



EAP Current Events Study Guide

The Current Events Study Guide is the creation of the USHJA's EAP Committee. It covers the following International competitions:

- Olympic Games 1912 – 2016
- Pan American Games 2003 – 2015
- World Equestrian Games 2002 – 2014
- World Cup Finals 2000 – 2017

The Study Guide is broken down by year. The information for each venue includes:

- Individual and team medal/top four results
- USA placing for all athletes
- Horse and rider combinations
- Horse descriptions
- Horse breeding (if available)
- Course designers
- Information on the history of the games
- Information on the controversy of the games

THE COMPETITIONS

The Olympic Games are held every four years. Show jumping was first held at the 1912 Olympic Games in Stockholm, Sweden. Women were not permitted to compete in the Olympic Equestrian sport until 60 years ago. Denmark's Lis Hartel, individual silver medalist in Dressage at the 1952 Olympic Games, was one of four female riders competing in Helsinki. The first woman to participate in Olympic Jumping was Pat Smythe (GBR), who won team bronze at the 1956 Olympic Games in Stockholm.

The minimum age for riders is 18 years of age. Horses must be at least 9 years old.

The Pan American Games are held the year before the Olympic Games. The first Pan American Games was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina in 1951.

The World Equestrian Games (WEG) is held two years after the Olympic Games. "The first World Equestrian Games was held in Stockholm, Sweden in 1990. The idea behind the World Equestrian Games came into being in the mid-1980's and was strongly supported, if not originally proposed, by HRH Prince Philip, the then-FEI President. The first WEG were proposed to take place in 1990 and the 1986 FEI General Assembly convening in Lisbon (POR), allocated the Games to Stockholm, although Rome was a very close runner-up. It may be that some of the voters remembered the excellent organization of the equestrian events in Stockholm during the 1956 Olympic Games... It must be noted, that prior to the 1990 WEG, no equestrian competition of comparable magnitude involving all the FEI disciplines (6 in 1986) had ever been organized."

(Source: FEI)

The World Cup Finals are held every year. The first World Cup Final was held in 1979 in Goteborg, Sweden.

1912 Olympic Games

Stockholm, Sweden

US Team

Rider

Lt. Benjamin Lear
Capt. Guy Henry
Lt. John Montgomery

Horse

Poppy
Connie
Deceive



The Results

Team

Gold	Sweden
Silver	France
Bronze	Germany
4 th	USA

Individual

Gold	Jean Carino/Mignon/France
Silver	Rabod W. Von Krocher/Dohna/Germany
Bronze	Emmanuel de Blommaert de Soye/Clonmore/Belgium

The History:

“On January 20, 1912, the War Department published Special Order No. 20, detailing selected officers to constitute an equestrian team for that summer’s Olympiad in Stockholm, Sweden. In response the Army assembled a group of eighteen horses and five officers amid the snow drifts and frigid temperatures of the Mounted Service School at Fort Riley, Kansas. Captain Guy V. Henry Jr. was designated the team leader. With this small band, in the middle of the great American plains, thousands of miles from the center of world class equestrian training and breeding, Captain Henry began to establish the legacy of American excellence in horsemanship that exists today. Although Henry was certainly the most qualified officer for the job, he faced a daunting task with just six months to prepare for America’s first Olympic riding competition. Because of his European experience, Captain Henry knew that his Army issued mounts would not be able to challenge the precisely bred European horses. He determined that the key to winning was superb conditioning of the horses, and even more important, accurate riding of the three day event.

The team trained rigorously through the late winter and into the early summer of 1912, despite being handicapped by their late start, the severe winter conditions at Fort Riley, a time limitation of one and a half hours a day of riding hall use, and by the fact that three of its members, Captain Henry included, were required to continue their usual military duties as they prepared. The performance of the American team is especially significant given the

quality of the horses and the severe circumstances under which they trained. Lieutenant Colonel F.S. Fontz, the general staff officer responsible for overseeing Henry's effort, stated that the quality of the US horses was a national embarrassment and that Captain Henry and his men were physically exhausted by the pace of training while simultaneously continuing to perform their assigned military duties. He pointed out specifically that the team's success was due primarily to the exceptional preparation and management of the team on the part of Henry. The previously unknown Americans' ability to win the Bronze Medal in the three day event, and to be competitive in all events, immediately established the US as a serious equestrian power. Since 1912, every US Olympic equestrian team has faced the challenge of living up to the standard set by Captain Henry in that first Olympic competition." (Source: The Army Equestrian Olympic Team, Louis A. DiMarco MAJ, USA "The horses left for New York by express on June 10, arriving there June 12, and loaded on board the "Finland" June 14. On board the ship they were very comfortable, with plenty of fresh air, and during the trip were exercised by being led from one to one and a half hours a day around a small circle on the lower deck about twenty-five yards in circumference. While this was not much exercise it was of the greatest value to us in the end as it kept their muscles in fair condition and held their gaining flesh down to some extent." (Source: Cavalry's 1913 yearbook, "The Rasp". Captain Ben Lear, Jr. Fifteenth Cavalry

1916 Olympic Games cancelled due to WWI

1920 Olympic Games Antwerp, Belgium

US Team

Rider

Horse

Team Competition

Capt. Harry Chamberlin	Nigra
Capt. Karl Greenwald	Moses
Capt. Vincent Erwin	Joffre
Maj. Sloan Doak	Rabbit Red

Individual Competition

Maj. Henry Allen	Don
Maj. John Downer	Dick
Maj. William West	Prince

The Results

Team

Individual



Gold	Sweden	Gold	Tommaso Lequio di Assaba/Trebecco/Italy
Silver	Belgium	Silver	Alessandro Valerio/Cento/Italy
Bronze	Italy	Bronze	Carl Gustaf Lewenhaupt/Mon Coeur/Sweden
5 th	USA		

The History:

“World War I had only just ended in 1918 and there were serious doubts that the seventh Olympic Games of 1920 would be able to go ahead. It was only on 3 April 1919 that the IOC decided to accept the offer from Antwerp, with a programme very similar to Stockholm 1912. On 14 August King Albert declared the seventh Olympic Games opened.

Belgium, France and Sweden participated while the Swiss, who were all set and ready to go, were stopped at the last minute by the Swiss government due to an alleged outbreak of foot and mouth disease in Belgium. Hungary, Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey were not invited to the Olympic Games due to their role in World War I.

The short term allocation of the Games to Antwerp did leave some in the lurch such as team USA who, at first unable to find a passage to Europe at that late stage, were able to secure the help of the military to transport the team. Only, the proposed steamer was damaged at the last minute and they finally sailed in a much smaller ship which arrived one week later – on 8 August, barely a week before the competitions began.

Nevertheless, the Games were declared overall a success. However, it was the lack of uniform rules for most of the sports that was perceived as the greatest threat to the Olympic movement which Pierre De Coubertin decided to overcome by calling in Lausanne in May 1921, a reunion of all interested sports to discuss universal rules and to form International Federations. The date at which the FEI came into being... “

(Source: FEI)

1924 Olympic Games Paris, France

US Team

Rider

Maj. John Barry
Maj. Sloan Doak
Capt. Vernon Padgett
Lt. Frederic Bontecou
USA Team Eliminated

Horse

Nigra
Joffre
Little Canada
Bally McShane



The Results

Team

Gold	Sweden
Silver	Switzerland
Bronze	Portugal

Individual

Gold	Alphonse Gemusens/Lucette/Switzerland
Silver	Tommaso Lequio di Assaba/Trebecco/Italy
Bronze	Adam Krolikiewicz/Picador/Poland

The History:

Germany was not invited to participate in the Olympic Games due to their role in World War I.

1928 Olympic Games Amsterdam, Netherlands

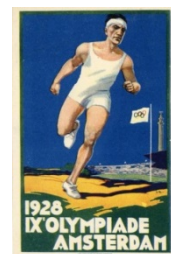
US Team

Rider

Maj. Harry Chamberlin
Capt. Frank Carr
Capt. Adolphus Roffe

Horse

Nigra
Proctor
Fairfax



The Results

Team

Gold	Spain
Silver	Poland
Bronze	Sweden
9 th	USA

Individual

Gold	Frantisek Ventura/Eliot/Czechoslovakia
Silver	Pierre Bertran de Balanda/Papillion/France
Bronze	Charles Kuhn/Pepita/Switzerland

The History:

Horses were still shipped overseas via boat. The American team acquired a treadmill and used this device to keep the horses fit during their journey to Europe.

1932 Olympic Games

Los Angeles, California

US Team

Rider

Maj. Harry Chamberlin
Capt. William Bradford
Lt. John Wfford
Team USA Eliminated

Horse

Show Girl Grey TB Mare
Joe Aleshire
Babe Wartham

The Results

Team

Gold None
Silver None
Bronze None

Individual

Gold Takeichi Nixhi/Uranus/Japan
Silver Maj. Harry Chamberlin/Show Girl/USA
Bronze Clarence von Rosen, Jr./Empire/Sweden

Course Designer: John Barry

The Controversy:

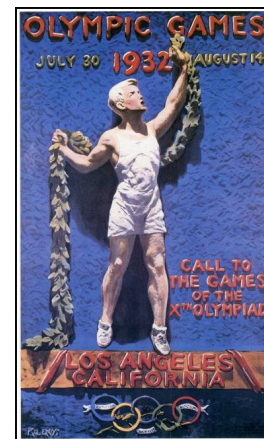
“The jumping competition of 1932 was a disaster. The first known Olympic course designer, John A. Barry (who rode for the USA in the 1920 and 1924 Olympics) supported by Sloan Doak (also a multi Olympic rider) built a course that was much more difficult than 1928. It had 18 obstacles and 20 jumping efforts over a length of 1,060m.

Considering the weak starting field, with probably only six top riders – as compared with 20-25 in Lucerne, Dublin or Rome at that time – the two 1.60m fences, the wall and the water at 5 meters were far too much. No team finished the competition and the team medals remained unclaimed.”

(Source: FEI)

“The 1932 jumping competition consisted of one round over what people called "an incredibly difficult" course....30 jumps over 18 jumps and hazards. The course proved harder than the Grand National. At the 1932 Los Angeles Games, no team medals were awarded at all, because no team had three riders finish. The Mexican riders failed with refusals; the first Japanese rider failed to get through; a certain Lt.

Wofford on Babe Wortham crashed at the 7th barrier. Finally, a Swedish rider, Clarence Von Rosen, made it through the 18 barrier course....with 16 penalty points.



Then, Chamberlin took the field. Chamberlin's horse Tanbark turned up lame the morning of the competition. Rather than scratch, he mounted Show Girl...a horse he had ridden never before. Show Girl tore away the heavy top bar of one jump and put a sliver of her hoof into the water while going over one of the last obstacles. This put Chamberlin in the lead regardless with only 12 penalty points... then, only one rider remained: Baron Nishi of Japan. On Uranus, Nishi got through with one refusal and a foot in the water for a total of 8 penalty points and took the Gold. Had Tanbark been sound that morning, many speculated that Chamberlin would have taken the Gold as opposed to the Silver Medal."

(Source: Warren Matha, US Cavalry Fort Riley)

1936 Olympic Games

Berlin, Germany

US Team

Rider	Horse
Capt. Carl Raguse	Dakota
Maj. William Bradford	Don
Capt. Cornelius Jadwin	Ugly

The Results

Team		Individual	
Gold	Germany	Gold	Kurt Hasse/Tora/Germany
Silver	Netherlands	Silver	Henri Rang/Delifs/Romania
Bronze	Portugal	Bronze	Jozef von Platthy/Sello/Hungary
4 th	USA		

Course Designer: August Andreae

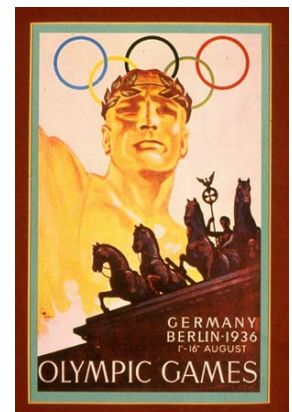
“The course, designed by August Andreae, who also designed the Cross Country, had 13 fences and 20 jumping efforts spread over 1050m. The one double and three triple combinations had to be jumped from both sides. The obstacles were between 130cm and 160cm in height. For the jump-off most obstacles were raised and some distances changed - the water was enlarged from 5m. to 5.50m. For the first time in an Olympic course, the Course Designer had played with distances between fences and the line of the course.” (Source: FEI)

The Controversy:

“The Games of the XI Olympiad were held in Berlin three years after the National-Socialist regime led by Adolf Hitler came to power in 1933 and three years before World War II broke in 1939. They are best remembered for Adolf Hitler’s failed attempt to use sport to prove his theories of Aryan racial superiority. As it turned out, the most popular hero of the Games was the African-American sprinter and long jumper Jesse Owens, who won four gold medals. During the long jump competition, Owens’ German rival, Luz Long, publicly befriended him in front of the Nazis.

The equestrian events, held on the last five days of the 16-day programme, played an important part in the overall running of these first monumental and politically misused Olympic Games.

The competition was as dramatic as it could be. Individually there were two riders with one



knock-down, three with two knocks-downs and five with three. This necessitated two sets of jump-offs; one for victory, the other for the bronze medal. Even more dramatic was the battle for the team medals. Germany won its fifth equestrian gold medal and the sixth was to follow soon thereafter.” (Source: FEI)

1940 Olympic Games cancelled due to WWII

1944 Olympic Games cancelled due to WWII

1948 Olympic Games

London, England

US Team

Rider	Horse	Breeding	Description
Col. Franklin Wing	Democrat	<i>S: Gordon Russell</i> <i>D: Princess Bon</i>	1933 Brown TB Gelding
Capt. John Russell	Air Mail		
Co. Andrew Frierson	Rascal		
<i>Team USA Eliminated</i>			

The Results

Team		Individual	
Gold	Mexico	Gold	Kurt Hasse/Tora/Germany
Silver	Spain	Silver	Ruben Uriza-Castro/Hatvey/Mexico
Bronze	Great Britain	Bronze	Jean F. d'Orgeix/Sucre de Pomme/France

The History:

Because of their roles as aggressors in World War II Germany and Japan were not invited to participate.

The Controversy:

"After the Games, the equestrian events were overshadowed by the most bizarre incident. A sergeant in the Swedish Army, Gehnäll Persson, was with his horse Knaust a top contender for the Swedish Dressage team, except for the fact that non-commissioned officers were not allowed to compete in the Olympics. Thus Sgt Persson was, on 20 July 1948 (barely three weeks before the Olympic Grand Prix de Dressage) promoted to Lieutenant. A perfectly reasonable decision, after all people have been promoted for worse reasons. As expected, Sweden won the Dressage gold medal, with Persson proudly standing on top of the podium.

Then the inexplicable happened. Two and half weeks after this memorable event, Persson was demoted. In retrospect it seems unbelievable that the Swedish military authorities could believe that such a scandal would not become known internationally. When it was discovered, the FEI, with the approval of the IOC, disqualified Persson on 27 April 1949. This meant that Sweden was also disqualified from the team event and lost its gold medal.

This shameful incident was a clear demonstration that times had changed. Non-commissioned officers were no more professionals than professional officers. The FEI acted quickly and as from 1952, allowed non-commissioned officers in the Olympics." (Source: FEI)

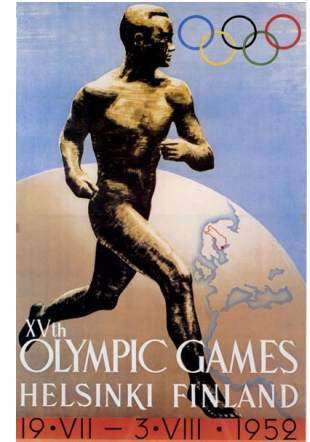


1952 Olympic Games

Helsinki, Finland

US Team

Rider	Horse	Breeding	Description
William Steinkraus	Hollandia	<i>S. Bonne Nuit</i> <i>D. Ruth's Own</i>	1994 Chestnut TB Gelding
McCashin	Miss Budweiser <i>Registered name: Circus Rose</i>	<i>S: Great War</i> <i>D: Winter Rose</i>	1945 Grey TB Mare
John Russell	Democrat	<i>S: Gordon Russell</i> <i>D: Princess Bon</i>	1933 Brown TB Gelding



The Results

Team		Individual	
Gold	Great Britain	Gold	Pierre Jonquieres d/Oriola/Ali Baba/France
Silver	Chile	Silver	Oscar Cristi/Bambi/Chile
Bronze	USA	Bronze	Fritz Thiedemann/Meteor/Federal Republic of Germany

The History:

"For the equestrian sport the 1952 Olympic Games brought some fundamental changes. Most visible was the change from military riding to civilians. In the 1948 Jumping competition, 41 of the 44 starters were riding in uniform; in 1952 more than half were civilians.

The FEI had made some essential decisions:

Noncommissioned officers, corporals and soldiers were allowed to compete in all three disciplines.

Women were allowed in Dressage but not in Jumping - the FEI having decided against it in 1951 - and not in Eventing, which the FEI did not even consider. FEI's decision not to allow women in Jumping forced the USA to drop their sole woman on the squad." (Source: FEI)

1956 Olympic Games Stockholm, Sweden

US Team

Rider	Horse	Breeding	Description
Hugh Wiley	Trail Guide	<i>S: Scamp</i> <i>D: Trailoka</i>	Brown TB Gelding
William Steinkraus	Night Owl	<i>S: Bonne Nuit</i> <i>D: Starwood</i>	1949 Bay TB Gelding
Frank Chapot	Belair		

The Results

Team	Individual
Gold	Federal Republic of Germany
Silver	Italy
Bronze	Great Britain
5 th	USA

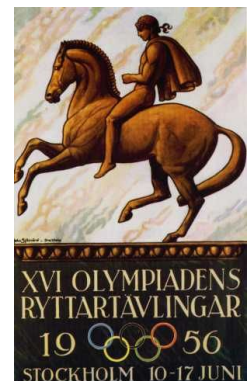
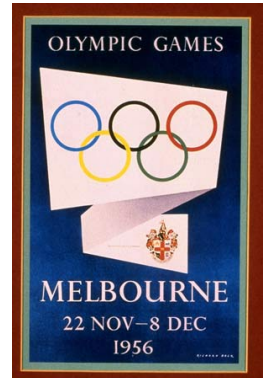
Course Designer: Greger Lewenhaupt

"The course, designed by Greger Lewenhaupt, Olympic rider of 1948, was demanding. It consisted of 14 obstacles resulting in 17 jumping efforts spread over 775m; the speed was 400m/min. It is considered by many as the first modern course. (Source: FEI)

The History

"Melbourne won the right to host the 1956 Olympic Games by one vote over Buenos Aires. These would be the first Games to be held in the southern hemisphere.

The vote, however, had not taken into consideration Australian quarantine restrictions with their six- month pre-shipment quarantine. In 1953 – four years after the allocation of the Games – a meeting was held in Australia's capital city Canberra, attended by the federal authorities. They recommended not altering quarantine laws, which meant the end of equestrian events at the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne. To allow for the equestrian sports to be held and avoid the problem of quarantine for horses entering Australia, the Games took place in two different cities (Stockholm and Melbourne), in two different countries (Sweden and Australia), on two different continents (Europe and



Oceania) and in two different seasons (June and November). **This is the only time in the Games' hundred-year existence that the unity of time and place, as stipulated in the Charter, has not been observed.**" (Source: FEI)

1960 Olympic Games Rome, Italy

US Team

Rider	Horse	Breeding	Description
Team Competition			
George Morris	Sinjon	<i>S: Vino Puro</i> <i>D: Helen</i> <i>Abrigail</i>	1951 Bay TB Gelding
Frank Chapot	Trail Guide	<i>S: Scamp</i> <i>D: Trailoka</i>	Brown TB Gelding
William Steinkruas	Riviera Wonder	<i>S: Bonne Nuit</i> <i>D: Winter Rose</i>	1951 Grey TB Gelding

Individual Competition

George Morris	Sinjon		
William Steinkraus	Ksar d'Esprit	<i>S: Coq d'Esprit</i> <i>D: Kristen</i>	1947 Grey TB Gelding
Hugh Wiley	Master William	<i>S: Chicuelo</i> <i>D: Straw Nest</i>	1948 Grey TB Gelding



The Results

Team		Individual	
Gold	Federal Republic of Germany	Gold	Raimondo d'Inzeo/Posilippo/Italy
Silver	USA	Silver	Piero d'Inzeo/The Rock/Italy
Bronze	Italy	Bronze	David Broome/Mr.Softee/Great Britain

Course Designer: Alberto Lombardi

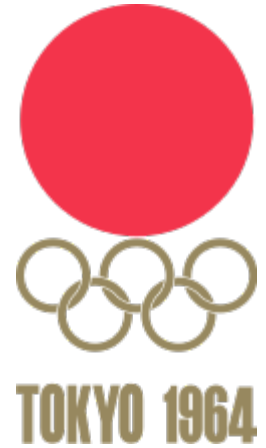
Alberto Lombardi was a famed Italian rider. His course included a water jump, measuring five meters, and a triple combination with strange distances which were the *pièce-de-résistance* of the Jumping course in both the individual and team competitions. More than half of the starters had faults in these combinations. (Source: FEI)

1964 Olympic Games

Tokyo, Japan

US Team

Rider	Horse	Breeding	Description
Frank Chapot	San Lucas	S: <i>Interpretation</i> D: <i>Gold Loma</i>	1955 Chestnut TB Gelding
Kathy Kusner	Untouchable	S: <i>Bolero</i> D: <i>Kum</i>	1952 Chestnut TB Gelding
Mary Mairs	Tomboy <i>Registered name: Janes Bit</i>	S: <i>Wait a Bit</i> D: <i>Jane Tana</i>	1955 Chestnut TB Mare



The Results

Team	Individual
Gold Federal Republic of Germany	Gold Pierre Jonquieres d/Oriola/Lutteur/France
Silver France	Silver Hermann Schridde/Dozen II/Federal Republic of Germany
Bronze Italy	Bronze Peter Robeson/Firecrest/Great Britain
6 th USA	

Course Designer: Shunzo Kido

“The course, which was difficult but fair, measured 780 meters. It was designed by Shunzo Kido, Olympic rider of 1928 and 1932, who had visited many European shows beforehand. There were 14 obstacles, necessitating 17 jumping efforts. The major obstacles came at the end: next to last, the water at 5m, then, after a left turn, an oxer measuring 1.45 x 1.50 x 1.85m. Only six riders did the water faultlessly in both rounds, only three riders jumped the oxer twice without faults. Rain had fallen for days which had made the ground very deep and soft, but luckily not slippery.”

(Source: FEI)

The History:

“Most horses came by aircraft, three had to be destroyed. The US Eventer Markham panicked on departure from Newark. Chile lost a Jumping horse on the way to Tokyo after a

heart attack, and an Argentinean horse had to be destroyed on the flight home. The German team departed from Amsterdam on 28 September at noon and arrived, with a stop-over in Anchorage, Alaska, on 29 September at 3pm. From Tokyo airport, after a quarantine period in Yokohama, the Eventing horses had a five-hour road transport to Karuizawa where the competition was to begin two weeks later. The Soviet horses still came by sea and were caught in the typhoon Wilda.” (Source: FEI)

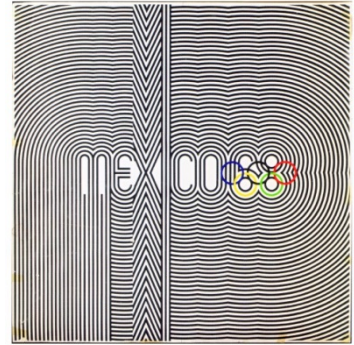
1968 Olympic Games

Mexico City, Mexico

US Team

Team Competition

Rider	Horse	Breeding	Description
William Steinkraus	Snowbound	<i>S: Hail Victory D: Gay Alvena</i>	1958 brown TB gelding
Frank Chapot	San Lucas	<i>S: Interpretation</i>	1955 chestnut TB gelding
Kathy Kusner	Untouchable	<i>S: Bolero</i>	1952 chestnut TB gelding



Individual Competition

Mary Chapot	White Lightning	<i>S: Grey Tower Registered name: D: Little Delight Secret Destiny</i>	1959 Grey TB Mare
Kathy Kusner	Untouchable		
Frank Chapot	San Lucas		

The Results

Team	Individual
Gold Canada	Gold William Steinkraus/Snowbound/USA
Silver France	Silver Marion Coakes/Stroller/Great Britain
Bronze Federal Republic of Germany	Bronze David Broome/Mr.Softee/Great Britain
4 th USA	

The Controversy:

“The victory of Canada in their first Olympic appearance, the crowning of Bill Steinkraus’ glorious career and a bizarre incident involving the Irish team highlighted the Jumping competitions.

The Irish incident happened after their first rider; Diana Conolly-Carew, was eliminated. By some misunderstanding the message was brought to the Irish chef d’équipe that the whole team was eliminated. Thus Ada Matheson’s horse went back to the stable and was not at the

in gate when she was called. Ned Campion, the third Irish rider, was later ready and allowed to jump the course. But with only three riders to a team Ireland was eliminated. This was all the more annoying since the Irish had decided to forego the individual competition and concentrate on the team.” (Source: FEI)

“White Lightning was a grey TB, mare, approx 15.3 hands, registered with the Jockey Club as Secret Destiny, by Grey Tower, out of Little Delight, by Blue Larkspur, bred by my mother, Mrs. Robert (Jane) Mairs. I am guessing that she was foaled in 1959 or 1960.” (Source: Mary Mairs Chapot)

1972 Olympic Games Munich, Germany

US Team

Rider	Horse	Breeding	Description
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Team

Competition

Neal Shapiro	Sloopy	S: <i>Ambehaving</i> D: <i>Samaria</i>	1965 Dark Brown TB Gelding
Kathy Kusner	Fleet Apple		
William Steinkruas	Snowbound	S: <i>Hail Victory</i> D: <i>Gay Alvena</i>	1958 Brown TB Gelding

Individual

Competition

Neal Shapiro	Sloopy		
Kathy Kusner	Fleet Apple		
Frank Chapot	White Lightning	S: <i>Grey Tower</i> D: <i>Little Delight</i>	1959 Grey TB Mare
	<i>Registered name: Secret Destiny</i>		
William Steinkraus	Main Spring		

The Results

Team		Individual	
Gold	Federal Republic of Germany	Gold	Graziano Mancinelli/Ambassador/Italy
Silver	USA	Silver	Ann Moore/Psalm/Great Britain
Bronze	Italy	Bronze	Neal Shapiro/Sloopy/USA

Course Designer: Hans-Heinrich Brinckmann

"Hans-Heinrich Brinckmann had built superb courses. The individual competition was held over two rounds. 1st round: 760 m - 14 obstacles / 17 jumping efforts; 2nd round: 660 m - 10 obstacles / 13 jumping efforts. In the first round the water was 5 meters wide. There were five oxers: four 2m wide and one 2.10m wide. The fact that there were 33 faults at the water and 20 at the oxers came as no surprise.

In the first round, there were three clears and eight riders had one knock-down. Of the clears Graziano Mancinelli and Ann Moore had 8 in the second round and were forced into a jump-off, together with Neal Shapiro who had 4 + 4. Here Mancinelli and the eight year-old grey Irish-bred Ambassador went clear again. Ann Moore on Psalm had 3 points for silver and Shapiro with Sloopy, with two knock-downs, gained bronze."
(Source:FEI)



The History:

"The 20th Olympic Games were allocated to Munich, Germany. Everybody expected great Games celebrating peace and ones at which organizational and technical perfection would be reached. For the first ten days, all did indeed go well. But on 5 September 1972, peace was shattered as eight Palestinian terrorists representing the militant group "Black September" broke into the Olympic Village, killed two members of the Israeli team and took nine more hostages - all this only 16km from Dachau... In an ensuing battle, all nine Israeli hostages were killed, as were five of the terrorists and one policeman. The Olympics were suspended and a memorial service was held in the main stadium. In defiance of the terrorists, the IOC ordered the competitions to resume after a pause of 34 hours, the IOC President Avery Brundage famously declaring, "The Games must go on!"

"Because of an outbreak of Venezuelan equine encephalitis (VEE), a deadly disease which can affect all equine species as well as humans, the Mexican riders were not allowed to take horses out of their country. In agreement with the IOC and the FEI, the Mexican Jumping and Eventing riders were allowed to lease horses in Germany. It was a difficult experience since all four Mexicans were eliminated."

(Source:FEI)

1976 Olympic Games

Montreal, Canada

US Team

Rider	Horse	Breeding	Description
Team Competition			
Frank Chapot	Viscount <i>Registered name: Vicomte Aubinier</i>	<i>S: Montigny</i> <i>D: Fregate</i>	1965 Chestnut Anglo Arab Gelding
Dennis Murphy	Do Right <i>Original name: Roguish Eye</i>	<i>S: Golden Land</i> <i>D: Eye Lindy</i>	1965 Bay TB Gelding
Buddy Brown	A Little Bit <i>Registered name: Grey Crossing</i>	<i>S: Grey Eagle</i> <i>D: Sandy Atlas</i>	1968 Grey TB Gelding

Individual Competition

Buddy Brown	Sandsablaze	<i>S: Blazing Count</i> <i>D: Sandy Atlas</i>	1967 Chestnut TB Gelding
Robert Ridland	South Side	<i>S: Nastevaro</i> <i>D: Boston Brownie</i>	1967 Chestnut TB Gelding
Michael Matz	Grande		1964 Hanoverian
Frank Chapot	Viscount		

The Results

Team		Individual	
Gold	France	Gold	Alwin Schockemohle/Warwick Rex/Federal Republic of Germany
Silver	Federal Republic of Germany	Silver	Michael Vaillancourt/Branch County/Canada
Bronze	Belgium	Bronze	Francois Mathy/Gai Luron/Belgium
4 th	USA		

Course Designer: Tom Gayford

“Course designer for Jumping was Tom Gayford of the 1968 Canadian gold medal team, assisted by Robert Jolicoeur. The courses measured 950 m (A), 660 m (B) and 470 (jump-off). The speed was 400 m / min. There were 15 obstacles resulting in 18 jumps. The water jump was 5 meters wide. The biggest oxer in round A measured 1.55 m / 1.60 m – 2.20 m, the verticals went up to 1.60m. In round B the oxers were higher but slightly less wide – the highest vertical was 1.70m.



For the first time in FEI's Olympic history there was a **disqualification due a positive medication case**: San Carlos, the mount of the Irish Army Eventing rider Ronald McMahon. The medical treatment after an injury during transport had been announced to the authorities. But the rules suffered no exceptions. Automatic disqualification followed although there was no additional punishment.” (Source: FEI)

The History:

“The severe veterinary regulations, especially concerning Piroplasmosis, had a certain influence on participation: Poland and Chile could not send horses at all; France and Italy had to keep some at home.” (Source: FEI)

Buddy Brown won the AHSA Medal Finals on Sandsablaze. A year later he was competing Sandsablaze in Grand Prix and then on to the Olympic Games.

1980 Alternate Olympic Games Rotterdam, Netherlands

US Team

Rider	Horse	Breeding	Description
Team Competition			
Melanie Smith	Calypso	<i>S: Lucky Boy</i>	1973 Bay Dutch
		<i>D: Gamieka</i>	Gelding
Terry Rudd	Semi Tough	<i>S: Entrepreneur</i>	1971 TB Mare
		<i>D: Wah-ta-Noor</i>	
Normal Dello Joio	Allegro		
Individual Competition			
Katie Monahan	Silver Exchange	<i>S: High Echelon</i>	1972 Grey TB
		<i>D: Fleet Sybil</i>	Gelding
Normal Dello Joio	Allegro		
Terry Rudd	Semi Tough		
Melanie Smith	Calypso		

The Results

Team		Individual	
Gold	Canada	Gold	Hugo Simon/Gladstone/Austria
Silver	Great Britain	Silver	John Whitaker/Ryan's Son/Great Britain
Bronze	Austria	Bronze	Melanie Smith/Calypso/United States
5 th	USA		

The History:

"The 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow represented the lowest point in the history of the Olympic equestrian events as a U.S. led boycott reduced the number of participating nations to 80, the lowest number since 1956. Some governments, like those of Great Britain and Australia, supported the boycott but allowed the athletes to decide for themselves whether to go to Moscow. In Switzerland, for example, the most traditional sports, such as equestrian, shooting and gymnastics, stayed away, but cyclists and judokas went to Moscow (and won two rare gold medals)

No such freedom of choice was allowed to the U.S. athletes, as Carter threatened to revoke the passport of any athlete who tried to travel to the USSR. Similarly for Germany, Japan, and some 40 other countries sent no athletes at all. In the end, 65 nations turned down their invitations to the Olympics; probably 45 to 50 did so because of the U.S.-led boycott." (Source: FEI)

1984 Olympic Games Los Angeles, California

US Team

Rider	Horse	Breeding	Description
Team Competition			
Joe Fargis	Touch of Class	<i>S: Yankee Lad</i> <i>D: Kluwall</i>	1973 Bay TB Mare
Conrad Homfeld	Abdullah	<i>S: Donauwind</i> <i>D: Abiza</i>	1970 Grey Trakehner Stallion
Melanie Smith	Calypso	<i>S: Lucky Boy</i> <i>D: Gamieka</i>	1973 Bay Dutch Gelding

Individual Competition

Joe Fargis	Touch of Class
Leslie Burr	Albany
Conrad Homfeld	Abdullah
Melanie Smith	Calypso

The Results

Team		Individual	
Gold	USA	Gold	Joe Fargis/Touch of Class/USA
Silver	Great Britain	Silver	Conrad Homfeld/Abdullah/USA
Bronze	Federal Republic of Germany	Bronze	Heidi Robbiani/Jessica V/Switzerland

Course Designer: Bertalan de Némethy

The History:

“Bertalan de Nemethy was the coach of the USET'S show jumping squad from 1955 to 1980. His teams won the Silver Medal at the 1960 Rome Olympics, as well as the 1972 Munich Olympics. Under de Nemethy the teams were Pan American Games Gold Medalists in 1959, 1963, 1975, and 1979. Individual Pan American Gold Medals were won by Mary Mairs Chapot in 1963, and Michael Matz in 1979.

In all, de Nemethy-coached teams competed in 144 Nations' Cups, winning



71 and placing second in 36. His individual riders won 72 international grand prix and over 400 international classes around the world. The most notable of the individual victories was Bill Steinkraus' Gold Medal at the Mexico City Olympic Games and Neal Shapiro's Individual Bronze Medal at the Munich Olympics. His Teams won the FEI President's Trophy in 1966 and 1968.

A former Hungarian cavalry officer and riding instructor at the Royal Hungarian Cavalry School, de Nemethy came to the U.S. in 1952. He is credited with originating a strict training regimen for American riders which emphasized dressage and gymnastics.

Once he retired from the USET, de Nemethy became a noted course designer.”

(Source: Equestrian Coach.com)

The Controversy:

“In response to the boycott by the West of the 1980 Moscow Olympics, a boycott led by the Soviet Union marked the 1984 Olympics but did not have a hugely detrimental effect. A record 140 nations took part and for equestrian, the only interesting Eastern European team at the time, the dressage riders from Slovenia (then Yugoslavia) ignored the Communist boycott and appeared in Los Angeles.

Joe Fargis (USA) and Touch of Class were the first to achieve a double clear in the Olympic team competition.

1988 Olympic Games

Seoul, South Korea

US Team

Rider	Horse	Breeding	Description
Greg Best	Gem Twist	<i>S: Good Twist</i> <i>D: Coldly Noble</i>	1979 Grey TB Gelding
Anne Kursinski	Starman <i>Registered name: Calypso</i>	<i>S: Carrera</i> <i>D: Alfe</i>	1979 Bay Westphalian Stallion
Joe Fargis	Mill Pearl	<i>S: King of Diamonds</i> <i>D: Carrun</i>	1979 Chestnut Irish Sport Horse Mare
Lisa Jacquin	For the Moment <i>Registered name: Hitch 'n Celebrate</i>	<i>S: Celebration</i> <i>D: Hitch 'n Love</i>	1974 Bay TB Gelding



The Results

Team	Individual
Gold Federal Republic of Germany	Gold Pierre Durand/Jappaloup/France
Silver USA	Silver Greg Best/Gem Twist/USA
Bronze France	Bronze Karsten Huck/Nepomuk B/Federal Republic of Germany

Course Designer: Olaf Petersen

“Olaf Petersen is an acclaimed course designer from Germany, his credentials are unmatched by any other making him one of the most famous course designers in the world. He has designed the courses or been a technical delegate at more Olympic, Pan-Am, Asian and World Equestrian Games, as well as World Cup Finals, European Championships, and Nations Cups than any other course designer in show jumping history. He was the Chairman of the both the FEI Jumping Committee and the FEI World Cup Working Group from 1997-2005. During the same years he was also a member of the FEI Nations Cup Committee and the FEI Bureau.

Petersen served as the course designer for the Seoul Olympics in 1988 and the Athens Olympics in 2004. Until 2008 when Leopoldo Palacios co-designed the course in Beijing, Olaf was the only person to have designed the course for two Olympic Games. Olaf was a technical delegate at the 2008 Beijing and 1996 Atlanta Olympics and was on the appeal

committee for the 2000 Sydney Olympics. He designed the courses at the World Cup Finals in: 1985 Berlin, 1990 Dortmund, 1995 & 1999 & 2001 Gothenburg and was the technical delegate 3 times at various venues. He designed the course at the 1990 Stockholm World Equestrian Games and acted as technical delegate and/or FEI representative at The Hague 1994, Rome 1998 and Jerez 2002. He designed the courses for 7 European Championships and was the technical delegate for 2. He designed the courses at over 26 World Cup shows and 21 Nations Cups in the US, UK, Canada, Mexico, Germany, Belgium, Italy, Portugal, Denmark, Holland Egypt, UAE, Argentina and Brazil to name a few." (Source: Equestrian Coach.com)

The History:

"The equestrian facilities, the Seoul Equestrian Park at Kwachon, began to take form as early as 1983 and were completed in April 1988. It comprised both a racetrack and equestrian facilities. There were stables for 970 horses and parking for 3,500 cars. It was huge investment for a country with practically no equestrian tradition. In fact a census a few years before had shown that Korea – a country of 41 million people – had only 1,058 horses, of which 500 were racing ponies."

1992 Olympic Games

Barcelona, Spain

US Team

Rider	Horse	Breeding	Description
Norman Dello Joio	Irish <i>Registered name: Another Guy</i>	<i>S: Regular Guy</i> <i>D: Loughoe Star</i>	1981 Chestnut TB Gelding
Lisa Jacquin	For the Moment <i>Registered name: Hitch 'n Celebrate</i>	<i>S: Celebration</i> <i>D: Hitch 'n Love</i>	1974 Bay TB Gelding
Anne Kursinski	Cannonball	<i>S: Calvados II</i> <i>D: Oktavia</i>	1983 Chestnut Holsteiner Gelding
Michael Matz	Heisman <i>Registered name: Friesengeist</i>	<i>S: Furioso II</i> <i>D: Wilna</i>	1978 Bay Oldenburg Stallion



The Results

Team	Individual
Gold Netherlands	Gold Ludger Beerbaum/Classic Touch/Germany
Silver Austria	Silver Piet Raymakers/Ratina Z/Netherlands
Bronze France	Bronze Norman Dello Joio/Irish/USA
5 th USA	

Course Designer: Nicholas Alvarez de Bohorques

The Controversy:

"The Jumping competitions had their drama; Classic Touch's broken hackamore in the team competition; while for the individual final, the elimination of Egano, the shocking second round of Milton and the disappointing performance of Quito de Baussy were all out of character. But more disturbing and hotly discussed were the obstacles, the courses and the qualifying system for the individual final.

After the elaborate, beautifully built and decorated obstacles of Seoul 1988, the Spanish decided on something different and the two architects charged with designing the 25 obstacles decided to use minimal figural and colour elements so as to better and more objectively define the difficulty of the obstacles. Needless to say, this new vision did not find many partisans." (Source: FEI)

1996 Olympic Games

Atlanta, Georgia

US Team

Rider	Horse	Breeding	Description
Peter Leone	Legato	<i>S: Jasper</i> <i>D: Zolonka</i>	1986 Bay KWPN Gelding
Leslie Burr Howard	Extreme <i>Registered name:</i> <i>"Felleva"</i>	<i>S: Wolfgang</i> <i>D: Belleva</i>	1987 Chestnut KWPN Mare
Anne Kursinski	Eros	<i>S: Family Ties</i> <i>D: Tudor</i> <i>Success</i>	1987 Chestnut TB Gelding
Michael Matz	Rhum IV	<i>S: Lys de la</i> <i>Fosse</i> <i>D: Khristina</i>	1983 Bay Selle Francais Gelding



The Results

Team		Individual	
Gold	Germany	Gold	Ulrich Kirchoff/Jus de Pomme/Germany
Silver	USA	Silver	Willi Melliger/Calvaro/Switzerland
Bronze	Brazil	Bronze	Alexandra Ledermann/Rochet M/France

Course Designer: Linda Allen (the first woman to provide the Jumping courses at an Olympic Games)

The History:

"The Atlanta Olympics were marred by the Centennial Olympic Park bombing on July 27. Security Guard Richard Jewell discovered the pipe bomb and immediately notified law enforcement and helped evacuate as many people as possible from the area before it exploded. Although Jewell's quick actions are credited for saving many lives, the bombing killed spectator Alice Hawthorne, wounded 111 others, and caused the death of Melih Uzunyol by heart attack. Eric Robert Rudolph was charged with and confessed to this bombing as well as several others. He is now in a federal prison in Colorado serving a sentence of life imprisonment."

(Source: Wikipedia)

World Cup Finals: Las Vegas, Nevada

April 19-23, 2000

The Results

Rider	Horse	Country
1. Rodrigo Pessoa	Baloubet du Rouet	BRA
2. Markus Fuchs	Tinkas Boy	SUI
3. Beat Mandli	Positano	SUI
4. Ludger Beerbaum	Goldfever	GER
6. Todd Minikus	Oh Star (Hanoverian)	USA
	<i>S: Laudanum</i>	
	<i>D: Raina Z</i>	
	<i>Registered name: Olympic Star</i>	
8. Schuyler Riley	Ilian (KWPN)	USA
	<i>S: Zuidhorn</i>	
	<i>D: Amara</i>	
11. Margie Engle	Hidden Creek's Perin (Westphalian)	USA
	<i>S: Pargeno</i>	
	<i>D: Garbe</i>	
16. Leslie Burr Howard	Clover Leaf (Irish)	USA
	<i>S: Clover Hill</i>	
	<i>D: Feigh Lass</i>	
17. Hap Hansen	Maloubet (Belgian WB)	USA
	<i>S: Skippy II</i>	
	<i>D: Corba</i>	
22. Megan Johnstone	Marco (Unknown)	USA
	<i>S: Maracaibo</i>	
	<i>D: Kita</i>	
23. Richard Spooner	Robinson (Hanoverian)	USA
	<i>S: Raphael</i>	
	<i>D: Garina</i>	
25. Jimmy Torano	Lancier 4 (Holsteiner)	USA
	<i>S: Landjunker II</i>	
	<i>D: Violetta I</i>	
26. Alison Firestone	Arnica de la Barre (Selle Francaise)	USA
	<i>S: Jalisco B</i>	
	<i>D: Ondine du Vicomte</i>	
	Royal Future	
	<i>S: Calvados</i>	
	<i>D: Berlaine</i>	

35. Misti Cassar	Aktiv (Unknown) <i>S: Vypras</i> <i>D: Aktrissa</i>	USA
38. Dick Carvin	Sam Malone (Holsteiner) <i>S. Ahorn Z</i> <i>D: Unknown</i>	USA

Course Designer: Conrad Homfeld

“Conrad Homfeld is considered one of America’s all-time best riders. He had a textbook style of riding and achieved incredible success both nationally and internationally, highlighted by his double medal performances at both the 1984 Olympics and 1986 World Championships.

In 1978 Homfeld on *Balbuco* helped USA win the bronze medal at the World Championships in Aachen. In 1980 he won the FEI World Cup Final in Baltimore.

On the remarkable grey stallion *Abdullah* he won team gold and individual silver medals in the Olympic Games in Los Angeles 1984. Next year Homfeld again won the World Cup Final, this time in Berlin 1985, making him the first rider to win the Final twice.

In 1986 Homfeld and *Abdullah* were part of the US gold medal winning team at the 1986 World Championships in Aachen, and he also took the individual silver medal.

Today Conrad Homfeld is an acclaimed course designer. He designed the courses at World Championships in Kentucky with great success. Recently he was the course designer at the Brussels and Paris CSI5* events.” (Source: Show jumping nostalgia.com)

2000 Olympic Games Sydney, Australia

US Team

Rider	Horse	Breeding	Description
Laura Kraut	Liberty	<i>S: Libero H</i> <i>D: Bianca</i>	1991 Bay KWPN Mare
Lauren Hough	Clasiko	<i>S: Calando IV</i> <i>Bola</i>	1991 Dark Bay Holsteiner Gelding
Nona Garson	Rhythmical	<i>S: Reis</i> <i>D: Tsudodeika</i>	1985 Chestnut Russian Gelding
Margie Engle	Hidden Creek's Perin	<i>S: Pageno</i> <i>D: Garbe</i>	1990 Dark Bay Westphalian Gelding



The Results

Team		Individual	
Gold	Germany	Gold	Jeroen Dubbeldam/Sijiem/Netherlands
Silver	Switzerland	Silver	Albert Voorn/Lando/Netherlands
Bronze	Brazil	Bronze	Al Eid/Khashm Al An/Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
6 th	USA		

Course Designer: Leopoldo Palacios

“Leopoldo Palacios, of Venezuela is a one of the most highly respected and sought after course designers in the world. He is known for his innovative and technically challenging but humane approach to course design. An FEI ‘O’ course designer Leopoldo has designed courses at the biggest and best venues the world over including the Olympics, WEF, the World Cup finals and the Spruce Meadows Masters. When he designed the courses at the 2000 Sydney Olympics and co-course designed the 2008 Olympic Games with Steve Stephens he became the second person in history to have had the distinction of designing the course at two Olympic Games. Leopoldo has also officiated at competitions in more than 35 countries including: Canada, the United States, Mexico, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Peru, Chile, Argentina, Ireland, Germany, Sweden, Belgium, Australia, New Zealand and Saudi Arabia to name but a few. Leopoldo was also the course designer at the 1997 World Cup Final in Gothenburg, Sweden, the 1991 and 1995 Pan American Games in Buenos Aires and Havana respectively. From the years 2005-2007 he acted as the Technical Delegate for the Beijing Olympics as well as for the 2003 Pan Am games in Santo Domingo, the 2004 Athens Olympic Games, the 2005 World Cup Final in Las Vegas and the 2007 Pan-Am games in Rio de Janeiro.

A former competitor himself, Leopoldo competed nationally and internationally from 1956 until the 1980's. In 1971 and 72, he was named Venezuela's 'Rider of the Year'. In 1976, he began working as a course designer and, in 1993, earned his Official International Course Designer status from the FEI, the highest level of achievement. Leopoldo was formerly the 2nd Vice President of the Fédération Equestre Internationale (The International Equestrian Federation). He is the co-founder of the Aachen School of Course Design, and is currently an ambassador for Just World International. Leopoldo can easily be recognized at any horse show by his signature crumpled, faded yellow hat."
(Source: Equestrian Coach.com)

The Controversy:

"McLain Ward of Brewster, N.Y., the 1998 American Grand Prix Association rider of the year and the winner of five major events this season, entered a plea agreement yesterday that was accepted by the American Horse Shows Association and will allow him to try for a spot on the United States equestrian team at the Sydney Olympic Games next year.

Ward, 23, was suspended for eight months and fined \$4,500 by the Federation Equestrian International, the sport's worldwide governing body, on a charge of abuse of an animal when his horse, Beneton, was discovered by stewards to have two plastic chips in a protective boot at the Aachen Horse Show in Germany in June. The suspension began Sept. 20 and will be enforced until May 19 unless reduced on appeal by the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Switzerland.

In addition, Ward also entered a plea agreement to a charge that a horse he trained at the American Gold Cup equestrian festival at Devon, Pa. in September had received a prohibited substance. Ward, who has maintained his innocence on both charges, was suspended an additional month, to be served at the conclusion of his eight-month international ban, and fined an additional \$3,000.

By entering plea agreements on both charges, Ward avoided a hearing, which was scheduled for Monday at the association's New York offices".

(Source: NY Times, December 19, 1999)

World Cup Finals: Goteborg, Sweden

April 12-16, 2001

The Results

Rider	Horse	Country
1. Markus Fuchs	Tinka's Boy	SUI
2. Rodrigo Pessoa	Baloubet du Rouet	BRA
3. Michael Whitaker	Handel II	UK
4. Willi Melliger	Calvaro V	SUI
5. Candice King	John Em (Dutch WB)	USA
	<i>S: Jasper</i>	
	<i>D: Zeggy</i>	
6. Leslie Howard	Priobert de Kalvarie (Belgian Warmblood)	USA
	<i>S: Kimball</i>	
	<i>D: Dorothee de Kalvarie</i>	
6. Peter Wylde	Fein Cera (Holsteiner)	USA
	<i>S: Landadel</i>	
	<i>D: Cera 001</i>	
8. Molly Ashe	Kroon Gravin (KWPN)	USA
	<i>S: Grandville</i>	
	<i>D: Dalgravin</i>	
9. Lauren Hough	Windy City (Holsteiner)	USA
	<i>S: Gaspari</i>	
	<i>D: Vorr</i>	
9. Nicole Shahinian-Simpson	El Campeon's Cirka Z (Selle Francais)	USA
	<i>S: Quidam de Revel</i>	
	<i>D: Phedra Rateliere</i>	
17. Margie Engle	Hidden Creek's Perin USA (Westphalian)	USA
	<i>S: Pargeno</i>	
	<i>D: Garbe</i>	
17. Ray Texel	Fleur Z (Holsteiner)	USA
	<i>S: Romino</i>	
	<i>D: Suehne</i>	

Course Designer: Olaf Petersen

World Cup Finals: Leipzig, Germany

May 1-5, 2002

The Results

Rider	Horse	Country
1. Otto Becker	Dobel's Cento	GER
2. Ludger Beerbaum	Gladdys S	GER
3. Rodrigo Pessoa	Baloubet du Rouet	BRA
4. McLain Ward	Viktor (KWPN)	USA
	<i>S: Concorde</i>	
	<i>D: Gostella</i>	
4. Leslie Burr Howard	Priobert de Kalvarie (Belgian Warmblood)	USA
	<i>S: Kimball</i>	
	<i>D: Dorothee de Kalvarie</i>	
13. Ray Texel	Fleur Z (Holsteiner)	USA
	<i>S: Romino</i>	
	<i>D: Suehne</i>	
14. Lauren Hough	Windy City (Holsteiner)	USA
	<i>S: Gaspari I</i>	
	<i>D: Vorr</i>	
17. Laura Kraut	Anthem (Royal Dutch WB)	USA
	<i>S: Concorde</i>	
	<i>D: Esmiralda</i>	
21. Margie Engle	Hidden Creek's Perin (Westphalian)	USA
	<i>S: Pargeno</i>	
	<i>D: Garbe</i>	
26. Will Simpson	Ado Annie (Dutch/French cross)	USA
	<i>S: Aristos B</i>	
	<i>D: Camille</i>	

Course Designer: Frank Rotehnberger

The Controversy:

"Frank Rothenberger's courses in both rounds of the final were enormous and tricky as indicated by the number of faults, but were widely praised by the riders and the coaches. However, Rothenberger's reputation suffered a blow earlier this week when the German media broke a story that the German riders may have seen the courses in advance. Apparently, some of the riders had schooled at Rothenberger's place the previous week, a not unusual occurrence. In order to avoid any possibility of unfair competition, whether the rumor was true or not, World Cup Director Max Ammann requested the night before the competition that Rothenberger completely redesign the courses."(Source: [EquiSearch](#))

World Equestrian Games: Jerez de la Frontera, Spain

September 18-21, 2002

US Team

Rider	Horse	Breeding	Description
Peter Wylde	Fein Cera	<i>S: Landadel D: Cera 001</i>	1991 Dark Bay Holsteiner Mare
Nicole Simpson	El Campeon's Cirka Z	<i>S: Quidam de Revel D: Phedra Rateliere</i>	1980 Bay Selle Francais Stallion
Beezie Madden	Judgement	<i>S: Consul D: Faletta</i>	1991 Dark Brown Royal Dutch WB Stallion
Leslie Howard	Priobert de Kalvarie	<i>S: Kimball D: Dorothee de gelding Kalvarie</i>	1992 bay Belgian Warmblood

The Results

Team		Individual	
Gold	France	Gold	Dermott Lennon/Liscalgot/Ireland
Silver	Sweden	Silver	Eric Navet/Dollar du Murier/France
Bronze	Belgium	Bronze	Peter Wylde/Fein Cera/USA
6 th	USA		

Course Designer: Avelino Rodriguez Miravalles

"Avelino Rodriguez Miravalles was the Course Designer for Show Jumping in the World Equestrian Games at Jerez 2002. Thirty years ago he began working in this field in Spain. Since 1986 he is working internationally and has built courses in the Netherlands, Italy and Portugal as well in the USA (Tampa and Palm Beach/Florida). In 1999 he became an Official Course Designer International.

When he is not building courses he is out judging, also up to international level. Furthermore he has been a Technical Delegate for FEI at four European Championships."

(Source: <http://www.equestrianconnection.com>)

The History:

“When the fourth World Equestrian Games were staged in Jerez de la Frontera, Spain in 2002, the future of the fixture was hanging in the balance; a natural response to a rather chequered history. Another disaster would definitely put an end to the event; the outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease in Europe in 2001 did nothing to boost confidence in its survival. However this time, the equestrian community breathed a sigh of relief, when sufficient financial backing and thorough organization led to a very successful edition of the World Equestrian Games. Indeed, Jerez 2002 kicked off in style and was afterwards hailed a great success. A success which proved that, when well organized; they are truly the crown of the FEI Championships.”



(Source: FEI)

World Cup Finals: Las Vegas, Nevada

April 16-20, 2003

The Results

Rider	Horse	Country
1. Marcus Ehning	Anka 191	GER
2. Rodrigo Pessoa	Baloubet du Rouet	BRA
3. Malin Baryard	H&M Butterfly Flip	Sweden
4. Lars Nieberg	Fighting Alpha	GER
5. Laura Kraut	Anthem (Royal Dutch WB)	USA
	<i>S: Concorde</i>	
	<i>D: Esmiralda</i>	
11. Norman Dello Joio	Glasgow (Royal Dutch WB)	USA
	<i>S: Emilion</i>	
	<i>D: Dorinda</i>	
12. Peter Wylde	Fein Cera (Holsteiner)	USA
	<i>S: Landadel</i>	
	<i>D: Cera 001</i>	
15. Candice King	Caliskan (Holsteiner)	USA
	<i>S: Caletto I</i>	
	<i>D: M-Lareen</i>	
16. Margie Engle	Hidden Creek's Jones (Royal Dutch WB)	USA
	<i>S: Obrecht</i>	
	<i>D: Dionne</i>	
	<i>Registered name: Jimmy Lee</i>	
	Hidden Creek's Perin (Westphalian)	
	<i>S: Pargeno</i>	
	<i>D: Garbe</i>	
17. Richard Spooner	Robinson (Hanoverian)	USA
	<i>S: Raphael</i>	
	<i>D: Garina</i>	
	Bradford (Grey TB Gelding)	
	<i>S: Aly Dark</i>	
	<i>D: Virablee</i>	

Course Designer: Conrad Homfeld

Pan Am Games: Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

August 1-17, 2003

US Team

Rider	Horse	Breeding	Description
Lauren Hough	Windy City	<i>S: Gaspari I</i> <i>D: Vorr</i>	1992 Chestnut Holsteiner Gelding
Beezie Madden	Conquest II	<i>S: Concorde</i> <i>D: Fernod</i>	1991 Liver Chestnut KWPN Stallion
Chris Kappler	Royal Kaliber	<i>S: Ramiro</i> <i>D: Fiedonja</i>	1992 Brown KWPN Stallion
Margie Engle	Hidden Creek's Perin	<i>S: Pagano</i> <i>D: Garbe</i>	1990 Dark Bay Westphalian Gelding

The Results

Team		Individual	
Gold	USA	Gold	Mark Watring/Sapphire/Puerto Rico
Silver	Mexico	Silver	Chris Kappler/Royal Kaliber/USA
Bronze	Brazil	Bronze	Margie Engle/Hidden Creek's Perin/USA

Course Designer: Leopoldo Palacios

World Cup Finals: Milan, Italy

April 21-26, 2004

The Results

Rider	Horse	Country
1. Bruno Broucqsault	Dileme de Cephe	France
2. Meredith Michaels-Beerbaum	Shutterfly	Germany
3. Markus Fuchs	Tinka's Boy	Switzerland
4. Eugenie Angot	Cigale du Taillis	France
12. Richard Spooner	Hilton Flight (Irish) <i>S: Errigal Flight</i> <i>D: Occasion VII</i>	USA
21. Nicole Shahinian-Simpson	El Campeon's So Long (Hanoverian) <i>S: Sandro</i> <i>D: Domossa</i> <i>Registered name: So Long</i>	USA
23. Laura Kraut	Anthem (Royal Dutch WB) <i>S: Concorde</i> <i>D: Esmiralda</i>	USA

Course Designer: Uliano Vezzani, Italy

Uliano Vezzani is well known for building big technical tracks. He has designed courses for several World Cups and the Global Champions Tour.

2004 Olympic Games Athens, Greece

US Team

Rider	Horse	Breeding	Description
Peter Wylde	Fein Cera	<i>S: Landadel D: Cera 001</i>	1991 Dark Bay Holsteiner Mare
McLain Ward	Sapphire	<i>S: Darco D: Idjaz C</i>	1995 Chestnut Belgian Warmblood Mare
Beezie Madden	Authentic	<i>S: Guidam D: Gerlinda</i>	1995 Bay Royal Dutch WB Gelding
Chris Kappler	Royal Kaliber	<i>S: Ramiro D: Fiedonja</i>	1992 Brown Dutch WB Stallion

The Results

Team		Individual	
Gold	USA	Gold	Rodrigo Pessoa/Baloubet du Rouet/Brazil
Silver	Sweden	Silver	Chris Kappler/Royal Kaliber/USA
Bronze	Germany	Bronze	Marco Kutscher/Montender 2/Germany

Course Designer: Olaf Petersen

The Controversy:

“The show jumping competition had two separate redistributions of medals. The first occurred after Waterford Crystal, the mount of Ireland’s Cian O’Connor tested positive for Zuclopenthixol (clonixol), Fluphenazine, Guanabenz and Reserpine. The FEI officially disqualified O’Connor on June 10, 2005, a decision that also led to the disqualification of the entire Irish show jumping team. After this announcement, Rodrigo Pessoa of Brazil moved up to win individual gold, America’s Chris Kappler was awarded individual silver, and German rider Marco Kutscher was given bronze. The team medals, however, were not affected by this incident.

The second incident also involved a positive drug test, this time for the German horse Goldfever, who was ridden by Ludger Beerbaum. Most believe Beerbaum’s explanation that the illegal substance betamethasone was in an ointment used to treat a skin irritation on the horse, and the FEI Judicial Committee accepted that the substance was indeed for a medical condition and did not enhance the horse’s performance. However, even though Beerbaum did not purposefully try to enhance his horse’s performance, Goldfever did have a prohibited substance in his system, and was therefore disqualified. Beerbaum waived his right to appeal the decision.



Germany's team gold medal was then given to the Americans, and the silver to the Swedish show jumping team. The Germans, however, were still able to take the bronze medal, even without Goldfever's results." (Source: Wikipedia)

"A major issue in Athens was the footing, with several horses finishing their careers because of injuries sustained there; among them were Dilème de Cèphe and Royal Kaliber. The FEI was forced to create an inquiry committee. It had two basic findings:

- The footing was acceptable but was short of the standard required at Olympic Games
- The horses' equipment; heavy and tall boots behind and too many studs in front shoes, contributed to the accidents." (Source: FEI)

World Cup Finals: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

April 26-30, 2006

The Results

Rider	Horse	Country
1. Marcis Ehning	Sandro Boy	GER
2. Beat Mandli	Ideo du Thot	SUI
3. Meredith Michaels Beerbaum	Checkmate	GER
4. Jessica Kuerten	Checkmate	GER
6. Margie Engle	Hidden Creek's Quervo Gold (Belgian WB)	USA
	<i>S: Jus de Pomme</i>	
	<i>D: Nura</i>	
15. Alison Firestone	Secret Love (Belgian WB)	USA
	<i>S: Burggraaf</i>	
	<i>D: Oase Van de Heffinck</i>	
18. Beezie Madden	Judgement (Royal Dutch WB)	USA
	<i>S: Consul</i>	
	<i>D: Faletta</i>	
19. Richard Spooner	Camaron Hills Shanroe (Irish Sport Horse)	USA
	<i>S: Cavalier Royale</i>	
	<i>D: Ard Fire Cat</i>	
21. Kent Farrington	Madison (Royal Dutch WB)	USA
	<i>S: Damiro</i>	
	<i>D: Kayrona</i>	
	Registered name: Ortega du Rona	
35. Joie Gatlin	Suncal's King (Holsteiner)	USA
	<i>S: Laval I</i>	
	<i>D: Zestermeunde</i>	
	Registered name: Petri	

Course Designer: Frank Rothenberger

World Cup Finals: Last Vegas, Nevada

World Equestrian Games: Aachen, Germany

September 3, 2006

US Team

Rider	Horse	Breeding	Description
Beezie Madden	Authentic	<i>S: Guidam</i> <i>D: Gerlinda</i>	1995 Bay Royal Dutch WB Gelding
McLain Ward	Sapphire	<i>S: Darco</i> <i>D: Idjaz C</i>	1995 Chestnut Belgian WB Mare
Laura Kraut	Miss Independent Registered name: Okretia	<i>S: Kingston</i> <i>D: Jakretia</i>	1996 Grey KWPN Mare
Margie Engle	Hidden Creek's Quervo Gold	<i>S: Jus de Pomme</i> <i>D: Nora</i>	1993 Chestnut Belgian WB Gelding

The Results

Team		Individual	
Gold	Netherlands	Gold	Jos Lansink/Cumano/Belgium
Silver	USA	Silver	Beezie Madden/Authentic/USA
Bronze	Germany	Bronze	Meredith Michaels- Beerbaum/Shutterfly/Germany

Course Designer: Frank Rothenberger

World Cup Finals: Las Vegas, Nevada

April 19-22, 2007

The Results

Rider	Horse	Country
1. Beat Mandli	Ideo du Thot	SUI
2. Daniel Deusser	Air Jordan Z	GER
3. Markus Beerbaum	Leena	GER
4. Steve Guerdate	Tresor	SUI
8. McLain Ward	Sapphire (Belgian WB) <i>S: Darco</i> <i>D: Idjaz C</i>	USA
16. Lauren Hough	Casadora (Royal Dutch WB) <i>S: Jus de Pomme</i>	USA

17. Margie Goldstein-Engle	<i>D: Nura</i> Hidden Creek's Quervo Gold (Belgian WB) <i>S: Jus de Pomme</i>	USA
18. Kate Levy	<i>D: Nura</i> Vent du Nord (Belgian WB) <i>S: Canadian River</i>	USA
19. Molly Ashe	<i>D: Quetricha</i> Kroon Gravin (KWPN) <i>S: Grandville</i>	USA
20. Mandy Porter	<i>D: Dalgravin</i> Summer (Belgian Mare) <i>S: Capital</i>	USA
21. Schuyler Riley	<i>D: Melissa</i> Ilian (KWPN) <i>S: Zuidhorn</i>	USA
23. Richard Spooner	<i>D: Amara</i> Cristallo (Holsteiner) <i>S: Caretino</i>	USA
24. C. Tribble McCrea	<i>D: Cambrina</i> Promised Land (Holsteiner) <i>S: N. Eingetragen</i>	USA
29. Jill Humphrey	<i>D: Vorr</i> <i>Registered name: Lemon Tree</i> Kaskaya (Holsteiner) <i>S: Lasino</i>	USA
36. Rich Fellers	<i>D: Candy</i> Gyro (Dutch WB) <i>S: Haarlem</i>	USA
39. Beezie Madden	<i>D: Unknown</i> Authentic (Royal Dutch WB) <i>S: Guidam</i> <i>D: Gerlinda</i>	USA

Course Designer: Guilherme Jorge

Pan Am Games: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

July 13-29, 2007

US Team

Rider	Horse	Breeding	Description
Lauren Hough	Casadora	<i>S: Indoctro</i> <i>D: Kadora</i>	1996 Chestnut Royal Dutch WB Mare
Cara Raether	Ublesco	<i>S: Darco</i> <i>D: Joblesse Van</i> <i>Het Lindehof</i>	1997 Bay Belgium WB Stallion
Laura Chapot	Little Big Man <i>Registered name:</i> <i>Mister T</i>	<i>S: Topas</i> <i>D: Hillkeny</i>	1994 Chestnut Royal Dutch WB Gelding
Todd Minikus	Pavarotti	<i>S: Lancelot</i> <i>D: Kiaralda</i>	1997 Chestnut Royal Dutch WB Gelding

The Results

Team		Individual	
Gold	Brazil	Gold	Jill Henselwood/Special Ed/Canada
Silver	Canada	Silver	Rodrigo Pessoa/HH Rufus/Brazil
Bronze	USA	Bronze	Eric Lamaze/Hickstead/Canada

The History:

The team results qualified Canada, Brazil, and Mexico to compete at the 2008 Olympic Games in show jumping.

World Cup Finals: Goteborg, Sweden

April 23-27, 2008

The Results

Rider	Horse	Country
1. Meredith Michaels Beerbaum	Shutterfly	GER
2. Rich Fellers	Flexible (ISH) <i>S: Crusing</i> <i>D: Flex</i>	USA
3. H. Engemann	Aboyeur	GER
4. Jessica Kurten	Castle Forbes Libertina	IRL
4. Beat Mandli	Ideo du Thot	SUI
7. Peter Wylde	Esplanade (Dutch WB) <i>S: Hamilcar</i> <i>D: Ziriegonda</i>	USA
13. Kent Farrington	Up Chiqui (Belgian WB) <i>S: Quidam de Revel</i> <i>D: Quendelien Vogelzang</i>	USA
14. Lauren Hough	Quick Study (French WB) <i>S: Quick Star</i> <i>D: Sirene de Planthro</i>	USA
17. Danielle Torano	Vancouver d' Auvray (KWPN) <i>S: Pacific</i> <i>D: Solena D.M.L.</i>	USA
18. Richard Spooner	Ace (Holsteiner) <i>S: Acrobat II</i> <i>D: Umina</i>	USA
19. Mandy Porter	Summer (Grey Belgian Mare) <i>S: Capital</i> <i>D: Melissa</i>	USA
21. Brianne Goutal	Onira (Royal Dutch WB) <i>S: Nimmerdor</i> <i>D: K. Ylona D</i>	USA
23. Todd Minikus	Olinda (Royal Dutch WB) <i>S: Voltaire</i> <i>D: Diana</i>	USA
24. Margie Engle	Hidden Creek's Quervo Gold (Belgian WB) <i>S: Jus de Pomme</i> <i>D: Nura</i>	USA

Course Designer: Rolf Ludi

2008 Olympic Games Beijing, China

US Team

Rider	Horse	Breeding	Description
Laura Kraut	Cedric	<i>S: Chambertin</i> <i>D: Cortina</i>	1998 Grey Holsteiner Gelding
Beezie Madden	Authentic	<i>S: Guidam</i> <i>D: Gerlinda</i>	1995 Bay Royal Dutch WB Gelding
Will Simpson	Carlsson Vom Dach	<i>S: Cassini I</i> <i>D: Gelsa</i>	1996 Brown Holsteiner Gelding
McLain Ward	Sapphire	<i>S: Darco</i> <i>D: Idjaz C</i>	1995 Chestnut Belgian WB Mare
Anne Kursinski	Champ 163 (Alt) Registered name: Universum's Champ	<i>S: Chamonix</i> <i>D: Kornblume</i>	1991 Bay Holsteiner Stallion

The Results

Team	Individual
Gold USA	Gold Eric Lamaze/Hickstead/Canada
Silver Canada	Silver Rolf-Goran Bengtsson/Ninja La Silla/Sweden
Bronze Switzerland	Bronze Beezie Madden/Authentic/USA

Course Designers: Steve Stephens and Leopoldo Palacios

"**Steve Stephens** has a vast experience as a rider, event organizer, Chef d'Equipe, technical delegate, and international course designer. From 1968 to 1986 he competed internationally at Grand Prix level; as an organizer, he is involved in the management of the Hampton Classic Horse Show since 1984, the American Invitational since 1986, and the Winter Equestrian Festival since 1989. From 1991 to 1994, he acted as the United States Equestrian Team Chef d'Equipe at major International events such as the Nations Cup Final in Lanaken (BEL) or the National Horse Show in New York. He was the Technical Delegate at four FEI World Cup Jumping Finals: Gothenburg (SWE) in 1984; Dortmund (GER) in 1990; Geneva (SUI) in 1996; and Leipzig (GER) in 2002.



Stephens is a pupil of such remarkable tutors as Bertalan de Nemethy and Dr. Arno Gego, and has been a figure in International Course Design since 1980. His work includes the CSIO Washington from 1981 to 1985, the jumping events at the 1987 Pan American Games in Indianapolis, Indiana (USA), the National Horse Show in New York, and the Royal Winter Fair in Tronto (CAN). He was the Course Designer of CSI-W Devon, Pennsylvania, for 14 years and CSI-

W Tampa, Florida for 20 years. He has done work at the similar level for CSIO Wellington (2002-2003), CSI 4* Wiesbaden (GER) and CSI 3* Valkenswaard (NED) in 2003, and the USEF National Championship in 2005.

He was assistant course designer to Bertalan de Nemethy at the 1980 World Cup Final in Baltimore, Maryland (USA), the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, and the 1989 World Cup Final in Tampa, Florida. In 1996 and 1998, he assisted Prof. Arno Gego at CHIO Aachen (GER) and in 2000 he worked with Leopoldo Palacios at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney.

Venezuela's Leopoldo Palacios is a figure well known to horse sport professionals and enthusiasts around the world. He has designed courses at International competitions in some 35 countries - Canada, USA, Mexico, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Peru, Chile, Argentina, Ireland, Germany, Sweden, Belgium, Australia, New Zealand and Saudi Arabia to name but a few - and the detailed list of his jobs reads like an atlas.

Leopoldo competed nationally and internationally from 1956 until the 80s. In 1971 and 72, he became Venezuela's rider of the year. As of 1976, he began working as a Course Designer, nationally to begin with followed by an extensive international career. In 1993, he became Official International Course Designer.

Leopoldo has designed 60-odd FEI World Cup Jumping qualifiers, the 1997 World Cup Final in Gothenburg (SWE), the 1991 and 1995 Pan American Games in Buenos Aires and Havana respectively and the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney. At the 2004 Athens Olympic Games, he acted as a Technical Delegate just as he did at 2005 FEI World Cup Jumping Final in Las Vegas."

(Source: <http://www.horsetalk.co.nz/archives/2007/03/082.shtml>)

The Controversy:

"Four horses involved in the Olympic show jumping have tested positive for the banned substance capsaicin. As a result, they were thrown out of Thursday's individual show jumping final in Beijing, eventually won by Canada's Eric Lamaze on Hickstead. Ireland's Denis Lynch, riding Lantinus, was among the riders barred. Norway's Tony Andre Hansen on Camiro, Brazil's Bernardo Alves on Chupa Chup and Germany's Christian Ahlmann on Coster were also ejected. Lynch, Hansen and Alves had all been scheduled to compete in Thursday's individual competition, but Ahlmann was not entered into the event.

Following news of Lantinus' positive drugs test, Horse Sport Ireland said that Lynch had admitted using a product called Equi-block, which contains capsaicin, on his horse. Capsaicin, derived from chilli peppers, can have hyper sensitizing effects or act as a pain relief that, in both cases, can improve the performance of the horse. It has always been an illegal substance but the technique to discover its use has only recently been developed.

The Irish official added that a urine sample from the horse had been submitted to a voluntary

screening testing on the horse's arrival in Hong Kong and the results of this test were negative. Lynch was competing as an individual because Ireland did not qualify for the team competition. He described himself

as shattered after being denied the opportunity to compete for an Olympic medal, adding "we have nothing to hide and have done nothing wrong".

If the horses' B sample tests confirm their A samples, their countries will be disqualified from the team show jumping, which took place on Monday. The announcement throws into doubt the medal order of that competition. Norway won a bronze medal, its first ever placing in an Olympics equestrian event, while the United States took gold and Canada silver.

Norway's bronze is now in jeopardy, with that medal potentially heading Switzerland's way. In its statement, the International Equestrian Federation (FEI) said the four horses had been "provisionally suspended by the FEI further to doping/medication control tests that indicated the present of capsaicin in each horse".

"Capsaicin is classified as a 'doping' prohibited substance given its hyper sensitizing properties, and as a 'medication class A' prohibited substance for its pain relieving properties." The development casts another shadow over the equestrian after positive drugs tests forced a medal re-allocation at the 2004 Athens Games."

(Source: BBC)

World Cup Finals: Las Vegas, Nevada

April 15-19, 2009

The Results

Rider	Horse	Country
1. Meredith Michaels Beerbaum	Shutterfly	GER
2. McLain Ward	Sapphire (Belgian WB)	USA
	<i>S: Darco</i>	
	<i>D: Idjaz C</i>	
3. Albert Zoer	Oki Doki	NED
4. Christina Liebherr	L.B. No Mercy	SUI
12. Beezie Madden	Danny Boy (Belgian WB)	USA
	<i>S: Clinton</i>	
	<i>D: Solitaire Van Het Costerveld</i>	
16. Richard Spooner	Ace (Holsteiner)	USA
	<i>S: Acrobat II</i>	
	<i>D: Umina</i>	
	Cristallo (Holsteiner)	
	<i>S: Caretino</i>	
	<i>D: Cambrina</i>	
17. Mandy Porter	San Diego (Unknown)	USA
18. Rich Fellers	Flexible (ISH)	USA
	<i>S: Cursing</i>	
	<i>D: Flex</i>	
19. Hillary Dobbs	Quincy B (Holsteiner)	USA
	<i>S: Quidam de Revel</i>	
	<i>D: Zera De</i>	
20. Christine McCrea	Vegas (KWPN)	USA
	<i>S: Voltaire</i>	
	<i>D: Dulisina</i>	
23. Todd Minikus	Pavarotti (Royal Dutch WB)	USA
	<i>S: Lancelot</i>	
	<i>D: Kiaralda</i>	
26. Ashlee Bond	Cadett 7 (Holsteiner)	USA
	<i>S: Cor de la Bryere</i>	
	<i>D: Ginella I</i>	

Course Designer: Anthony D'Ambrosio

"International course designer Anthony D'Ambrosio of Red Hook, NY was named the "2010 Course Designer of the Year" at the sixth annual United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA) Annual Meeting in San Antonio, TX, which ran from December 6-9, 2011.

Unfortunately, D'Ambrosio was not able to accept the award in person as his skills were required in Ecuador, where he was designing courses for the National Championships. This is not the first time that D'Ambrosio's has been honored by the organization. He was named the USHJA's "Course Designer of the Year" in 2008.

For the over a decade, D'Ambrosio has been an internationally recognized FEI sanctioned course designer and member of the USEF Jumper Committee. He has created tests for horse and rider in the FEI World Cup 2009 Finals, the International Ring at Spruce Meadows, the Young Riders Championships, and the Pan Am Trials. He has held the title of Technical Delegate for FTI Winter Equestrian Festival at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center since 2009."

(Source: USHJA)

World Cup Final: Geneva, Switzerland

April 14-19, 2010

The Results

Rider	Horse	Country
1. Marcus Ehning	Noltos Kuchengirl/Pilot Blue	GER
2. Ludger Beerbaum	Gotha	GER
3. Pius Schwizer	Ulysse/Carlina	SUI
4. Luciana Diniz	Winning Mood	POR
6. Mario Deslauriers	Urico (Dutch WB) <i>S: Zandor Z</i> <i>D: Omara</i>	USA
7. Richard Spponer	Cristallo (Holsteiner) <i>S: Caretino</i> <i>D: Cambrina</i>	USA
12. Rich Fellers	Flexible (ISH) <i>S: Cursing</i> <i>D: Flex</i>	USA
16. Lauren Hough	Quick Study (French WB) <i>S: Quick Star</i> <i>D: Sirene de Planthro</i>	USA
23. Michelle Spadone	Cadence (Swedish WB) <i>S: Car Dento</i> <i>D: Main Marco</i> Melisimo (Royal Dutch WB) <i>S: Libero H</i> <i>D: Hertogin</i>	USA
26. Todd Minikus	Pavarotti (Royal Dutch WB) <i>S: Lancelot</i> <i>D: Kiaralda</i>	USA
27. Ken Berkeley	Carlos Boy (Holsteiner) <i>S: Campesino</i> <i>D: Flieder II</i>	USA
31. McLain Ward	Sapphire (Belgian WB) <i>S: Darco</i> <i>D: Idjaz C</i>	USA
33. Joie Gatlin	Camaron Hills Quick Dollar <i>S: Don Juan de la Boverie</i> <i>D: Carnival Cavalier</i>	USA
36. Hillary Dobbs	Quincy B (Holsteiner) <i>S: Quidam de Revel</i> <i>D: Zera D</i>	USA

Course Designer: Frank Rothenberger

The Controversy:

“For two nights, Sapphire, a powerful liver chestnut mare, had jumped fast and clean, clearing courses with obstacles five feet tall and across. She and her rider, McLain Ward of the United States, were in the lead at the World Cup show jumping finals in Geneva. Sapphire was barred from the competition for being hypersensitive.

After competing last Friday, Sapphire stood in her quiet stable as World Cup veterinarians scrutinized her legs for the second time in a matter of hours, looking for signs of hypersensitivity — evidence that a horse’s nerve sensation is higher than normal. Hypersensitivity can result from something as simple as an insect bite, but it can also result from a form of performance enhancement, when irritants are applied to the legs so a horse will try that much harder to avoid hitting the rails on jumps.

Ward, a 34-year-old from Brewster, N.Y., was at his hotel across the street, resting for Sunday’s final. He had won two gold medals in the Olympics with Sapphire, but the World Cup was one of the few major titles that remained beyond his grasp. He said he had no reason to think anyone would find fault with Sapphire’s fitness. “She’s the best-managed horse in the world,” he said.

The World Cup veterinarians conducted the second thermo-imaging scan of the day on Sapphire, and both scans showed no abnormalities. They also tested her forelegs a second time — a hypersensitive horse will show a reaction if tapped in the affected spot, just as a person would recoil if touched in a bruised area. Dr. Tim Ober, the American team veterinarian who had observed Sapphire’s examination, said it had not been unusual. “The entire time, the response was within the range of normal,” he said. But after stepping away to confer, the World Cup veterinarians returned with a startling decision: Sapphire was disqualified for showing “an abnormal level of hypersensitivity.”

United States equestrian officials expressed shock. John Long, the chief executive of the United States Equestrian Federation, said: “There was no preponderance of physical evidence that would have made this a no-brainer. It’s very, very upsetting and frustrating, and we need to get to the bottom of it.”

The Federation Equestre Internationale, the sport’s governing body, said that Sapphire was tested “on the basis of confidential information received” and that testing could be used as a way of “stopping incorrect information.” More than 60 hypersensitivity tests were conducted at the event. Although the federation said that it concluded there had been no wrongdoing and that Sapphire was disqualified only out of concern for her welfare and to assure fair competition, the decision stung, particularly for Ward, who has spent much of his adult career trying to shake the shadow of his family’s past. In 1996, his father, Barney Ward,

was sentenced to 33 months in prison for arranging to have four horses killed as part of a widespread insurance scam. McLain Ward, already a leading international competitor at 20, took over his father's horse training business. Barney Ward is barred from most competitions but remains a source of support and advice for his son, whose career has far surpassed his own.

"I'm not going to turn my back on my father," McLain Ward said in an interview Monday. "I realize people have a huge issue with that, but I've been very clear, we got through all that and we moved forward as a family." In 1999, McLain Ward was suspended from the sport for eight months after his entry at the horse show in Aachen, Germany, was found to have pointed plastic chips in boots used to protect its legs, which could have encouraged hypersensitivity. Ward served the suspension, but has denied putting anything in his horse's boots. Asked if his father might comment, McLain Ward suggested that this last episode was upsetting for his father. "It's going on 14 years that he's been banned," he said. "It kills him that there are people coming after me.

Alex McLin, the secretary general of the Fédération Equestre Internationale, said that no horse was "singled out because of any incident in the past." McLin added, "There is no evidence of malpractice in this case, but it remains our duty to protect horses from competing if there is any level of abnormal sensitivity involved and in the event of doubt to err on the side of caution." Because of her success in recent years, Sapphire became one of the most-watched show jumpers. In that time, Ward's record has been clean, and many consider him a role model. "I have the highest respect for McLain and his team, and I've never seen anything suspicious or inappropriate," said Ober, the American team veterinarian, who has worked alongside Ward for years.

International show jumping officials have argued over how best to protect horses and restore the reputation of a sport tarnished by doping and abuse scandals on both sides of the Atlantic. Dr. Paul Farrington, one of the World Cup veterinarians evaluating horses in Geneva, reiterated at a news conference Saturday that the Americans were not being accused of malpractice. "At this moment in time, we're not talking about a doping case, and we are not talking about hyper sensitization, which is a deliberate attempt to make the horse hypersensitive," he said. But even as the organization cleared Ward of wrongdoing, Farrington said that the horse had also been tested for evidence of banned substances. "If a positive test came back, then obviously the goal posts change," he said.

Ober and Ward said that the mare was sensitive and that her reaction to the tests was not abnormal. They said her feed was specially ordered from a single mill in New York State because her skin easily breaks out in hives. Ward said she had never failed a competition's veterinary test in the eight years he had competed with her. Ober said that by his count, Farrington tapped Sapphire 24 times on the left leg and 33 on the right in the second exam, and she responded four times on the left leg and three on the right. Sapphire was disqualified because of the responses on her left leg.

“There were huge consequences to this decision, and they treated it like they were choosing Coke or Diet Coke,” Ward said. Long, the United States equestrian chief said it was too early to know how the Americans would proceed. “We have not done ourselves a collective favor to have this incident decided in the way that it was,” Long said. “For people who don’t know the subtleties, many draw the conclusion, ‘Here’s another case of doping or something done to the horse.’ ”

(Source: NY Times April 20, 2010)

World Equestrian Games: Lexington, KY September 25- October 10, 2010

US Team

Rider	Horse	Breeding	Description
Lauren Hough	Quick Study	<i>S: Quick Star</i> <i>D: Sirene de Planthro</i>	1999 Bay Selle Francais Gelding
Mario Deslauriers	Urico	<i>S: Zandor Z</i> <i>D: Omara</i>	2001 Bay KWPN Gelding
Laura Kraut	Cedric	<i>S: Chambertin</i> <i>D: Cortina</i>	1998 Grey KWPN Gelding
McLain Ward	Sapphire	<i>S: Darco</i> <i>D: Idjaz C</i>	1995 Chestnut Belgian WB Mare

The Results

Team	Individual
Gold	Philip LeJeune/Vigo de Arsouilles/Belgium
Silver	Abdullah Waleed Shartbatly/Seldana di Campalato/Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
Bronze	Eric Lamaze/Hickstead/Canada
10 th	USA

Course Designers: Conrad Homfeld and Richard Jeffery

“Mr. Jeffery has been voted as "Course Designer of the Year" a record eight times by the United States Equestrian Federation”



World Cup Finals: Leipzig, Germany

April 27-May 1, 2011

The Results

Rider	Horse	Country
1. Christian Ahlmann	Taloubet Z	GER
2. Eric Lamaze	Hickstead	CAN
3. Jeroen Dubbeldam	Simon BMC Van Grunsven	NED
4. Marco Kutscher	Cash	GER
4. Beezie Madden	Danny Boy (Belgian WB)	USA
	<i>S: Clinton</i>	
	<i>D: Solitaire Van Het Costerveld</i>	
	Coral Reef Via Volo (Belgian WB)	
	<i>S: Clinton</i>	
	<i>D: Run Away</i>	
10. McLain Ward	Rothchild	USA
	<i>S: Artos</i>	
	<i>D: Pitchounette du Bosquetiau</i>	
12. Margie Engle	Indigo (Dutch WB)	USA
	<i>S: Indoctro</i>	
	<i>D: Zuchtbuch Caprice</i>	
13. Richard Spooner	Cristallo (Holsteiner)	USA
	<i>S: Caretino</i>	
	<i>D: Cambrina</i>	
24. Rich Fellers	Flexible (ISH)	USA
	<i>S: Crusing</i>	
	<i>F: Flex</i>	
26. Michelle Spadone	Uwwalon (KWPN)	USA
	<i>S: Burggraaf</i>	
	<i>D: Milirke</i>	
27. Ashlee Bond	Cadett (Holsteiner)	USA
	<i>S: Cor de la Bryere</i>	
	<i>D: Ginella I</i>	
33. Kirsten Coe	Tristan (KWPN)	USA
	<i>S: Lancelot</i>	
	<i>D: Lyande</i>	
35. Brianne Goutal	Ballade Van Het Indihof (Belgian WB)	USA
	<i>S: Thunder van de Zoothoer</i>	
	<i>D: Uttah Can Het Indihof</i>	
	Athena (Belgian WB)	USA
36. Charlie Jayne	<i>S: Toulon</i>	
	<i>D: Ulene Van Het Lindenhof</i>	
Course Designer: Frank Rothenberger		

Pan Am Games: Guadalajara, Mexico

October 14-30, 2011

US Team

Rider	Horse	Breeding	Description
Beezie Madden	Coral Reef Via Volo Registered name: Via Volo VD Molendreef	<i>S: Clinton</i> <i>D: Run Away</i>	1998 Dark Bay Belgian WB Mare
Christine McCrea	Romantovich Take One	<i>S: Numero Uno</i> <i>D: Oniel</i>	2000 Bay KWPN Gelding
McLain Ward	Antares F	<i>S: Araconit</i> <i>D: Zuchtbuch</i> <i>Caprice</i>	2000 Grey Wurttemberger Gelding
Kent Farrington	Uceko	<i>S: Celano</i> <i>D: Patricia</i>	2001 Grey KWPN Gelding

The Results

Team		Individual	
Gold	USA	Gold	Christine McCrea/Romantovich Take One/USA
Silver	Brazil	Silver	Beezie Madden/Coral Reef Via Volo/USA
Bronze	Mexico	Bronze	Bernardo Alves/Bridgit/Brazil

Course Designer: Javier Fernandez

The History

Three teams qualified for the 2012 Olympic Games: USA, Mexico and Chile. Colombia and Argentina qualified two individual riders each; Bermuda qualified one rider.

World Cup Finals: 'S-Hertogenbosch, Netherlands

April 19-22, 2012

The Results

Rider	Horse	Country
1. Rich Fellers	Flexible (ISH) <i>S: Crusing</i> <i>D: Flex</i>	USA
2. Steve Guerdat	Nino Des Buissonnets	SUI
3. Pius Schwizer	Carlina	SUI
4. Phillip Weishaupt	Monte Bellini	GER
16. Richard Spooner	Cristallo <i>S: Caretino</i> <i>D: Cambrino</i>	USA
17. Beezie Madden	Cortes 'C' <i>S: Randel Z</i> <i>D: Orchidee Van de Tombeelee</i>	USA
18. Kent Farrington	Uceko <i>S: Celano</i> <i>D: Patricia</i>	USA
20. Margie Engle	Indigo <i>S: Indoctro</i> <i>D: Aea dutch Lorel</i>	USA
24. Kristen Coe	Combina <i>S: Jacomar</i> <i>D: Pherma</i>	USA
	Baronez <i>S: Heartbreaker</i> <i>D: Skippy II</i>	USA
26. Charlie Jayne	Uraya <i>S: Farmer</i> <i>D: Goudvink</i>	USA
27. Francie Steinwedell-Carvin	Taunus <i>S: Koriander</i> <i>D: Wareina</i>	USA

Course Designer: Louis Konickx

2012 Olympic Games London, England

US Team

Rider	Horse	Breeding	Description
Beezie	Coral Reef Via	<i>S: Clinton</i>	1998 Dark Bay WB Mare
Madden	Volo	<i>D: Run Away</i>	
Rich Fellers	Felxible	<i>S: Crusing</i>	1996 Chestnut ISH
		<i>D: Flex</i>	Stallion
McLain Ward	Antares F	<i>S: Araconit</i>	2000 Grey
		<i>D: Zuchtbuch</i>	Wurttemberger Gelding
		<i>Caprice</i>	
Reed Kessler	Cylana	<i>S: Skippy II</i>	2002 Chestnut Belgian
		<i>D: Verona van de Ruitershoeve</i>	WB Mare



The Results

Team	Individual
Gold	Great Britain
Silver	Netherlands
Bronze	Saudi Arabia
6 th	USA

Course Designer: Bob Ellis

World Cup Finals: Gothenburg, Sweden

April 24-28, 2013

The Results

Rider	Horse	Country
1. Beezie Madden	Simon (KWPN) <i>S: Mr. Blue</i> <i>D: Naline</i>	USA
2. Steve Guerdat	Nino des Buissonnets	SUI
3. Kevin Staut	Silvana HDC	FRA
4. Sergio Alvarez Moya	Carlo 273	ESP
5. McLain Ward	Super Trooper de Ness (Belgium Sport Horse) <i>S: Vigo d Arsouilles STX</i> <i>D: Patrones</i>	USA
10. Reed Kessler	Cylana (Belgian WB) <i>S: Skippy II</i> <i>D: Verona van de Ruitershoeve</i>	USA
11. Karl Cook	Jonkheer Z (Zangersheide) <i>S: Jetset-D</i> <i>D: Ulderina van Westleven</i>	USA
16. Katherine Dinan	Nougat du Vallet (Selle Francais) <i>S: Scherif D'Elle</i> <i>D: Camee du Vallet</i>	USA
17. Charlie Jayne	Chill R Z (Zangersheide) <i>S: Chellano Z</i> <i>D: Nina R</i>	USA
26. Kent Farrington	Uceko (KWPN) <i>S: Celano</i> <i>D: Patricia</i>	USA
33. Ashlee Bond	Wistful (Dutch WB) <i>S: Be a Grand Star</i> <i>D: Power Lady</i>	USA

Course Designer: Uliano Vezzani

World Cup Finals: Lyon, France

April 17-21, 2014

The Results

Rider	Horse	Country
1. Daniel Deusser	Cornet d'Amour	GER
2. Ludger Beerbaum	Chaman Chiara 222	GER
3. Scott Brash	Ursula XII	GBR
4. Marcus Ehning	Cornando NRW	GER
7. Beezie Madden	Simon (KWPN) <i>S: Mr. Blue</i> <i>D: Naline</i>	USA
9. McLain Ward	HH Carlos Z (Zangersheide) <i>S: Chellano</i> <i>D: Sara van het Parelshof</i> Rothchild (SBS) <i>S: Artos</i> <i>D: Pitchounette du Bosquetiau</i>	USA
10. Charlie Jayne	Chill R Z (Zangersheide) <i>S: Chellano Z</i> <i>D: Nina R</i>	USA
14. Katherine Dinan	Nougat du Vallet (Selle Francais) <i>S: Scherif D'Elle</i> <i>D: Camee du Vallet</i>	USA
16. Leslie Burr-Howard	Tic Tac (Belgian Sport Horse) <i>S: Clinton</i> <i>D: Panama du Seigneur</i>	USA
17. Lucy Davis	Barron (SBS) <i>S: For Pleasure</i> <i>D: Vita van 't Riethof</i>	USA
20. Charlie Jacobs	Flaming Star (AES) <i>S: Fairman</i> <i>D: Lucina</i>	USA
29. Kent Farrington	Blue Angel (AES) <i>S: Luidam</i> <i>D: Astrid</i> Voyeur (KWPN) <i>S: Tolano van 't Riethof</i> <i>D: Loma</i>	USA
32. Ashlee Bond	Chela LS (CDLS) <i>S: Chapultepec la Silla</i> <i>D: Elisa LS</i>	USA

34. Saer Coulter

Springtime (KWPN)

USA

S: Indorado

D: Jottie

Course Designer: Frank Rothenberger

World Equestrian Games: Normandy, France

August 23-September 7, 2014

US Team

Rider	Horse	Breeding	Description
McLain Ward	RothChild	<i>S: Artos</i> <i>D: Pitchounette du Bosquetiau</i>	2001 Chestnut SBS Gelding
Kent Farrington	Voyeur	<i>S: Tolano van t' Riethof</i> <i>D: Loma</i>	2002 Bay KWPN Gelding
Lucy Davis	Barron	<i>S: For Pleasure</i> <i>D: Vita van t' Riethof</i>	2004 Chestnut SBS Gelding
Beezie Madden	Cortes 'C'	<i>S: Optiebeurs Randel Z</i> <i>D: Orchidee van de Tombeelee</i>	2002 Bay Belgian WB Gelding

The Results

Team	Individual
Gold Netherlands	Gold Jeroen Dubbeldam/Zenith SFN/Ned
Silver France	Silver Patrice Delaveau/Orient Express HDC/FRA
Bronze USA	Bronze Beezie Madden/Cortes 'C'/USA

Course Designers: Frederic Cottier

The History

"The seventh edition of the Games was held in Normandy, France and over fifteen days of competition 884 athletes and 1,243 horses competed in Dressage, Driving, Endurance, Eventing, Jumping, Reining, Vaulting and Para-Equestrian Dressage. These Games saw an unprecedented attendance by spectators who had come from all over the world to



witness this event in 7 different venues dotted around Normandy.

Not only had the venues been adapted to accommodate all the needs of the athletes and their horse but additional effort had been made to make sure that the public felt a proximity to the action. This in turn added to an already electric atmosphere leaving both spectators and athletes with the sound of tumultuous applause ringing in their ears.” (Source: FEI)

World Cup Finals: Las Vegas, Nevada

April 15-19, 2015

The Results

Rider	Horse	Country
1. Steve Guerdat	Albfuehren's Paille	SUI
2. Penelope Leprevost	Vagabond de la Pomme	FRA
3. Bertram Allen	Molly Malone V	IRL
4. Beezie Madden	Simon (KWPN) <i>S: Mr. Blue</i> <i>D: Naline</i>	USA
7. Rich Fellers	Flexible (ISH) <i>S: Crusing</i> <i>D: Flex</i>	USA
9. Lucy Davis	Barron <i>S: For Pleasure</i> <i>D: Vita van 't Riethof</i>	USA
19. Kirsten Coe	Czardas 30 (Hann) <i>S: Contendro I</i> <i>D: Grannina</i> Baronez (Belgian WB) <i>S: Skippy II</i> <i>D: Rasputiny</i>	USA
20. McLain Ward	Rothchild (SBS) <i>S: Artos</i> <i>D: Pitchounette du Bosquetiau</i>	USA
22. Vinton Karrasch	Coral Reef Follow Me II (Westphalian) <i>S: For Pleasure</i> <i>D: Sandrina</i>	USA
24. Laura Kraut	Nouvelle (KWPN) <i>S: Solitair</i> <i>D: Nouvelle Dansante</i>	USA
27. Karl Cook	Jonkheer Z (Zangersheide) <i>S: Jetset-D</i> <i>D: Ulderina van Westleven</i>	USA
32. Jack Towell	Lucifer V (Westphalian) <i>S: Lord Dezi</i> <i>D: Grandina</i>	USA
34. Todd Minikus	Babalou 41 (Oldenburg) <i>S: Balou du Rouet</i> <i>D: Aetna</i>	USA

Course Designer: Anthony D'Ambrosio

Pan Am Games: Toronto, Canada

July 11-25, 2015

US Team

Rider	Horse	Breeding	Description
Georgina Bloomberg	Lilli	<i>S: Lefevre D: Dayreen</i>	2004 Bay DSP Mare
Kent Farrington	Gazelle	<i>S: Kashmir van Schuttershof D: Diva 'Ter Elsen"</i>	2006 Bay Belgian WB Mare
Lauren Hough	Ohlala	<i>S: Orlando D: Carera</i>	2004 Bay Swedish Warmblood Mare
McLain Ward	Rothchild	<i>S: Artos D: Pitchounette du Bosquetiau</i>	2001 Chestnut SBS Gelding

The Results

Team		Individual	
Gold	Canada	Gold	McLain Ward/Rothchild/USA
Silver	Argentina	Silver	Andres Rodriguez/Darlon van Groenhove/VEN
Bronze	USA	Bronze	Lauren Hough/Ohlala/USA

Course Designer: Michel Vaillancourt

World Cup Finals: Gothenburg, Sweden

March 23-28, 2016

The Results

Rider	Horse	Country
1. Steve Guerdat	Corbinian	SUI
2. Harrie Smolders	Emerald N.O.P.	NED
3. Daniel Deusser	Cornet d'Amour	GER
4. Marcus Ehning	Cornado NRW	GER
7. Callan Solem	VDL Wizard (KWPN)	USA
	<i>S: Gentleman</i>	
	<i>D: Pretty</i>	
19. Peter Lutz	Robin de Ponthual (Selle Francais)	USA
	<i>S: Elf d'Or</i>	
	<i>D: Io de la Grange</i>	
22. Rich Fellers	Flexible (ISH)	USA
	<i>S: Crusing</i>	
	<i>D: Flex</i>	
27. Audrey Coulter	Alex (Westphalian)	USA
	<i>S: Arpeggio</i>	
	<i>D: Marilu</i>	
	Domino (Belgian WB)	
	<i>S: Thunder van de Zuuthoeve</i>	
	<i>D: Queen d'Azur Middelstede</i>	
28. Jack Towell	Lucifer V (Westphalian)	USA
	<i>S: Lord Dezi</i>	
	<i>D: Grandina</i>	
29. Quentin Judge	Copin van de Broy	USA
	<i>S: Darco</i>	
	<i>D: Queen</i>	
32. Katherine Dinan	Nougat du Vallet (Selle Francais)	USA
	<i>S: Scherif d'Elle</i>	
	<i>D: Camee du Vallet</i>	
33. Charlie Jacobs	Flaming Star (AES)	USA
	<i>S: Fairman</i>	
	<i>D: Lucina</i>	

Course Designer: Santiago Varela Ullastres

2016 Olympic Games Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

US Team

Rider	Horse	Breeding	Description
Kent Farrington	Voyeur	<i>S: Tolano van't Reiethof D: Loma</i>	2002 Bay KWPN Gelding
Lucy Davis	Barron	<i>S: For Pleasure D: Vita van 't Reiethof</i>	2004 Chestnut Belgian Sport Horse Gelding
McLain Ward	HH Azur	<i>S: Thunder VD Zuuthoeve D: Sion VD Zuuthoeve</i>	2006 Bay Belgian Sport Horse Mare
Beezie Madden	Cortes 'C'	<i>S: Optiebeurs Randel Z D: Orchidee van de Tombeelee</i>	2002 Bay Belgian WB Gelding



The Results

Team	Individual
Gold France	Gold Nick Skelton/Big Star/GBR
Silver USA	Silver Peder Fredricson/H&M All in/SWE
Bronze Germany	Bronze Eric Lamaze/Fine Lady 5/CAN

Course Designer: Guilherme Nogueira Jorge

World Cup Finals: Omaha, Nebraska

March 29-April 2, 2017

The Results

Rider	Horse	Country
1. McLain Ward	HH Azur (SBS) <i>S: Thunder VD Zuuthoeve</i> <i>D: Sion VD Zuuthoeve</i>	USA
2. Romain Duget	Twentytwo Des Biches	SUI
3. Henrik von Eckermann	Mary Lou 194	SWE
4. Martin Fuchs	Clooney 51	SUI
15. Laura Kraut	Zeremonie (Holsteiner) <i>S: Cero</i> <i>D: Toulouse</i>	USA
16. Charlie Jacobs	Cassinja S (Zweibrücker) <i>S: Carinjo</i> <i>D: Cassina 39</i>	USA
25. Todd Minikus	Babalou 41 (Oldenburg) <i>S: Balou du Rouet</i> <i>D: Aetna</i>	USA
29. Jamie Barge	Luebbo (Oldenburg Springpferd) <i>S: Lord Pezi</i> <i>D: Samoa</i>	USA
30. Jenni McAllister	Legis Touch the Sun (Holsteiner) <i>S: Nekton</i> <i>D: Helia IX</i>	USA

Course Designer: Alan Wade