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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Canadian Equestrian Team (CET) Media Guide for the Lima 2019 Pan American Games, offered to all media as a convenient way to get to know the CET athletes competing for the maple leaf in Peru.

All members of the CET for the 2019 Pan Ams 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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JILL IRVING

Birthdate: April 4, 1963

Birthplace: Sudbury, ON

Hometown: Moncton, NB

Horses: Degas 12 – 2002 light bay Hanoverian gelding, owned by Jill Irving and Windhaven Farm | Arthur – 2005 bay Dutch Warmblood gelding, owned by 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 as a strong, capable and exciting athlete, recording numerous top-10 finishes since her FEI debut in 2013.

Irving has racked up top-three placings at premier competitions across North America with her trusted mount, Degas 12, including wins at the 2013, 2014, and 2018 Adequan Global Dressage Festival (AGDF), 2014 Palgrave CDI-W, 2015 Saugerties CDI-W, 2016 Dressage at Devon, and 2018 Cedar Valley CDI 3*. The veteran partnership has also regularly been named to the Canadian Dressage Team for CDIO 3* FEI Nations Cup in Wellington, FL. In 2015, the pair was part of Team Canada 2, which finished in the bronze position. Irving returned to the Nations Cup in 2017 to help the Canadian Dressage Team earn its first gold team medal in the history of the prestigious competition, and in 2018 to secure the team silver medal. Later that year, Irving and Degas 12 rode for the maple leaf at the 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games in Mill Spring, NC.

In 2017, Irving debuted her new mount, Arthur. Together, they have become an imposing team, compiling top-three placings at the 2017 Achleiten CDI 4*, 2017 and 2018 AGDF, and 2018 Cedar Valley CDI 3*. Irving showed Arthur in the 2019 CDIO 3* FEI Nations Cup, helping Team Canada secure yet another silver medal.



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Cealy Tetley

TINA IRWIN

Birthdate: Jan. 29, 1981

Birthplace: Hagen, GER

Hometown: Stouffville, ON

Horse: Laurencio – 2007 bay Oldenburg gelding, owned by Jaimey and Tina Irwin

Website: www.teamirwindressage.com

As soon as she was old enough to walk, Tina Irwin started to ride under the watchful eye of her mother, Canadian Grand Prix dressage rider, Ute Busse. When Irwin was 16 years old, she changed her German citizenship to Canadian with hopes of riding for Team Canada as a Young Rider. By age 18, Irwin was a working student at the prestigious German stud farm and training centre, Gestüt Schafhof, with renowned trainer, Holger Münstermann.

In 2007, Irwin broke onto the FEI competition circuit with a splash on Amicelli, and the horse-and-rider combination would make their mark on the FEI leaderboard over the next three years.

Irwin then partnered with Winston, with whom she helped bring home the silver medal for Team Canada at the 2011 Pan American Games in Guadalajara, MEX. The duo returned for a fantastic 2012 season, dancing their way to first in all three CDI 3* small tour classes in Burlington, ON.

Irwin and Winston continued to compete together until 2012. In 2014, Irwin returned to the ring with a new partner, Fancy That. Together, she and Fancy That helped Team Canada 2 capture the bronze medal at the 2015 CDIO 3* FEI Nations Cup in Wellington, FL.

In 2016, Irwin garnered an incredible nine consecutive wins at the small tour level with her current top mount, Laurencio. 2017 brought even greater success with five consecutive AGDF wins and a world record score in the CDI 1* Intermediate I Freestyle with 78.708%. Their performances at the 2017



AGDF led to both the team and individual gold medal in the first leg of the 2017 Nations Cup series. In recognition of such a stellar season, Laurencio was awarded the title of 2017 Equestrian Canada Horse of the Year. Irwin's success with Laurencio continued into 2019, where back-to-back small tour wins helped the Canadian Dressage Team earn the silver medal in the CDIO 3* FEI Nations Cup.

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LINDSAY KELLOCK

Birthdate: April 22, 1990

Birthplace: Toronto, ON

Hometown: Wellington, FL

Horse: Floratina – 2008 bay Hanoverian mare, owned by Chloe Gasiorowski

Lindsay Kellock's success in the ring should come as no surprise: her dressage training began at an early age at Sunnybrook Stables in Toronto, ON, which was managed by her mother, Jennifer Kellock, and aunt, Sue Bundy, alongside her godmother and four-time Canadian Olympian, Ashley Holzer. Kellock went on to train under seven-time Canadian Olympian Christilot Boylen, and then worked as the assistant trainer and barn manager for Holzer for seven years. She also traveled as a groom for Jacqueline Brooks and Gran Gesto at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

Kellock made her Canadian Dressage Team debut at the young age of 22, representing the maple leaf in the 2013 CDIO 3* FEI Nations Cup in Wellington, FL, riding Hunter Douglas Rhapsody. After taking a short break from competition, she returned to the ring stronger than ever. Partnered with Royal Prinz, Kellock earned a string of top-three finishes at prestigious competitions, including wins at the 2016 CDI 1* in Tryon, NC, the 2016 CDI 3* in Saugerties, NY, and the 2017 CDI 1* at the Adequan Global Dressage Festival in Wellington, FL.

Kellock returned to the Nations Cup ring in 2019 with Floratina, where Team Canada's silver-medal finish was greatly bolstered by the pair's consistency: since Kellock picked up the ride on Floratina in 2019, the combination has scored above 70% on every single test performed at the FEI level, as of June 30, 2019.



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NAIMA MOREIRA LALIBERTÉ

Birthdate: Oct. 30, 1996

Hometown: Outremont, QC

Horses: Statesman – 2007 bay Hanoverian stallion, owned by KML S.à.r.l. |

I Do Kiss – 2005 chestnut Swedish Warmblood stallion, owned by KML S.à.r.l.

Naima Moreira Laliberté has been an imposing competitor since the very beginnings of her FEI career. She first rode for Canada at the North American Junior and Young Rider Championships (NAJYRC) in 2012, where she and Tolando led Team Quebec to capture the Junior gold medal. Laliberté returned to NAJYRC in 2013 to once again claim team gold and earn individual silver, this time with Wind Breaker 3. In 2014, she graduated to the NAJYRC Young Rider division riding Nao Guimeraie, taking silver with Team Quebec. The next year, she closed out her NAJYRC experience with individual gold and bronze medals aboard Belafonte.

Over the next two years, Laliberté continued to compete at the esteemed Adequan Global Dressage Festival in Wellington, FL, earning several wins with Belafonte, Sancerre, and I Do Kiss. During the summer of 2018, Laliberté tested her mettle on the European circuit with a new partner, Statesman. The duo earned top-10 finishes at the Under 25 (U25) level at some of the most prestigious venues in the world: Rotterdam, NED; Leudelange, LUX; and the CHIO Aachen in Germany.

Back on Canadian soil, Laliberté and I Do Kiss led Team Canada 1 to a silver medal at the 2019 FEI Nations Cup CDIO-U25 in Wellington, FL. They continued their season with a U25 hat trick at Tryon Spring Dressage I in Mill Spring, NC, followed by wins at the Kawartha Spring Classic 1 & 2 in Thornton, ON, and Ottawa Dressage Festival in Ottawa, ON.

Laliberté also continued to churn out incredible results at the CDI 3* level with Statesman in 2019, topping leaderboards at



the Kawartha Spring Classic 1 & 2 and Caledon Spring Jubilee in Caledon, ON. Propelled by win after win, Laliberté and Statesman jumped up an incredible 266 spots in the FEI Dressage World Rankings in one short month: the combination moved from position #363 on April 30 to #97 as of May 31, 2019.

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Reserve:

MEGAN LANE



Photo Credit:
Char Hodgson

Birthdate: April 5, 1991

Birthplace: Collingwood, ON

Hometown: Loretto, ON

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

Website: <https://meganlanedressage.com>

Megan Lane discovered dressage at the age of eight and never looked back. Her training reached a whole new level when she spent time at the Hannoversche Reit-Und Fahrschule riding academy in Verden, GER. Soon after, she represented Canada for the first time at the 2008 FEI North American Junior and Young Rider Championships (NAJYRC) in Parker, CO, with Dolany. She returned to NAJYRC four more times, earning upwards of six individual medals with Caravella, whom she personally trained up to the Grand Prix level after finding the mare at a hunter/jumper sales barn.

Lane represented Canada as a senior team member for the first time in 2014 at the FEI World Equestrian Games in Normandy, FRA,

where she and Caravella helped the Canadian Dressage Team earn ninth place. In light of her achievements with Caravella, Lane was named 2014 Dressage Canada Owner of the Year. Lane and Caravella started the 2015 season strong, helping Team Canada I earn the team silver medal at the CDIO 3* FEI Nations Cup in Wellington, FL. Later in the spring, they picked up multiple wins on home soil during the final Pan American Games qualifying competitions. At the 2015 Toronto Pan Am Games, Lane and Caravella were members of the silver medal-winning Canadian Dressage Team that 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.

In 2017, Lane began to compete with a new horse, Zodiac MW. After a short but strong first two seasons of international competition, Lane and Zodiac MW were selected to the Canadian Dressage Team for the 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games in Mill Spring, NC.

Reserve:

BELINDA TRUSSELL

Birthdate: Aug. 27, 1971**Birthplace:** Sydney, AUS**Hometown:** Stouffville, ON**Horses:** Carlucci – 2005 bay Hanoverian gelding, owned by Barbara Holden Sinclair | 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 before focusing on dressage at age 13. She represented her native Australia in FEI competition until 1994, when she became a Canadian citizen.

In 2002, Trussell represented Canada as the youngest member of the Canadian Dressage Team at the FEI World Equestrian Games (WEG) in Jerez, ESP, with Royan II. The pair went on to compete at the 2003 European Dressage Championships in Hickstead, GBR, and win the Swarovski Canadian League World Cup Final at the 2003 Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto, ON. The next year, Trussell and Royan II represented Canada at both the 2004 World Cup in Dusseldorf, GER, as well as the Athens Olympic Games.

Trussell returned to WEG in 2010 in Kentucky, USA, and in 2014 in Normandy, FRA, where she was Canada's highest-placed individual in dressage, finishing in the top 25 aboard Anton. Anton and Trussell carried that success into the following season, representing Canada at the 2015 Toronto Pan American Games, where they helped the Canadian Dressage Team earn the silver medal and break the Canadian record for the highest team average score achieved at a major games. Trussell also broke a Canadian record in Toronto for highest individual score after receiving 75.078% in the Grand Prix Special.

Trussell and Anton continued to make history in 2016 by breaking the Canadian record for the highest score in a Grand Prix Special at the



prestigious Adequan Global Dressage Festival in Wellington, FL, with 75.529%. Twelve years after Trussell's Olympic debut, she returned to the Games in Rio de Janeiro, BRA, aboard Anton.

Tattoo 15 then took over as Trussell's top mount; he kept her winning record alive throughout the 2017 season and made his major games debut at the 2018 WEG in Mill Spring, NC. In 2019, Trussell switched her focus to Carlucci, and together the combination helped Team Canada secure the silver medal in the CDIO 3* FEI Nations Cup in Wellington, FL.

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DANA COOKE



Photo Credit: Amy Fleming Waters Photography

Birthdate: Sept. 17, 1987

Birthplace: Merritt, BC

Hometown: Mooresville, NC

Horse: Mississippi – 2010 grey Württemberger mare, owned by the FE Mississippi Syndicate LLC

Website: www.danacooke.ca

For four years, Dana Cooke traveled with Canadian Olympian Rebecca Howard as a working student and groom. This invaluable opportunity enabled her to peek behind the major games curtain at the 2011 Pan American Games and 2012 London Olympics, and was a critical experience in Cooke's development as a high performance athlete.

In 2014, Cooke shifted focus to her own competitive career with the newly purchased four-year-old, Mississippi. The combination made their international debut a short two years later and has since deftly climbed up the levels. In 2019, Cooke and Mississippi nabbed an impressive second place in the 2019

Chattahoochee Hills CCI 3*-S in Fairburn, GA, and scored their first-ever FEI win out of over 50 entries at the 2019 Jersey Fresh International Three-Day Event in Allentown, NJ.

Cooke also competes with Whole Lotta Rosie, with whom she earned a top-10 finish at the 2019 Ocala International Festival of Eventing CCI 3*-L in Ocala, FL.

COLLEEN LOACH

Birthdate: April 10, 1983

Birthplace: Sherbrooke, QC

Hometown: Dunham, QC

Horses: FE Golden Eye – 2012 bay Hanoverian gelding, owned by Amanda Bernhard and Colleen Loach | 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 of achieving her equestrian goals. In 1999, she was named the Quebec Eventing Athlete of the Year after competing for Canada at the FEI North American Junior and Young Rider Championships (NAJYRC). In 2001, she helped Canada secure the NAJYRC team bronze medal in front of a home crowd in Bromont, QC. She has continued to compete at the international level, earning wins at the 2007 CCI 2* Bromont Three-Day Event, 2013 CIC 2* Dreamcrest Horse Trials in Ontario, and 2014 CIC 2* The Fork Horse Trials in North Carolina. Her accolades resulted in Loach being named to the Canadian Eventing Team Long List in 2014 and 2015.

In 2015, Loach made her major games debut at the Toronto Pan American Games with Qorry Blue D'Argouges, where she helped the Canadian Eventing Team win the bronze medal. She and Qorry Blue D'Argouges went on to represent Canada at the 2016 Rio Olympics and 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games in Mill Spring, NC.

In 2018, Loach added a new horse to her string of up-and-coming talent: FE Golden Eye, with whom she earned top-10 finishes in the 2019 Carolina International Horse Trials CCI 3*-S in Raeford, NC, and Bromont Three-Day CCI 3*L.



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JESSICA PHOENIX

Birthdate: Oct. 16, 1983

Birthplace: Uxbridge, ON

Hometown: Cannington, ON

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

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 North American Junior and Young Rider Championships, where she finished third individually in the 1* division with Let's Boogie.

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 Ams, this time partnered with Pavarotti. For her outstanding performance, Phoenix was named Equestrian Canada's 2011 Equestrian of the Year.

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

In 2014, Phoenix and A Little Romance competed in their first CCI 3* competition at the Bromont Three-Day Event in Bromont, QC, where they showcased their talent to take first place. Piloting her veteran mount, Pavarotti, Phoenix once again represented her home nation as part of the team that would capture sixth at the FEI World Equestrian Games (WEG) in Normandy, FRA. In light of her success, Phoenix 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 a fierce competitor and quickly bounced back from her injuries to earn individual bronze and lead Canada to team bronze at the 2015 Pan Am Games in Toronto just a few months later. Phoenix went on to continue her major games run with A Little Romance at the 2016 Rio Olympics, and with Pavarotti at WEG 2018 in Mill Spring, NC.

In addition to representing Canada at major games, Phoenix is well known for successfully developing several horses at once up the levels. 2019 was no different, with Phoenix earning top-10 finishes at FEI-level events across North America riding four different mounts: Pavarotti, Dr. Sheldon Cooper, Watson GS, and Bentley's Best, with whom she won the 2019 Red Hills International Horse Trials CCI 3*-S in Tallahassee, FL.

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KARL SLEZAK



Photo Credit:
Cealy Tetley

Birthdate: Dec. 14, 1981

Birthplace: Toronto, ON

Hometown: Tottenham, ON

Horses: Fernhill Wishes – 2009 bay Irish Sport Horse gelding, owned by Kirk Hoppner and Karl Slezak

Website: <http://www.karlslezakeventing.com>

Karl Slezak has been hooked on eventing since he discovered the sport at the age of 15. Since that time, he has become a top trainer of young horses and has been a long-time staple on the Canadian Eventing Team short and long lists.

The first horse that Slezak developed from green to the CCI 3* level was Private Ryan, a bay gelding with whom he represented Canada at the 2002 North American Junior and Young Rider Championships. Slezak's next top horse

was Foxwood Spencer, and together the duo earned top-five finishes at the 2004 CIC 2* in Port Perry, ON; 2004 CIC 2* in Lexington, VA; and 2006 CIC 3* in Wayne, IL.

In 2008, Slezak skillfully rode two horses to second place finishes in Ocala, FL: Pavarotti (who would go on to become one of the most iconic partners of fellow CET athlete, Jessica Phoenix) in the CCI 1* division and Braveheart in the CCI 2* division. The next year, Slezak earned his first FEI win with Charley Farley at the CCI 2* in Bromont, QC. The victories kept on coming at the 2014 CCI 1* in Lexington, KY, with Fernhill Dutch Design; 2016 Poplar Place Horse Trials CIC 2* in Hamilton, GA, with Fernhill Wishes; and 2017 Poplar Place CIC 2* with Fernhill Cascum Marco. Fernhill Wishes has become Slezak's top horse, and together they made the top five in the CCI 4*-L division of the 2019 Bromont Three-Day Event.

Reserve:

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>

Like countless other little girls, Hawley Bennett-Awad dreamed of riding in the Olympics one day – a dream that she would make true twice through dedication, hard work and pure talent.

By the age of 16, Bennett-Awad 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 North American Junior and Young Riders Championship, 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 Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event CCI 4*. 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 in Malmö, SWE.

Bennett-Awad's medal run continued in 2010 when she earned another team silver, this time at the 2010 Lexington FEI World Equestrian Games (WEG) aboard Gin & Juice. In 2011, she rode Five O'Clock Somewhere in the Guadalajara Pan Ams for a third silver team medal. Bennett-Awad and Gin & Juice went on to compete at the 2012 London Olympics and WEG 2014 in Caen, FRA.



In 2016, Bennett-Awad introduced her current top FEI mount, Jollybo. The two have since tackled the 2017 Rolex and 2018 Land Rover Kentucky Three-Day Event CCI 4*, as well as the 2018 WEG in Mill Spring, NC.

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Reserve:

LESLEY GRANT-LAW



Photo Credit:
Shannon
Brinkman

Birthdate: Jan. 16, 1975

Birthplace: North York, ON

Hometown: Ocala, FL

Horses: Lady Chatterley – 2011 bay Holsteiner mare, owned by Lesley Grant-Law, Jackie Brown and Steve Brown

Website: <http://www.leslielaweventing.com>

Lesley Grant-Law burst onto the Canadian eventing scene in 2002 with two top horses, Snappy and Timber Spirit. With Snappy, she completed both the 2002 and 2003 editions of the Foxhall Cup CCI 3* in Atlanta, GA, as well as the 2003 Fair Hill International CCI 3* in Elkton, MD, before the mare was sold. Riding Timber Spirit in 2004, Grant-Law completed the Foxhall Cup CCI 3* and enjoyed top-10 finishes at the Dreamcrest Horse Trials CIC 2*

in Port Perry, ON, and the Red Hills Horse Trials CIC 2* in Tallahassee, FL. In 2005 and 2006, the combination added a 20th place finish at the Rolex Kentucky Three Day Event CCI 4* to their impressive list of accomplishments, and returned to tackle the course again in 2006. Grant-Law and Timber Spirit were named as alternates to the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

Grant-Law continued to post great results after relocating to the United States in 2006. She rode What Law to top-10 CIC 2* finishes across the country, including second place at the Pine Top Advanced Horse Trials in Thomson, GA. Grant-Law returned to the CIC 3* level with Lady Chatterley in 2019, earning a top-15 finish at the Red Hills Horse Trials CCI 3*-S in Tallahassee, FL, and placing fourth in the Ocala International Festival of Eventing CCI 3*-L in Ocala, FL.

Reserve:

HOLLY JACKS-SMITHER

Birthdate: Nov. 27, 1985

Birthplace: Vancouver, BC

Hometown: Hillsburgh, ON

Horse: Candy King – 2010 bay British Sport Horse gelding, owned by Holly Jacks-Smith

Website: <http://hollyjacksequestrian.com>

Holly Jacks-Smith specializes in retraining retired racehorses. Her first FEI level horse, More Inspiration, was an off-the-track Thoroughbred whom she masterfully developed to the 5* level. Together, they made their Canadian Eventing Team debut at the 2015 CICO 3* FEI Nations Cup Eventing in Aachen, GER. Jacks-Smith and More Inspiration then traveled as the reserve to the 2017 CICO 3* Nations Cup in The Plains, VA, where the combination earned a top-15 finish individually. She and More Inspiration also tackled the notorious CCI 4* at the Kentucky Three-Day Event in Lexington, KY, in both 2017 and 2018.

Jacks-Smith has transitioned a handful of other horses – four of whom are young Thoroughbreds – to successful international eventers. In 2018, she won the Green Mountain Horse Association August Horse Trials CIC 1* in Woodstock, VT, and Foshay International CIC 1* in Jemseg, NB, with Finely Brewed. She also won the Foshay International CCI Introductory with Favonious Nite. Partnered with Candy King, Jacks-Smith came second in the 2018 Bromont Three-Day CCI 1* and earned a top-10 finish in the 2019 Ocala International Festival of Eventing CCI 3*-L in Ocala, FL.



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Reserve:

WAYLON ROBERTS

Birthdate: Oct. 22, 1988

Birthplace: Scarborough, ON

Hometown: Port Perry, ON

Horse: Lancaster – 2007 chestnut Canadian Sport Horse gelding, owned by Michelle and John Koppin

Website: www.dreamcrest.com

Waylon Roberts was born to be an eventer. The son of Olympians Ian Roberts and Kelly Plitz, he inherited a talent for riding and put it to good use at an early age. He first represented Canada at the age of 14 at the 2002 FEI Children's Final for Show Jumping in Brazil. He went on to ride under the maple leaf at the North American Junior and Young Rider Championships (NAJYRC) in eventing on five separate occasions.

When he was 18, Roberts forewent NAJYRC in order to compete for Canada at the 2007 Rio Pan American Games, where he rode Paleface as a member of the silver medal team.

Roberts spent the 2009, 2010 and 2011 seasons in England, where he trained with show jumping master, John Whitaker, and worked as assistant trainer for British eventer, Oliver Townend. He is currently back in North America training with two-time American Olympic gold medalist, Phillip Dutton.

In 2014, after acquiring the ride on Kelecyn Cognac, Roberts competed at the Fair Hill International in Elkton, MD. They finished fourth in the CCI 2* division out of a field of 120 riders, delivering the best Canadian CCI 2* result in North America in over two years.

2015 proved Roberts' natural abilities with nine top-10 results at the 2* and 3* level with Kelecyn Cognac and Bill Owen. He also made a return trip to the Pan Am Games, this time helping Canada take bronze aboard Bill Owen in front of the hometown Toronto crowd.



Roberts continued to prove himself as one of Canada's top eventers with a second place finish at the 2016 Morven Park Fall Horse Trials in Leesburg, VA. He also earned a one-two finish at the 2017 CIC 2* Horse Park of New Jersey Horse Trials in Allentown, NJ, capturing first with Born Ready and second with Lancaster.

In 2018, Roberts successfully completed the renowned and challenging CCI 4* Land Rover Kentucky Three Day Event with Kelecyn Cognac, where he was chosen by his peers to receive the Equis Sportsmanship Award. Roberts returned to Kentucky in 2019, this time completing the CCI 5*-L with Lancaster to finish in the top 25.

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ERYNN BALLARD

Birthplace: Oakville, ON

Birthdate: Sept. 13, 1980

Hometown: Tottenham, ON

Horses: Darkos Promis – 2008 bay Irish Sport Horse gelding, owned by Ilan Ferder | Fellini S – 2010 bay Dutch Warmblood gelding, owned by Ilan Ferder

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 Young Riders Championship 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 Equine Canada Equestrian of the Year. Working in partnership with horse agent Ilan Ferder, Ballard recently made a spectacular return to the international spotlight, winning the \$100,000 CSI 5* Longines Speed Challenge at the 2018 Longines Masters of New York and being named to her first major games team for the 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games in Tryon, NC.

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



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LISA CARLSEN



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Anwar Esquivel

Birthplace: North York, ON

Birthdate: Feb. 17, 1965

Hometown: Spruce Grove, AB

Horse: Parette – 2006 bay Bradenburg 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 from competition in 1990.

Carlsen returned to the international spotlight riding La Boom, her mount for Nations Cup events in Buenos Aires, ARG, in 2010 and the 2012 Nations Cup Promotional League Final in Barcelona, ESP. Now partnered with

Parette, Carlsen is experiencing a renaissance of sorts. She is once again a frequent member of Canadian Nations Cup teams and served as the traveling alternate for the 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games.

Married to Dayton Gorsline, Carlsen operates Trademark Stables in Spruce Grove, AB. The couple has one daughter, Cassandra Gorsline, who is following in her mother's footsteps as a show jumping competitor.

MARIO DESLAURIERS



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Cara Grimshaw

Birthplace: Venise en Quebec, QC

Birthdate: Feb. 23, 1965

Hometown: New York, NY

Horses: Bardolina 2 – 2009 bay Holsteiner mare, owned by Wishing Well Farm LLC | Amsterdam 27 – 2010 bay Holsteiner gelding, owned by Luga LLC & Wishing Well Farm LLC

Mario Deslauriers began riding as a child at Bromont Equestrian Centre, site of the 1976 Olympic Games equestrian competition, under the tutelage of his father, Roger Deslauriers. In 1984 at the age of 19, he became the first Canadian and the youngest rider to ever win the World Cup Final, a record he still holds today. Later that year at the Los Angeles Olympics, Deslauriers 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, Deslauriers 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, Deslauriers 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. In 2018, he again represented Canada at the Spruce Meadows 'Masters' tournament, the FEI World Equestrian Games in Mill Spring, NC, and the Longines Nations Cup Final in Barcelona, ESP.

Married to American Lisa Tarnopol, Deslauriers and their twins, Jack and Lucy, reside in New York, NY, and Wellington, FL. He has the added privilege of training and competing alongside his daughter who, similar to his own career path, is enjoying incredible success at a young age.

NICOLE WALKER



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Birthplace: Scarborough, ON

Birthdate: Nov. 4, 1993

Hometown: Aurora, ON

Horses: Falco van Spieveld – 2005 bay Belgian Warmblood stallion, owned by Nicole Walker | Excellent B – 2009 bay Dutch Warmblood gelding, owned by Nicole Walker

Nicole Walker grew up around horses. The granddaughter of well-known Austrian-Canadian businessman and thoroughbred racing giant, Frank Stronach, she was exposed to the equine industry at an early age. As a junior, Walker excelled in the equitation ring. At the 2010 Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto, ON, she won the Jump Canada Medal riding SS San Remo and finished second in the Running Fox CET Medal. A year later, the pair returned to The Royal to claim the 2011 Running Fox CET Medal title.

Walker then dominated Under 25 competition by winning several events during the 2017 season before claiming the Under 25 National Championship in front of a home crowd at The Royal riding Excellent B. The Royal has proved to be a lucky venue for Walker as, one year later, she captured the Canadian Show Jumping Championship title with Falco van Spieveld. Based on their incredible success, Walker and Falco made their Nations Cup debut at the 2019 Winter Equestrian Festival in Wellington, FL, and, two months later, were members of the Canadian Team for the Longines Nations Cup held at CSIO 5* Coapexpan in Mexico.

Walker currently trains with 2012 Olympic individual bronze medalist Cian O'Connor of Ireland. She is based at Adena Springs in Aurora, ON.

BETH UNDERHILL



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Birthplace: Guelph, ON

Birthdate: Sept. 5, 1962

Hometown: Schomberg, ON

Horse: Count Me In – 2007 bay Hanoverian gelding, owned by Sandy Lupton

As a teenager, Beth Underhill earned top honours from the Royal Conservatory for her singing, but it was her love of horses that won out. First named to the Canadian Equestrian Team in 1990, Underhill has ridden in over 25 Nations Cup competitions and, in 1993, was the first woman to win the Canadian World Cup League, a feat she repeated in 1999. With her long-time partner Monopoly, Underhill earned more than \$1 million in the show ring.

A veteran of Olympic, World Championship, and Pan American Games competition,

Underhill has claimed the Canadian Show Jumping Championship title on three occasions - in 1994 and 1996 with Monopoly, and in 1999 with Altair. Having represented Canada at the 1998 World Equestrian Games in Rome, ITA, Underhill and Altair were team bronze medalists at the 1999 Pan American Games the following year. Most recently, Underhill has been enjoying great success with Count Me In. The pair have claimed victories across North America, including winning the \$500,000 Grand Prix at CSI 5* HITS Chicago, IL, in 2018 and the \$72,000 Case IH Grand Prix at CSI 2* Caledon National, ON, in 2019.

Operating Beth Underhill Stables in King City, ON, Underhill is married to David Marion and enjoys living with a menagerie of animals, including her Jack Russel terriers and Hank the pot-bellied pig.

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	Epernay 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

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