleen Loach's passion, combined with her determination, has set her on the path to achieving her equestrian goals. Moving quickly up the ranks, she made her FEI North American Junior and Young Rider Championships (NAJYRC) debut in 1999, and was also named the Quebec Eventing Athlete of the Year.

In 2001, she returned to NAJYRC and helped secure a team bronze medal for Canada. By 2004, Loach had reached the international CCI 3* level, making her debut at Fox Hall in Atlanta, GA. She has since earned wins at the 2007 CCI 2* Bromont Three Day Event, the 2013 CIC 2* Dreamcrest Horse Trials, and the 2014 CIC 2* The Fork Horse Trials.

Loach was named to the Canadian Eventing Team Long List in 2014 and 2015, and made her Pan American Games debut in Toronto, ON in 2015, helping to bring home the team bronze medal.

In 2016, Loach rode three horses to top three finishes: Kalle 86, Qorry Blue d'Argouges, and Liberty. At the 2016 CIC 3* Bromont Three Day Event, she placed second on Qorry Blue d'Argouges and was awarded the inaugural Stuart R. Horne Canadian Eventing Championship as the top Canadian rider in the division. Loach's 2016 season culminated with an appearance at the 2016 Rio Olympics, where she helped earn 10th place for Team Canada.

Loach has continued her record of success at the Bromont Three Day Event, placing second in the CIC 2* division in 2017. In 2018, as a



member of the Eventing National Squad, she rode four horses to top 10 finishes in the CCI 1* division.

Loach currently works for fellow Canadian Olympian, Peter Barry, who also owns her current top mount, Qorry Blue d'Argouges.

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SELENA O'HANLON

Birthdate: March 21, 1981

Birthplace: Salisbury, GBR

Hometown: Kingston, ON

Horses: Foxwood High – 2003 bay Canadian Sport Horse gelding, owned by John and Judy Rumble

Website: www.selenaohanlon.ca

Selena O'Hanlon has pursued her goal of an Olympic medal since the age of seven, becoming one of Canada's top equestrian athletes in the process.

O'Hanlon began her FEI career in 1999, and trained in England with Pamela Hutton in 2007. She started the 2008 season on a high note, placing fifth in the CIC 3* division at the Red Hills Horse Trials aboard Colombo. Later in the season, the pair made their CCI 4* debut at the Rolex Kentucky Three Day Event, placing in the top 20 against some of the world's best horse-rider combinations and earning their way to the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

O'Hanlon's success at the CCI 4* Rolex Kentucky continued in 2010, as she guided Colombo to an eighth place finish before being named to represent Canada at the 2019 FEI World Equestrian Games (WEG) in Lexington, KY. At WEG, O'Hanlon and Colombo helped to bring home Canada's first silver eventing medal in 32 years. Their success continued in 2011, when they debuted at the iconic Badminton Horse Trials in England before heading to the 2011 Guadalajara Pan American Games, once again bringing home a team silver medal.

By 2013, O'Hanlon was the only Canadian with three CCI 3* level horses in her line-up. Partnered with Foxwood High, Bellaney Rock, and A Fine Romance, she consistently topped the leaderboard for Canadian standings. In 2014, O'Hanlon once again represented Canada at WEG, this time in Normandy, FRA. Her contribution to the Canadian Eventing



Team's sixth place finish secured a team berth for Canada at the 2016 Rio Olympics.

In 2017, O'Hanlon focused her efforts exclusively on Foxwood High with dramatic results, starting with a third place finish at the 2017 CIC 3* Plantation Field International. Their 2017 season culminated with a historic win at the CCI 3* Fair Hill International, where O'Hanlon and Foxwood High became the first Canadian duo to win the event, securing their spot on the 2018 Eventing National Squad in the process. O'Hanlon's success with Foxwood High continued in 2018 at the iconic CCI 4* Mitsubishi Motors Badminton Horse Trials in Great Britain, where the pair completed the challenging three-day event to finish in the top 25, which they followed up with a win back home in Canada at the Bromont CIC 3*.

O'Hanlon is currently Canada's number one eventing athlete, ranking 12th in North America. She resides and trains at Balsam Hall in Kingston, ON with her mother, Morag O'Hanlon. In addition to coaching private students, she also enjoys teaching developing riders through the Canadian Pony Club.

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JESSICA PHOENIX

Birthdate: Oct. 16, 1983

Birthplace: Uxbridge, ON

Hometown: Cannington, ON

Horses: Pavarotti – 2002 bay Westphalian gelding, owned by Jessica Phoenix |

Bogue Sound – 2007 chestnut Thoroughbred gelding, owned by Amara Hoppner

Website: www.jessicaphoenix.ca

Jessica Phoenix quickly rose up the ranks to become one of Canada's most respected and well-known eventers. Her first taste of international success came at the 1999 FEI North American Junior and Young Rider Championships (NAJYRC), where she finished third individually in the 1* division with Let's Boogie. In 2006, Phoenix was named to the Canadian Eventing Team Long List for the first time.

Representing the maple leaf, Phoenix rode Exploring as part of Team Canada at the 2007 Rio Pan American Games. In 2011, she captured individual gold and led the team to a silver medal at the 2011 Guadalajara Pan American Games, this time partnered with Pavarotti. For her outstanding performance, Phoenix was named Equestrian Canada's 2011 Equestrian of the Year. She was also honoured in Sunderland, ON, at the town's Maple Syrup Festival. The town declared April 1, 2012 as Jessica Phoenix Day.

In 2012, Phoenix rode Exponential at the London Olympics, finishing a respectable 22nd and helping Team Canada earn a 13th place finish. In 2013, the duo rode to a spectacular victory in the CCI 3* division at the Jersey Fresh Three Day Event. Phoenix also won the CIC 2* in Port Perry, ON with A Little Romance.

In 2014, Phoenix and A Little Romance competed in their first CCI 3* division at the Bromont Horse Trials, where they showcased their talent with a big win. Partnered with her veteran mount, Pavarotti, Phoenix also had



the opportunity to represent her home nation as part of the team that would capture sixth at WEG in France. In light of her success, she was named Leading Lady Rider of Ontario.

During the 2015 spring competition season, Phoenix was injured during a fall at the Jersey Fresh International Three Day Event. She proved herself a fierce competitor and quickly bounced back from her injuries, placing second in CCI 2* at the Toronto Pan American Games aboard Pavarotti, mere weeks later.

Phoenix returned stronger than ever in 2016 with a win at the CIC 3* Chatahoochee Hills Horse Trials and a return to Rio for the Olympics aboard A Little Romance. In 2018, she won the CIC 2* division of the renowned MARS Incorporated Bromont Three Day with Bentley's Best.

Phoenix and her husband, Joel, have two children: son, Jacob and daughter, Jordan. She is the owner of Phoenix Equestrian in Toronto, ON, where she coaches students and trains and sells eventing horses.

ERYNN BALLARD



Photo Credit:
Cealy Tetley

Birthdate: Sept. 13, 1980

Birthplace: Oakville, ON

Hometown: Hillsburgh, ON

Horse: Darko's Promise – 2008 bay Irish Sport Horse gelding, owned by Ilan Ferder

Website: www.lookingbackfarm.com

Erynn Ballard began riding at the age of five with her parents, David and Sandi Ballard, and entered the show ring one year later. Equally talented in hunter, jumper and equitation, Ballard became only the second Canadian to win the prestigious ASPCA Maclay National Championship at the 1998 National Horse Show at New York City's Madison Square Garden. The following year, she captured the individual gold medal at the 1999 North American Junior and Young Rider Championships riding Leacock.

Ballard made her Nations Cup debut at the 2006 Spruce Meadows "Masters" tournament, helping Canada to achieve victory for the first time in the event's history, and was named the 2006 EC Equestrian of the Year. Ballard recently made a spectacular return to the international spotlight, winning the \$100,000 Longines Speed Challenge riding Fantast and enjoying two other top-three placings at the CSI 5* Longines Masters of New York in April 2018. Ballard is also focused on the development of several promising young horses.

Ballard is the professional trainer and coach for her family's business, Looking Back Farm. Known for her catch riding skills, Ballard is often seen piloting a multitude of horses in the various hunter and jumper divisions.

KARA CHAD



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Communications

Birthdate: Jan. 19, 1996

Birthplace: Calgary, AB

Hometown: Calgary, AB

Horse: Carona – 2007 grey Dutch Warmblood mare, owned by Torrey Pines Stable

Website: www.karachad.com

Show jumping is a shared passion for the Chad family. Introduced to the sport by her parents, Kara Chad quickly progressed from competing in the pony ranks in 2008 to representing Canada internationally three years later on the Young Riders Nations Cup tour that competed in Belgium and Austria.

In 2014, Chad led Canada to victory in the CSIO 4* Coapexpan, MEX, riding Alberto II. She has since competed at Nations Cup events

around the globe, including such well-known venues as Aachen, GER; Wellington, FL; and Rome, ITA; as well as in her hometown of Calgary during the prestigious CSIO 5* Spruce Meadows “Masters” Tournament. Chad was selected as the traveling alternate for the 2016 Rio Olympic Games with Bellinda, despite only being 20 years old at the time.

In 2015, Chad began training with three-time Olympic medalist Eric Lamaze, whose Torrey Pines Stable has bases in Florida and Belgium. She now works for Lamaze full-time, competing several Torrey Pines Stable sale horses in addition to her own mounts. She closed out 2017 with a win in the €24,825 Land Rover Grand Prix at the CSI 2* Longines Masters of Paris and opened her 2018 spring season with a win in the €65,000 1.60m Grand Prix of CSI 3* Mannheim, GER.

MARIO DESLAURIERS

Birthdate: Feb. 23, 1965

Birthplace: Venise-en-Québec, QC

Hometown: New York, USA

Horse: Bardolina 2 – 2009 bay Holsteiner mare, owned by Wishing Well Farm LLC

Mario Deslauriers began riding as a child at the Bromont Olympic Equestrian Park, site of the 1976 Olympic Games equestrian competition, under the tutelage of his father, Roger Deslauriers. In 1984 at the age of 19, Mario became the first Canadian and the youngest rider to ever win the World Cup Final, a record he still holds. Later that year at the Los Angeles Olympics, he was involved in a three-way jump-off for the individual bronze medal, eventually finishing fourth with Aramis.

A two-time Canadian Show Jumping Champion, Mario has represented Canada at every major international event. In 2006, he was a member of the Canadian Team that scored its first victory in the \$350,000 BMO Nations Cup at Spruce Meadows in Calgary, AB. With the opportunity to ride for an American owner, Mario began representing the United States in 2009, switching back in time to once again represent Canada at the 2017 Spruce Meadows "Masters" Tournament as a member of its Nations Cup team.

After marrying American, Lisa Tamopol in 2009, Mario adopted her twins, Jack and Lucy. The family resides in New York, and Mario now has the added privilege of training and competing alongside his daughter. Similar to his own career path, Lucy, aged 19, is enjoying great success at the grand prix level.



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Cealy Tetley

ERIC LAMAZE

Birthdate: April 17, 1968

Birthplace: Montreal, QC

Hometown: Wellington, FL

Horses: Chacco Kid - 2006 chestnut Oldenburg gelding by Chacco Blue x Come On, owned by Chacco Kid Group |

Fine Lady 5 - 2003 bay Hanoverian mare by Forsyth x Drosselklang II, owned by Artisan Farms LLC and Torrey Pines Stable

Website: www.ericlamaze.com

Eric Lamaze made history by becoming the first equestrian athlete to win an individual Olympic gold medal for Canada with his beloved stallion, Hickstead. The incredible accomplishment came just two days after Canada won the team silver medal at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. By the end of the 2008 season, Lamaze was ranked the number one show jumping rider in the world, a feat he would accomplish again in 2010 and 2011.

A three-time Canadian Show Jumping Champion, Lamaze has represented Canada in six consecutive FEI World Equestrian Games (1994, 1998, 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014), claiming individual bronze in 2010 where Hickstead was also named "Best Horse". Considered one of the greatest horses of all time, Hickstead won every major grand prix title, including Calgary (2007 and 2011), Geneva (2008), Aachen (2010), La Baule (2011), and Rome (2011) before his tragic death in November 2011. Moving forward, Lamaze led Canada to a team gold medal riding Coco Bongo at the 2015 Toronto Pan American Games. That result qualified Canada for the 2016 Rio Olympics, where Canada finished fourth following a jump off for the team bronze, while Lamaze and Fine Lady 5 claimed the individual bronze medal.

An avid golfer and property developer, Lamaze divides his time between bases in Florida and Belgium.



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Reserve:
LISA CARLSEN



Photo Credit:
 Starting Gate
 Communications

Birthdate: Feb. 17, 1965

Birthplace: North York, ON

Hometown: Spruce Grove, AB

Horse: Parette – 2006 bay Brandenburg mare, owned by Lisa Carlsen

Lisa Carlsen emerged on the international scene in 1986 with Kahlua, considered one of the greatest horses in Canadian show jumping history. The pair won several major grand prix events to earn their place at the 1987 Pan American Games in Indianapolis, where Canada claimed the team gold medal and Carlsen and Kahlua placed sixth individually. The following year, the pair made their Olympic debut at the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games before Kahlua was retired in 1990.

Carlsen returned to the international spotlight riding La Boom. The pair represented Canada in several Nations Cup events, including in Buenos Aires, ARG, in 2010 where Canada placed second, and in the 2012 Nations Cup Promotional League Final in Barcelona, ESP. Carlsen is currently focused on grand prix mounts Malbec and Parette.

In 1996, Carlsen left her farm in Terra Cotta, ON behind and moved west to Alberta. She currently operates Trademark Stables with her husband, Dayton Gorsline, in Spruce Grove. The couple has one daughter, Cassandra Gorsline.

LAUREN BARWICK

Birthdate: Sept. 12, 1977

Birthplace: Langley, BC

Hometown: Aldergrove, BC

Horse: Engelbrecht – 2009 chestnut Dutch Warmblood gelding, owned by Lauren Barwick

Website: www.laurenbarwick.com

A four-time Paralympian, Lauren Barwick is one of Canada's most successful equestrian athletes. She earned exceptional results at the 2004 Paralympic Games in Athens, but most remarkable is her gold and silver medal performances at the 2008 Paralympic Games in Beijing. At her third consecutive Paralympic Games in London in 2012, she earned top scores and top 10 placings, including a sixth place finish in the Grade II Individual.

Barwick started the 2014 competition season by winning every class she entered with her mare, Ferdonia 2, at the CPEDI 3* Adequan Global Dressage Festival series in Wellington, FL, and placing first in all tests riding Off to Paris at the Moorsele CPEDI 3* in early April. Barwick competed with both Ferdonia 2 and Off to Paris to represent Canada at a number of European CPEDIs in preparation for the 2014 FEI World Equestrian Games (WEG) in France, where she and Off to Paris had incredible performances, bringing home silver and bronze medals.

2015 proved to be another landmark year for Barwick. In Wellington, she and Ferdonia 2 cleaned up with second place finishes in the Team, Individual and Freestyle Tests. Barwick then embarked on a European tour of France, Germany and Great Britain with Off to Paris, racking up top five results. The highlight of their European tour was taking home first place in Mulhouse, FRA, in the Freestyle.

Switching gears in 2016, Barwick began riding Onyx. This new team took Wellington by storm, placing second in all their classes (eight in all). They then went on to represent the



maple leaf at the 2016 Rio Paralympic Games, earning seventh place overall individually.

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Susan J Stickle

After welcoming a beautiful daughter to her family, Barwick returned to international competition in 2018. She earned exceptional results in Wellington with her veteran mount, Off to Paris, as well as with a new horse, Engelbrecht. Barwick's highlight with Engelbrecht came at the 2018 WEG Test Event, in which they won the Freestyle Test.

Prior to her para-dressage career, Barwick was a professional stuntwoman in the film industry, specializing in horsemanship. In 2011, she guest starred as a former rodeo star on the Canadian TV show, "Heartland".

WINONA HARTVIKSON

Birthdate: March 27, 1959

Birthplace: Minot, ND

Hometown: Langley, BC

Horse: Ultimo – 2007 grey Andalusian gelding, owned by Winona Hartvikson and Jane Macdonald

When Winona Hartvikson’s uncle introduced her to riding as a child, she was immediately hooked. After much insistence, her parents eventually relented and bought her a horse.

Born with a neurological disease, Hartvikson dabbled in all disciplines as an adult and rode in able-bodied dressage classes. As her disease began to ramp, she studied to be licensed as a Dressage Judge in order to stay involved in the sport.

After completing her graduate degree and well into a career as a hospital administrator, Hartvikson returned to riding for stress relief. Her most influential coaches in Canada were Dietrich von Hopfgarten, Leslie Reid and Jacqui Oldham; furthermore, she traveled to study in Germany and Spain.

Hartvikson and Ultimo made their FEI debut at the 2017 Tryon CPEDI 3*, and have since accumulated numerous top three placings at the international level. The pair’s career highlights include wins in the Individual and Team Tests at the 2018 Adequan Global Dressage Festival CPEDI 3*, and a hat trick with three scores above 70% at the 2018 Ottawa Dressage Festival CPEDI 3*.

Hartvikson draws on tremendous knowledge and inner strength to achieve her personal goals, as well as to assist the Canadian Para-Dressage Team in international success. She was named the 2017 Para-Dressage High Performance Athlete of the Year in recognition



of her dedicated pursuit of qualification for the 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games. Due to her unwavering professionalism, she is a highly respected role model for the Canadian Para-Dressage Team

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Susan J Stickle

JODY SCHLOSS

Birthdate: Nov. 19, 1972

Birthplace: Edmonton, AB

Hometown: Toronto, ON

Horse: Lieutenant Lobin – 2005 Danish Warmblood gelding, owned by Jody Schloss

Jody Schloss began riding when she was 11 years old in Edmonton, AB. In 1996, Schloss was in a car accident, and spent several months in a coma. She began riding therapeutically at the Community Association for Riders with Disabilities (CARD) two years later. When she started riding again, Schloss couldn't sit-up, and had two side-walkers and three braces around her trunk for support. Slowly, she moved into the horsemanship program.

In 2010, Schloss met Lauren Barwick, who offered to train her in Ocala, FL. Schloss bought Inspector Rebus in 2011 and attended the 2012 London Paralympics with him. A few months later, the duo earned seven consecutive first place finishes at the 2013 CPEDI 3* Adequan Global Dressage Festival and CPEDI 3* Sacramento.

Her current coach, Jessica Rhineland, found Schloss' current horse, Lieutenant Lobin, in 2014, and the team is now performing at the top of their game together.

Since Rhineland resides permanently in Florida, Schloss also works with Karis Van Essen, a physio-therapist and dressage rider, from May to December each year when she moves back to Toronto.

Schloss is a certified Equine Specialist for the Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association, dedicated to equine-assisted psychotherapy. In addition to riding, she continues her studies and is taking a Therapeutic Recreation Diploma from Canadore College.



ROBERTA SHEFFIELD

Birthdate: Nov. 3, 1980

Birthplace: Oxford, GBR

Hometown: Lincolnshire, GBR

Horse: Bailaor – 2002 bay Andalusian stallion, owned by Roberta Sheffield

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Roberta Sheffield began riding at the age of six, and due to her dual Canadian/British nationality, has had the opportunity to train and compete in both Canada and Great Britain. Sheffield started her international career by representing Great Britain, but is now an integral part of the Canadian Equestrian Team.

Joining the Canadian Para-Dressage Team in 2013, Sheffield spent the next two years achieving impressive results internationally with multiple mounts, including Wonderboy, Bindro T and Double Agent. Her 2014 season culminated with her major games debut for Canada at the 2014 FEI World Equestrian Games (WEG) in Normandy, FRA, where she earned top five results and helped Canada finish eighth as a team.

The 2015 season saw Sheffield focus on Double Agent, or “Darcy”, as she’s known in the barn. The team excelled all across the board, highlighted by multiple wins at the CPEDI 3* Mulhouse, FRA.

Sheffield’s winning record with Double Agent earned her a spot on the Canadian Para-Dressage Team for the 2016 Rio Paralympics, helping Canada to a 13th place finish. The duo then returned to Europe for a strong 2017 season that included second place in the Mannheim CPEDI 3* Team Test.



2018 saw several changes in Sheffield’s dressage career. She was reclassified from a Grade IV to a Grade III athlete, and debuted a new mount, Bailaor. The duo kicked off their new partnership with a bang, winning all three classes at the Somma Lombardo CPEDI 3* in June.

A dedicated athlete, Sheffield trains at a gym an average of six times per week, on top of riding, training and coaching. She also holds a Politics degree from Aston University in England.

DEAN BROWN



Photo
Credit:
Joe Moliken

Birthdate: Nov. 23, 1968

Birthplace: Kenora, ON

Hometown: Campbell Hall, NY

Horse: Cashin Malibus Chex – 2010 bay Quarter Horse stallion, owned by Robert Santagata

Website: www.santahillranch.com

Dean Brown was raised alongside horses, and has been riding for as long as he can remember. His natural talent is showcased by an extensive winning record that includes the 2003 National Reining Breeders Classic Int. Open, 2016 National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) Open and 2017 NRHA Level 3 Futurity Congress Championships, as well as countless titles at regional reining horse association derbies and futurities.

With over 30 years of experience training, showing and coaching, Brown regularly makes the NRHA Top 20 Riders List and has accumulated over \$860,000 in NRHA Lifetime Earnings.

Having made his mark on the national level, Brown turned his eye to FEI competition in 2017. He immediately made a splash with top mount, Cashin Malibus Chex, capturing back-to-back wins at the 2017 Logan Township, NJ CRI 3*.

Brown is the head trainer at professional reining and breeding operation, Santa Hill Ranch in Campbell Hall, NY, where he also enjoys spending time with his family.

LISA COULTER



Photo Credit:
Cealy Tetley

Birthdate: July 11, 1971

Birthplace: Burns Lake, BC

Hometown: Princeton, BC

Horse: Smart Tinseltown – 2010 chestnut Quarter Horse gelding, owned by Robert Norman Thompson

Growing up, Lisa Coulter was the only one in her family who rode horses, but she didn't let that deter her from chasing her equestrian goals with a fierce passion. Coulter started riding in Grade 1 at a friend's farm, and from there honed her craft in the wide open spaces of British Columbia, moving cattle with local ranchers and setting up mock show arenas out of logs in fields.

While her first coach was a dressage coach, the reining arena was where Coulter shone. She has multiple international wins under her belt,

including the 2009 Monterrey, MEX CRI 3* and three consecutive wins at the 2013 Chilliwack CRI 3*-B with Western Whiz. Coulter also earned team and individual silver medals at the 2009 FEI World Equestrian Games (WEG) Test Event CRI 4*, and went on to represent Canada at WEG in 2010 and 2014. In 2017, she debuted her newest FEI partnership with Smart Tinseltown in an impressive second place finish at the Oklahoma City, OK CRI 3*.

Coulter gets great joy out of competing with top horses, and focuses on enjoying the moment with every horse she rides. She is also passionate about para-reining, and founded the World Para-Reining organization to help share her beloved sport with disabled riders.

AUSTIN SEELHOF



Photo
Credit:
Eric Smith
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Birthdate: May 8, 1989

Birthplace: Paradise Hill, SK

Hometown: Cochrane, AB

Horse: Lipstick Jungle – 2008 sorrel American Quarter Horse mare, owned by Marie Whitmarsh

Austin Seelhof grew up surrounded by horses on a cattle ranch, where he was quickly drawn to the sport of reining. He began participating in 4-H at the age of eight, and started competing shortly after.

Seelhof has a proven knack for the sport, with a long record of reining success that includes wins at the 2014 High Roller Reining Classic,

2015 Big Sky Reining Classic Open Futurity Championship, and 2017 Reining Alberta Summer Classic.

Seelhof made his FEI debut competing on home turf at the 2017 Seelhof Performance Horses CRI 3*, where he earned first and second with Lipstick Jungle. The talented duo copied those results in 2018, with another set of top-two finishes at the Red Deer CRI 3*.

Seelhof operates his training facility, Seelhof Performance Horses, alongside his wife, Sara Seelhof. There, he focuses on producing high-end futurity and derby horses, as well as coaching non-professional reiners.

ALEXANDRA BALLANCE



Birthdate: Dec. 6, 1995

Birthplace: Nanaimo, BC

Hometown: Qualicum Beach, BC

Horse: Charles – 2007 Friesian-cross gelding, owned by Saacha DeAmorossio

Alexandra Ballance was first introduced to vaulting at the age of four through a friend of her mother's. After a few years, she took a break from training before returning to the sport in 2013.

Two short years later, Ballance was making her debut on the international stage. Since then, she has competed at the FEI level in both the Individual and Squad competitions, earning top three placings at the 2016 and 2018 Pacific Cup CVI, as well as the 2016 and 2018 Canada Cup CVI. Ballance also represented Canada in 2016 at the FEI World Vaulting Championships in Le Mans, FRA.

Ballance's long-term goal has been to qualify for the 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games (WEG), so she looks forward to bringing her best to the Tryon International Equestrian Center as a member of the Canadian Vaulting Team.

JESSICA BENTZEN



Birthdate: May 17, 1991

Birthplace: Parksville, BC

Hometown: Parksville, BC

Horse: Charles – 2007 Friesian-cross gelding, owned by Saacha DeAmorossio

At the age of seven, Jessica Bentzen was eager to get her first taste of vaulting at a summer camp after seeing the sport in a magazine. Shortly after, her mother, Deborah Bentzen, founded the West Coast Vaulters (formerly Mr. Arrowsmith Vaulters) in 1999 and the mother-daughter duo has run the club together ever since.

In 2014, Gabe Aniello joined the West Coast Vaulters and became Bentzen's first full-time coach. She subsequently made her FEI debut, earning third place at the 2014 Pacific Cup in the Individual CVI 2* division. Bentzen has gone on to earn many more top three placings at the international level, including wins at the 2016 and 2018 Pacific Cup CVI in the Squad competition. She also represented Canada at the 2016 FEI World Vaulting Championships in Le Mans, FRA, in both the Individual and Squad divisions.

Bentzen is currently working towards becoming an equine sport therapist, with the goal of giving back to the animals that have given her so much in life.

JAYDEE FLUET



Birthdate: Feb. 5, 2007

Birthplace: Sundre, AB

Hometown: Sundre, AB

Horse: Charles – 2007 black Friesian-cross gelding, owned by Saacha DeAmorossio

Jaydee Fluet started riding horses alongside her father as soon as she could sit in a saddle at age six. Her love for horses, gymnastics and dance made vaulting a perfect marriage of all her passions. Fluet began training at the Diamond Willow Vaulting Club of Sundre, AB, with Brooke and Diane Boyd as coaches.

In 2018, Fluet made her international debut as part of the West Coast Vaulters of Parksville, BC. The Squad earned third place at the Pacific Cup CVI and won the Canada Cup CVI to qualify for the 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games (WEG).

TODD GRIFFITHS



Birthdate: Nov. 26, 1979

Birthplace: Blackfoot, ID

Hometown: Magrath, AB

Horse: Lunar Eclipse – 2008 sorrel American Warmblood mare, owned by Kimberly Wellmann

Todd Griffiths grew up on a ranch in Montana, where he learned to ride horses at an early age to work cattle. At 12 years old, Griffiths began to show in western classes and in 4-H. He didn't make the transition to vaulting until age 22, when a university classmate encouraged him to attend the local vaulting club, Oak Hills Vaulters of Salem, UT.

Since then, Griffiths has become a strong competitor for Team Canada, earning top 10 finishes in each vaulting division at the FEI World Equestrian Games (WEG). He made his first appearance representing the maple leaf at WEG 2010 in Lexington, KY, where he placed 10th in the Individual Senior Male 4* competition. At WEG 2014 in France, he captured eighth in the Pas-de-Deux with Brooke Boyd, and 10th in the Squad competition – all while acting as head coach for the Canadian Vaulting Team.

Griffiths' success has continued in all divisions. He won the 2017 Rocky Mountain Cup CVI 3* in the Individual Male division, and competed in the Pas-de-Deux with Charlotte Axani for second place in the 2018 Hollister CVI 2* and third place at the 2018 Rocky Mountain Cup CVI 3*.

2018 has been a particularly special year for Griffiths, as he was able to compete at the elite CVI 3* level alongside his daughter, Gracie Griffiths. Together, their squad earned second at the Canada Cup CVI and fourth at the Rocky Mountain Cup CVI.

Griffiths works as a veterinarian in Alberta, with an interest in small animal surgery and dentistry.

ALISA SCHMIDT



Birthdate: Sept. 26, 1985

Birthplace: Chilliwack, BC

Hometown: Chilliwack, BC

Horse: Duke – 2004 Shire/Warmblood-cross gelding, owned by Cassie Sponchia

Alisa Schmidt was roped in to vaulting at the age of four – her whole family had signed up to try the sport, so, as the youngest sibling, she tagged along. Borge Olson, who is considered to be the “grandfather” of vaulting in Canada, was her first coach at the Cheam Vaulters in Chilliwack, BC. After Olson retired, Schmidt’s mother, Barb, took over the role of her coach, later followed by her brother, Colin.

Schmidt is a versatile athlete, accomplished in all three vaulting divisions: Individual, Pas-de-Deux, and Squad. Throughout her FEI career, she has earned many top three finishes in competitions around the world, from her local British Columbia to Frenštát pod Radhoštěm, CZE. Schmidt’s career highlights include wins at the Canada Cup CVI in the Pas-de-Deux in 2016, as well as in the Squad competition in 2018.

Schmidt is no stranger to major games competition, having competed at four FEI World Equestrian Games (WEGS) in 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014.

In addition to her vaulting background, Schmidt has several years of training in circus arts and performance. She shares her expertise as head coach at Freedom Acrobatics in Chilliwack, BC, which Schmidt founded in order to offer people of all ages an opportunity to experience the joy of vaulting.

As a new mother, Schmidt’s goal is to achieve as high or higher competition scores at major games than she did before the challenge of balancing training, competition, and raising a young child.

DALLYN SHIELDS



Birthdate: April 3, 2002

Birthplace: Calgary, AB

Hometown: Didsbury, AB

Horse: Phoenix – 2002 skewbald Belgian/Paint/Thoroughbred-cross gelding, owned by Rebecca Marland

Dallyn Shields grew up riding horse and participating in gymnastics, so when she started vaulting at age seven, the sport was a natural fit. Her talent was evident right away, and Shields began competing at local shows in the spring of 2010.

Shields made her major games debut a short four years later at the 2014 FEI World Equestrian Games (WEG), where she was the flyer on the Canadian squad that placed 10th overall. Since then, her career has continued on an upward trajectory with wins at the 2015 and 2017 Canada Cup CVI, 2017 and 2018 Pacific Cup CVI, 2018 Vaulting WEG Test Event, and 2018 Rocky Mountain Cup CVI. Shields also competed in Austria at the 2017 FEI World Championships for Juniors, and was named the Alberta Equestrian Federation’s 2017 Athlete/Rider of the Year for her efforts.

Shields trains and competes with the Meadow Creek Vaulting Club in Olds, AB, where she is coached by her Pas-de-Deux partner, Jeanine van der Sluijs, and Angelique Vick. Once she turns 18, Shields hopes to follow in their footsteps and be a part of vaulting as a lunger and coach, as well as an athlete.

CASSIE SPONCHIA



Birthdate: July 26, 1996

Birthplace: Delta, BC

Hometown: Delta, BC

Horse: Duke – 2004 Shire/Warmblood-cross gelding, owned by Cassie Sponchia

Cassie Sponchia began vaulting at the age of nine. At 13, she joined the Freedom Acrobatics Vaulting Squad in Chilliwack, BC, and her career took off.

Sponchia has been competing at the FEI level since 2013, and has experience in all three divisions (Individual, Pas-de-Deux and Squad). With Pas-de-Deux partner, Taylor Eamor, she secured wins at the 2014 and 2016 Canada Cup CVI. Sponchia's current Pas-de-Deux partner is her former coach, Alisa Schmidt. Together, they finished third at the 2018 Canada Cup CVI.

Following the 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games (WEG), Sponchia's next goal is to represent Canada at the World Vaulting Championships for Seniors in 2020. She also rides, and has competed successfully in the jumping ring.

KATE THOMAS



Birthdate: July 25, 1997

Birthplace: Nanaimo, BC

Hometown: Nanaimo, BC

Horse: Charles – 2007 black Friesian-cross gelding, owned by Saacha DeAmorossio

Kate Thomas began vaulting at age 15 after she focused on the sport for a high school project on horsemanship. Since then, she has trained and competed out of West Coast Vaulters in Parksville, BC under the tutelage of coach, Gabe Aniello.

Thomas made her FEI debut in 2015 in the Individual Female division. However, her career highlights have come with her recent foray into Pas-de-Deux competition. Partnered with Korynn Weber, Thomas won the 2018 Pacific Cup and Canada Cup Pas-de-Deux CVI 1* competitions.

Thomas has had her eyes set on qualifying for the 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games (WEG) with her team, training hard and focusing on her compulsory movements in preparation.

JEANINE VAN DER SLUIJS



Birthdate: Jan. 29, 1987

Birthplace: Westerlee, NED

Hometown: Olds, AB

Horses: Habakkuk – 2000 roan American Warmblood gelding, owned by Karin Schmidt |

Phoenix – 2002 skewbald Belgian/Paint/Thoroughbred-cross gelding, owned by Rebecca Marland

Jeanine van der Sluijs moved to Canada from the Netherlands in 2001. Her family settled in Olds, AB, where they established Van der Sluijs Dairy, a farm that also served as the original location of the Meadow Creek Vaulting Club. The club moved to Creekside Equestrian Centre in 2003, and there, van der Sluijs trains for competition, as well as coaches the next generation of Canadian vaulters.

Van der Sluijs is one of the most decorated vaulters in Canadian history, earning 17 top three placings across all divisions (Individual, Pas-de-Deux and Squad) since her FEI debut in 2013. That year, she and her sister, Angeliqve Vick, became the first athletes in history to represent Canada in international Pas-de-Deux competition at the Fossalta di Portogruaro CVI 1* in Italy. Van der Sluijs has continued to represent Canada all over the world, including at the 2014 FEI World Equestrian Games (WEG) and the 2016 World Championships for Seniors, both held in France.

Nationally, van der Sluijs is a five-time Women's Champion, four-time Pas-de-Deux Champion, and two-time Squad Champion. She studied to become a circus artist and attended the National Circus School in Montreal, QC.

KORYNN WEBER



Birthdate: Dec. 15, 1996

Birthplace: New Westminster, BC

Hometown: Nelson, BC

Horse: Charles – 2007 black Friesian-cross gelding, owned by Saacha DeAmorossio

Korynn Weber has loved horses for as long as she can remember, and always wanted to take riding lessons. When she was seven, her mother's co-worker saw a vaulting demonstration and suggested that Weber give it a try. Since her very first lesson, Weber has been hooked on the sport and has now been vaulting for over a decade.

Weber began vaulting with Sky Vaulters in Surrey, BC and coach, Susan Barron. However, when she moved away at the age of nine, there was no vaulting club in her new hometown of Nelson, BC. Weber and her mother, Naomi Weber, decided to start their own club, called Koot-Neigh. Since then, Weber has achieved success at both the national and international level. She earned wins at the 2015 Canada Cup CVI as an individual, and at the 2018 Pacific Cup CVI in the Squad and Pas-de-Deux competitions.

In addition to being an athlete, Weber is also a coach, lunger, and accomplished trainer. She brought along her mare, Azrael, from a green-broke rescue to an accomplished FEI level vaulting partner. With Weber on the lead line, Azrael will be carrying athletes from Australia and South Africa at the 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games.

Reserve:

AVERILL SAUNDERS



Birthdate: April 16, 2004

Birthplace: Calgary, AB

Hometown: Sundre, AB

Horse: Charles – 2007 black Friesian-cross gelding, owned by Saacha DeAmorossio

Before Averill Saunders discovered vaulting, she was a dancer, gymnast and rider. This combination of activities led her to be a natural at vaulting when she tried it for the first time at the age of eight.

Since 2016, Saunders has made her mark internationally in the Individual and Squad competitions with wins at the 2016, 2017, and 2018 Canada Cup CVI; 2017 Pacific Cup CVI; 2017 and 2018 Rocky Mountain Cup CVI; and 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games (WEG) Vaulting Test Event.

Saunders made her major games debut in 2016 at the FEI World Vaulting Championships in La Mans, FRA. She will be wearing the maple leaf at WEG 2018 as a reserve for the Squad competition, with hopes of gaining valuable insight going into the 2019 FEI Vaulting World Championships for Juniors.

Saunders trains at the Meadow Creek Vaulting Club in Olds, AB under the tutelage of coaches, Jeanine van der Sluijs and Angelique Vick.

Reserve:

ABIGALE WYNBERG



Birthdate: May 25, 1999

Birthplace: Randburg, RSA

Hometown: Maple Ridge, BC

Horse: Charles – 2007 black Friesian-cross gelding, owned by Saacha DeAmorossio

Abigale Wynberg began vaulting in 2006 under the South African flag. Since 2014, she has been competing for Canada in the Individual vaulting division on the international stage. Wynberg had a standout season in 2018, earning a second place finish in the Pacific Cup CVI and a win at the Canada Cup CVI with mount, Azrael and lunger, Jessica Bentzen.

In addition to competing as an athlete, Wynberg is a lunger and assistant coach at British Columbia's Fusion Vaulters.

CET MAJOR GAMES HIGHLIGHTS

FEI WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES

INDIVIDUAL (Top 5)

2014	Normandy, FRA	Lauren Barwick	Off To Paris	Silver	Para-Dressage
2014	Normandy, FRA	Lauren Barwick	Off To Paris	Bronze	Para-Dressage
2014	Normandy, FRA	Roberta Sheffield	Bindro T	4th	Para-Dressage
2010	Lexington, KY	Eric Lamaze	Hickstead	Bronze	Jumping
2010	Lexington, KY	Lauren Barwick	Maile	4th	Para-Dressage
2010	Lexington, KY	Duane Latimer	Dun Playin Tag	Bronze	Reining
2006	Aachen, GER	Duane Latimer	Hang Ten Surprise	Gold	Reining
2002	Jerez, ESP	Shawna Sapergia	Pretty Much Eagle	Bronze	Reining

TEAM (Top 5)

2010	Lexington, KY	Hawley Bennett-Awad Kyle Carter Selena O'Hanlon Stephanie Rhodes-Bosch	Gin & Juice Madison Park Colombo Port Authority	Silver	Eventing
2010	Lexington, KY	Yann Candele Eric Lamaze Jonathon Millar John Pearce	Pitareusa Hickstead Contino 14 Chianto	5th	Jumping
2010	Lexington, KY	Duane Latimer Shawna Sapergia Vernon Sapergia	Dun Playin Tag This Chics On Top Its Wimpys Turn	5th	Reining
2006	Aachen, GER	Luke Gagnon François Gauthier Lance Griffin Duane Latimer	Lil Santana Snow Gun Whiz N Tag Chex Hang Ten Surprise	Silver	Reining
2002	Jerez, ESP	François Gauthier Jason Grimshaw Shawna Sapergia Patrice St-Onge	Ghost Buster Baby Listo Pollito Lena Pretty Much Eagle Slip Me Another Kiss	Silver	Reining
1990	Stockholm, SWE	Earle Baxter Rick Burnside Bill Cameron Shari MacFarland	Rushcreek Pawnee Kabar Raftan Navajo Natty Glo Sir Prize	4th	Endurance

OLYMPIC GAMES

INDIVIDUAL (Top 3)

2016	Rio de Janeiro, BRA	Eric Lamaze	Fine Lady 5	Bronze	Jumping
2008	Beijing, CHN	Eric Lamaze	Hickstead	Gold	Jumping
1976	Montreal, QC	Michel Vaillancourt	Branch County	Silver	Jumping

TEAM (Top 3)

2008	Beijing, CHN	Mac Cone	Ole	Silver	Jumping
		Jill Henselwood	Special Ed		
		Eric Lamaze	Hickstead		
		Ian Millar	In Style		
1988	Seoul, KOR	Cindy Ishoy	Dynasty	Bronze	Dressage
		Eva Maria Pracht	Emirage		
		Gina Smith	Malte		
		Ashley Holzer	Reipo		
1968	Mexico City, MEX	James Day	Canadian Club	Gold	Jumping
		James Elder	The Immigrant		
		Tom Gayford	Big Dee		
		James Elder	Colleen		
1956	Stockholm, SWE	Brian Herbinson	Tara	Bronze	Eventing
		John Rumble	Cilroy		

PARALYMPIC GAMES

INDIVIDUAL (Top 3)

2008	Beijing, CHN	Lauren Barwick	Maile	Gold	Para-Dressage
2008	Beijing, CHN	Lauren Barwick	Maile	Silver	Para-Dressage
2004	Athens, GRE	Karen Brain	Dasskara	Bronze	Para-Dressage
2004	Athens, GRE	Karen Brain	Dasskara	Bronze	Para-Dressage

PAN AMERICAN GAMES

INDIVIDUAL (Top 3)

2015	Toronto, ON	Chris von Martels	Zilverstar	Bronze	Dressage
2015	Toronto, ON	Jessica Phoenix	Pavarotti	Silver	Eventing
2011	Guadalajara, MEX	Jessica Phoenix	Pavarotti	Gold	Eventing
2007	Rio de Janeiro, BRA	Jill Henselwood	Special Ed	Gold	Jumping
2007	Rio de Janeiro, BRA	Eric Lamaze	Hickstead	Bronze	Jumping
2003	Santo Domingo, DOM	Leslie Reid	Mark	Gold	Dressage
1999	Winnipeg, MB	Shannon Dueck	Korona	Silver	Dressage
1999	Winnipeg, MB	Ian Millar	Ivar	Gold	Jumping
1995	Buenos Aires, ARG	Victoria Winter	Wedgewood	Bronze	Dressage
1991	Havana, CUB	Lorraine Stubbs	Firmus	Gold	Dressage
1991	Havana, CUB	Ashley Munro	Kronjewel	Silver	Dressage
1991	Havana, CUB	Danny Foster	Forever Diamond	Gold	Jumping
1991	Havana, CUB	Beth Underhill	Monopoly	Silver	Jumping
1987	Indianapolis, IN	Christilot Boylen	Epernay	Gold	Dressage
1987	Indianapolis, IN	Martina Pracht	Little Joe	Silver	Dressage
1987	Indianapolis, IN	Ian Millar	Big Ben	Gold	Jumping

1983	Caracas, VEN	James Elder	Shawline	Silver	Jumping
1979	San Juan, PUR	Ian Millar	Brother Sam	Silver	Jumping
1975	Mexico City, MEX	Christilot Boylen	Jungherr II	Gold	Dressage
1971	Cali, COL	Christilot Boylen	Armagnac II	Gold	Dressage
1971	Cali, COL	Clint Banbury	Paladin	Silver	Eventing
1971	Cali, COL	Tom Gayford	Big Dee	Bronze	Jumping
1967	Winnipeg, MB	Norman Elder	Ranee Doe	Silver	Eventing
1959	Chicago, IL	Norman Elder	Prince Maple	Bronze	Eventing
TEAM (Top 3)					
2015	Toronto, ON	Brittany Fraser-Beaulieu	All In	Silver	Dressage
		Megan Lane	Caravella		
		Belinda Trussell	Anton		
2015	Toronto, ON	Chris von Martels	Zilverstar	Gold	Jumping
		Yann Candele	Showgirl		
		Tiffany Foster	Tripple X III		
2015	Toronto, ON	Eric Lamaze	Coco Bongo	Bronze	Eventing
		Ian Millar	Dixson		
		Colleen Loach	Qorry Blue d'Argouges		
2015	Toronto, ON	Jessica Phoenix	Pavarotti	Bronze	Eventing
		Waylon Roberts	Bill Owen		
		Kathryn Robinson	Let It Bee		
2011	Guadalajara, MEX	Roberta Byng-Morris	Reiki Tyme	Silver	Dressage
		Tom Dvorak	Viva's Salieri		
		Tina Irwin	Winston		
2011	Guadalajara, MEX	Crystal Kroetch	Lymrix	Silver	Eventing
		Hawley Bennett-Awad	Five O'Clock Somewhere		
		Rebecca Howard	Roquefort		
2007	Rio de Janeiro, BRA	Selena O'Hanlon	Foxwood High	Silver	Dressage
		Jessica Phoenix	Pavarotti		
		Andrea Bresee	Raffles		
2007	Rio de Janeiro, BRA	Diane Creech	Wiona	Silver	Eventing
		Tom Dvorak	Beaumarchais		
		Kyle Carter	Madison Park		
2007	Rio de Janeiro, BRA	Sandra Donnelly	Buenos Aires	Silver	Jumping
		Waylon Roberts	Paleface		
		Michael Winter	Kingpin		
2007	Rio de Janeiro, BRA	Mac Cone	Melinda	Silver	Jumping
		Jill Henselwood	Special Ed		
		Eric Lamaze	Hickstead		
2003	Santo Domingo, DOM	Ian Millar	In Style	Silver	Dressage
		Jacqueline Brooks	Gran Gesto		
		Ashley Holzer	Gambol		
1999	Winnipeg, MB	Leslie Reid	Mark	Bronze	Jumping
		Evi Strasser	Quantum Tyme		
		Jill Henselwood	Till Tomorrow		
1999	Winnipeg, MB	Eric Lamaze	Kahlua	Bronze	Jumping
		Ian Millar	Ivar		
		Beth Underhill	Altair		

1995	Buenos Aires, ARG	Nancy MacLachlan Louise Meichowsky Stephan von Schalburg Victoria Winter	Davis Cup Tambourin Aznavour 2 Wedgewood	Bronze	Dressage
1991	Havana, CUB	Ashley Munro Leslie Reid Gina Smith Lorraine Stubbs	Kronjewel Lestat Dutch Treat Firmus	Gold	Dressage
1991	Havana, CUB	Sandra Anderson Danny Foster Ian Millar Beth Underhill	Scirocco Forever Diamond Future Vision Monopoly	Silver	Jumping
1987	Indianapolis, IN	Christilot Boylen Diana Billes Eva-Maria Pracht Martina Pracht	Epermay Lustig Emirage Little Joe	Gold	Dressage
1987	Indianapolis, IN	Stuart Black Philippe Desourdy Jamie Smart Moira Tone	Cure Arctic Leaf Sudden Impact Minto Caribu	Silver	Eventing
1987	Indianapolis, IN	Laura Balisky Lisa Carlsen Hugh Graham Ian Millar	Lavendel 48 Kahlua Wellington Big Ben	Gold	Jumping
1983	Caracas, VEN	James Elder Hugh Graham Ian Millar Terrance Millar	Shawline Abraxas Foresight Concord	Silver	Jumping
1979	San Juan, PUR	Terry Leibel Ian Millar John Simpson Michel Vaillancourt	Sympatico Brother Sam Texas Concord	Silver	Jumping
1975	Mexico City, MEX	Christilot Boylen Barbara Stracey Lorraine Stubbs	Jungherr II Equipage True North	Silver	Dressage
1975	Mexico City, MEX	Liz Ashton James Day Jim Henry Peter Howard	Abracadabra Super Plus Law and Order Deep South	Silver	Eventing
1975	Mexico City, MEX	Norma Chornawak James Elder Frank Selinger Michel Vaillancourt	Rest Assured Countdown Dark Dove UFO	Bronze	Jumping
1971	Cali, COL	Christilot Boylen Cindy Ishoy Lorraine Stubbs Zoltan Sztchlo	Armagnac II Alexandra Venezuela Virtuoso	Gold	Dressage
1971	Cali, COL	Clint Banbury Wendy Irving Cathy Wedgem	Paladin High Wind Sumatra	Gold	Eventing

1971	Cali, COL	Jim Elder Tom Gayford Terrance Millar Barbara Simpson	Shoeman Big Dee Le Dauphin Magnor	Gold	Jumping
1967	Winnipeg, MB	Inez Fischer-Credo Christilot Boylen Jean Mackenzie	Mariou Bonheur Highland Robin	Bronze	Dressage
1967	Winnipeg, MB	Norman Elder Robin Hahn Asher Hodgson John Jennings	Ranee Doe Warden Kalmar Mr. Toni	Silver	Eventing
1967	Winnipeg, MB	Jim Day Moffat Dunlap James Elder Tom Gayford	Canadian Club Argyle Pieces of Eight Big Dee	Bronze	Jumping
1959	Chicago, IL	James Elder Norman Elder Tom Gayford Brian Herbinson	Gold Tassel Prince Maple Royal Beaver Pepper Knowes	Gold	Eventing



BRITTANY FRASER-BEAULIEU
DRESSAGE

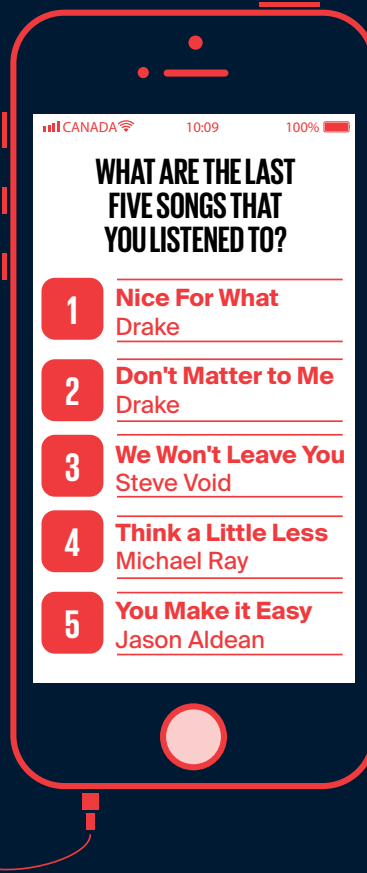
WHAT DO YOU USE TO LISTEN TO MUSIC?

Spotify and the radio



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WENDY MACCOUBREY
ENDURANCE

WHAT ARE **FOUR** FAVOURITE PLACES YOU HAVE TRAVELED TO AND WHY?



1 Terengganu, Malaysia. We finished the 160 km at the 2008 FEI World Endurance Championship against all odds!

2



Zhaosu County, China. I was an ambassador for EC and completed an endurance race during a trade mission in 2011.

3

Villa de Leyva, Colombia. I got to see the countryside and work towards developing a trail system.



4

Fort Howes, Montana. The most nostalgic place I have ever ridden. I felt like I was in an old movie.



WHAT ARE YOUR **TWO** MOST FAVOURITE CITIES?

My home town of Sainte-Justine-de-Newton, QC and my home away from home, Williston, FL. There are no better places in the world for me!



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SELENA O'HANLNON EVENTING

YOU'RE STRANDED ON A DESERT ISLAND AND CAN ONLY BRING FIVE THINGS WITH YOU - WHAT ARE THEY AND WHY?

1 Sunscreen because I'm a ginger kid.



COOL!



2

Sunglasses because I can barely see if it's too sunny, and squinting gives me a headache.



3

Adult beverages

4

Cheese (really good aged cheddar)



WOOF!

5 My dog, Bizzy. Then I'm practically on holiday!



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MARIO DESLAURIERS JUMPING

WHAT ARE FIVE FAVOURITE CITIES YOU HAVE TRAVELED TO AND WHY?

1 Los Angeles, where I competed in my first Olympic Games - great memories, great week.



2



Montreal.

I was born outside this city and have family here. It will always be close to my heart!

3



Rome... hello pasta!

4

Paris, the city of lights. There is nothing not to love about it - the architecture, the food, the energy!



5

New York, the city that never sleeps. We live on a beautiful street in the middle of the most vibrant city!



WHAT IS ONE CITY YOU WOULD LIKE TO VISIT NEXT?
Tokyo, for the next Olympic Games!



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LAUREN BARWICK PARA-DRESSAGE

WHAT ARE YOUR FAVOURITE KITCHEN GADGETS?

My professional knives and garlic twist.



WHAT ARE YOUR FAVOURITE FOODS?

Häagen-Dazs ice cream, teriyaki steak, mushrooms, onions, basmati rice.



WHAT DO YOU EAT AFTER A COMPETITION?

After a competition, Baskin-Robbins ice cream, and end of show, a glass of Pinot Grigio.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE RESTAURANT?

I'm a foodie, so I like going to many different restaurants and trying lots of different things!



WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE RECIPE?

I went to culinary school, so I love to cook. I specifically enjoy making ice cream cakes and my own version of a spanakopita with bacon, feta cheese and cream cheese.



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LISA COULTER REINING

WHO IS YOUR FAVOURITE SUPERHERO AND WHY?

Wonder Woman. I grew up watching the TV show and Lynda Carter still resonates with me. She's totally unequalled.

DC OR MARVEL?



IF YOU WERE A SUPERHERO, WOULD YOUR OUTFIT INCLUDE A CAPE?

Duh, yes!



DO YOU PREFER COMIC BOOKS OR MOVIES?

R I prefer movies nowadays, but I used to read comics a lot as a kid – especially Archie!

WHAT WOULD YOUR SECRET IDENTITY BE?

I would have a secret identity as a man – any man – because I would love to see how that day goes!



IF YOU COULD HAVE ANY SUPERPOWER, WHAT WOULD IT BE AND WHY?

Flying. If I could fly, there would be some seriously amazing reining runs happening, and I also would buzz around this planet like a maniac!



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JEANINE VAN DER SLUIJS VAULTING

WHAT SPORTS TEAMS ARE YOU A FAN OF?

The Calgary Flames
and Team Canada



WHO ARE YOUR FAVOURITE NON- EQUESTRIAN ATHLETES OF ALL TIME?

Usain Bolt and Simone Biles



DO YOU PLAY ANY OTHER SPORTS?

I do gymnastics
and CrossFit!



IS THERE A PARTICULAR GAME YOU WATCHED THAT YOU WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER?

Growing up in the
Netherlands, we watched
the **Dutch** soccer team in
the World and Euro Cups.



IF YOU COULD BE A HIGH PERFORMANCE ATHLETE IN ANOTHER SPORT, WHICH SPORT WOULD YOU CHOSE AND WHY?

I'd love to try rowing. I think it
looks like a very technical
sport that requires great
power and stamina!

OUTSIDE OF EQUESTRIAN SPORTS, DO YOU PREFER WATCHING THE SUMMER OR WINTER OLYMPICS?

Both! I am obsessed with
anything Olympics.



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