

MEET THE RIDERS



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Daniel Bluman

Born: 15 Mar 1990 in Medellín, COL
Coach: Todd Minikus
In 2010 Daniel represented his native Colombia at the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games, and in early 2011 competed in his first CSIO4* Nations Cup competition in Wellington, Florida.



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Henk Van de Pol

Born: 22 Jun 1967 in Eindhoven, NED
Languages: Dutch, English
Van de Pol started riding at age four at his parents riding stables near Eindhoven. His grandfather rode horses in the military, and his mother and father were horse riding instructors and had their own stables.



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Dermot Lennon

Born: 12 Jun 1969 in Banbridge, NIR
Residence: Banbridge, NIR
Lennon started riding full time at the age of 19 when he went to England to work with horses for two and a half years. He was the first Irish rider to become show jumping world champion.



Nick Skelton

Born: 30 Dec 1957 in Bedworth, ENG
Skelton is a world-renowned show jumping rider whose career has spanned nearly 38 years, winning more than 2,000 classes and well over £5.5m in prize money.



CEALY TETLEY

Harry Smolders

Born: 10 May 1980
Residence: Grobbendonk, BEL
Smolders started riding at age eight because his sister had started riding and he wanted to try the sport too.



BOB LANGRISH

Conor Swail

Born: 1972 in Country Down, IRE
Swail made his Dublin Horse Show debut at the tender age of six and represented his country as a pony rider at Hannover at age 14. He made his senior Nations' Cup debut in 1997 at Linz, Austria, on board Lisna Tutor.



Scott Brash

Born: 05 Dec 1985 in Peebles, SCO
Residence: Peebles, SCO
Brash started riding at age seven and went to his first show when he was nine.

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Mario Deslauriers

Born: 23 Feb 1965
Family: Wife Lisa, children Sari, Lucy and Jack
Residence: New York, NY, USA
Deslauriers started riding ponies at age three after his family moved to Bromont, Canada. He began riding horses at age six.



Lauren Hough

Born: 11 Apr 1977
Residence: Wellington, FL, USA
Hough has been immersed in the horse world since she was a small child growing up in Morgan Hill, California. "I basically grew up with horses. My family was involved in the business. I was riding before I could walk basically."



Christine McCrea

Born: 06 Feb 1978 in Hartford, CT, USA
Husband: Husband Jonathan
Higher education: Business - University of Connecticut: United States
McCrea began riding in 1985 at a local stable in her hometown of Suffield, Connecticut, where she competed in pony and junior classes.



Laura Kraut

Born: 14 Nov 1965 in Camden, SC, USA
Residence: Wellington, FL, USA
Kraut began riding at age three in Atlanta, Georgia when her mother encouraged her and her sister to become involved with horses.



Kent Farrington

Born: 28 Dec 1980 in Chicago, IL, USA
Residence: Greenwich, CT, USA
Farrington says got into show jumping because he found an old photo of his mother riding a horse, and said to her 'I want to do that!'



Margie Engle

Born: March 31, 1958
Residence: Wellington, FL, USA
Engle has over 190 grand prix wins under her belt, has been named AGA Rider of the Year ten times, has been on more than 20 winning Nations Cup teams, and was the 1991 AHSA Equestrian of the Year.



Richard Spooner

Born: 02 Aug 1970
Family: Wife Kaylen, daughter Taylor
Residence: Glendale, CA, USA
Nickname: The Master of Faster
Sporting philosophy: "Success isn't winning, because winning is only being better than the other people there."



McLain Ward

Born: October 17, 1975
Residence: Brewster, NY, USA
He was awarded the Longines Elegance Award in August 2010 after winning the Longines International Grand Prix Of Ireland. Named the 2003 American Grand Prix Association's Rider of the Year for the second consecutive year and third time overall.

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Ian Millar



Born: January 6, 1947 in Halifax, Nova Scotia
With nine Olympic starts as of the 2008 Beijing Olympics, Ian Millar tied the world record for Olympic appearances. He has also competed in more Olympic Games than any athlete in Canadian history, in any sport. In addition to setting those records, Millar won his first Olympic medal in 2008, a Team Silver.



John Anderson



Born: 16 Dec 1966 in Calgary, AB
Residence: Calgary, AB
Anderson became interested in the sport after his mother took him along to her riding lessons at St. George's Stables in Calgary, Alberta. Now, Anderson owns and manages Rocky Mountain Show Jumping.



Yann Candele



Born: March 11, 1971 in Normandy, FR
Hometown: Caledon, ON
Candele began riding at the age of 10 and twice competed at the European Junior Championships.
Candele moved to Canada in 1999 and became a Canadian citizen in 2007. He was a member of the silver medal team at the 2010 World Equestrian Games in Lexington, KY.



Eric Lamaze



Born: 17 Apr 1968 in Montreal, QC
Lamaze first competed in his first Grand Prix in 1992. He got his start in the horse business working in exchange for the opportunity to ride, eventually ending up as a working student for world-renowned coach George Morris in New Jersey.
Lamaze competed in the 2008 Beijing Olympics, riding the stallion Hickstead. The duo were part of the silver medal winning team and went on to win the individual gold medal.



Amy Millar



Born: February 14, 1977 in Perth, ON
Millar has twice finished the year on top of the national Jump Canada series, in which points are accumulated in sanctioned competitions from coast-to-coast. The second time she did so, she led by a narrow margin over her father.



Jill Henselwood



Born: November 1, 1962 in Ottawa, ON
Henselwood has represented Canada at the 1994 and 2006 World Equestrian Games, the 1995, 1999 and 2007 Pan American Games, and the 1992, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 World Cup Finals. At the 2007 Pan Am Games, Henselwood claimed Individual Gold Medal and Team Silver Medals riding Special Ed. Riding Special Ed, Henselwood also played an integral role in capturing a Team Silver Medal for Canada at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.