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Charlie Jayne might as well be part horse. He grew up on his family's farm outside of Chicago and horses were always part of his life. Aside from a brief respite during his five-year-old year when he played soccer, Jayne has been in the saddle. Along with his parents, Alex and Linda, and his sister, Maggie, the Jayne family runs the definition of a family business. His younger sister, Hailey, rides on the University of Georgia Equestrian Team.

Jayne won his first grand prix the summer he finished high school in Michigan riding JF. He was 18. Achievement hasn't waned.

This spring, Jayne has had success with all of his horses, most notably he guided Urbanus to fourth-place finishes in the FEI World Cup Grand Prix CSI4* in Wellington, FL, as well as at the Budweiser American Invitational held in Tampa, FL. With Thomas Edison, he won the \$25,000 Charlotte Welcome Grand Prix in Charlotte, NC, in April.

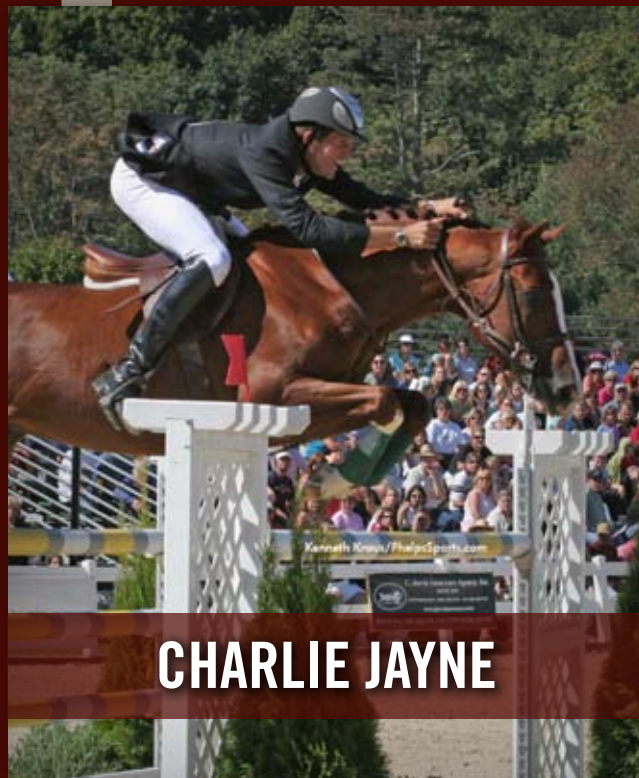
In 2008, he was named to the USEF Show Jumping Short List for the 2008 Olympic Games with Urbanus after an impressive performance at the USEF Selection Trials for Show Jumping. He then represented the US in the first three Samsung Super Leagues with the FEI Nations Cup Team in Europe, turning in consistent results.

In 2006, Jayne won the USET Maxine Beard Show Jumping Developing Rider Award, which recognizes accomplishment by an up-and-coming show jumper. He also won the USEF Talent Search Finals – East. In 2007, the successful junior rider made the transition into the senior ranks and at the age of 20 represented the United States on the Gold medal-winning Team at the CSIO Buenos Aires in November of 2007 with Urbanus. In April he won the Palm Beach Toyota \$25,000 Grand Prix with Thomas Edison, who is a Thoroughbred – one of the few in modern show jumping. He was then second and fourth with Urbanus and Thomas Edison, respectively, at the Rocky Mountain Classic \$40,000 High Prairie Grand Prix in Colorado in July. Urbanus was then second again the following week in the \$60,000 High Prairie Grand Prix at the Colorado Summer Classic.

Urbanus, who stands hardly 16.1 hands, was initially meant for Maggie to ride, but Jayne got along with him so they swapped horses. Jayne is well over six feet tall, but the odd couple has proved very effective. Hard-trying "Ernie" loves to be turned out and can be quirky around people he doesn't know.

"He's very comfortable around people he knows," said Jayne. "But he can be nervous around strangers. I'd say he trusts me more than anyone. We've built a lot of trust, which is why he does what he does for me – you can't fight with him. When I first started riding him the woman he came from said I had to get on him and have a conversation with him; the more I rode him the better and better our conversations got."

Jayne graduated from Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, FL, in May with a degree in business management. Despite all of the awards he's picked up over the years, he considers the fact that he has been able to ride full-time and graduate in five years to be his greatest accomplishment.



CHARLIE JAYNE

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Born: March 11, 1986

Hometown: Elgin, Illinois

URBANUS

**— 11-year-old Belgian Warmblood;
owned by Alex Jayne**



LAURA KRAUT

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LAURA KRAUT

Born: November 14, 1965

Hometown: Wellington, FL

CEDRIC

- 11-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding, breeding unknown; Owned by Peter Wetherill and Happy Hill Farm

Cedric defied gravity and expectation at the 2008 Olympic Games in Hong Kong for Laura Kraut. He was foot perfect in the Team portion of the competition and was an integral part of the Gold medal-winning effort for the US.

Standing barely 15.2 hands, Cedric grows wings in the ring. He and Laura jumped two clear rounds at the Samsung Super League finale in Barcelona, Spain last fall and had two top five finishes in major classes in Wellington, FL so far in 2009. He was also part of the two winning Nations Cup teams at CSIO Rome and CSIO St. Gallen.

They ran the board at the 2008 USEF Selection Trials for Show Jumping, jumping clear in the first round and never looking back. They made one mistake over the five rounds but were always well clear of the competition. This set them up beautifully for their impressive Olympic performance.

Always a top competitor in grand prix circles, Laura's success began before Cedric. She was an integral part of the U.S. team in the Samsung Super League in 2007. Riding Anthem, she was part of the all-female team that romped to victory at CSIO Hickstead (England) in July and second two weeks later in Dublin, Ireland. Laura had a big European victory in August with Cedric. Together they won the grand prix at the CSI*** Hachenburg in Germany over a very competitive field of 53 horses and riders from across Europe.

With Miss Independent, Laura was third overall at the World Equestrian Games qualifiers in March 2006 in Wellington, Florida. Laura's placing at the qualifier earned her a spot on the U.S. Show Jumping Team for the 2006 World Equestrian Games. Kraut helped bring home a Team Silver Medal. Laura spent much of the 2005 summer representing the United States in the competitive Samsung Super League series in Europe. Laura helped the U.S. secure wins in Aachen, Germany and LaBaule, France, and second place in Rome and in Hickstead, England, riding both Anthem and Miss Independent.

In 2004, Laura was a member of the second place team in the \$50,000 Samsung Nations Cup in Florida, and helped the United States secure a fourth place overall finish in the Samsung Super League. In 2003, she was the top placed American at the World Cup Final, where she tied for the fifth position out of 41 starting horse and rider combinations. In 2002, she was a member of the U.S. Team which won the first outdoor Nations Cup held in the United States; and at the Samsung Nations Cup Series, she was named Leading Rider after tying for first place on Liberty. Laura was a U.S. team alternate at the 2002 World Equestrian Games in Spain, and in the 2000-2001 competition season, she was honored as reserve champion AGA Rider of the Year. Laura was also a member of the U.S. show jumping team at the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games. Laura makes her home in Wellington, FL and enjoys spending time with her young son, Bobby.



BEEZIE MADDEN

Born: November 20, 1963

Hometown: Cazenovia, New York

DANNY BOY

— **9-year-old Belgian Warmblood by Clinton out of Solitaire van het Costersveld; owned by Abigail Wexner**

Beezie Madden had another incredible year in 2008 with her superstar – Authentic. With Authentic, she won her second consecutive Team Gold medal at the 2008 Olympic Games, where they won an unbelievable jump-off to pick up Individual Bronze, too. Leading up to the Games, Authentic won the \$200,000 CN Worldwide Grand Prix in Wellington, FL, with another one of his standard lightning fast jump-off rounds. That was on the heels of a WEF Challenge win three days earlier. With those two impressive efforts, Authentic proved that he has maintained his unbelievable form from the previous year.

With rising star Danny Boy, Madden qualified for the 2009 Rolex FEI World Cup Final where the pair finished 12th.

Madden's greatest accomplishment in 2007 involves her win at the Rolex Grand Prix of Aachen in Aachen, Germany, in July. Madden again rode Authentic for this prestigious win over 40 of the world's best. To add to this honor she was named leading rider in Aachen, one of the most coveted leading rider titles in the world. Madden was also a key member of the Samsung Super League Squad again in 2007 with Judgement.

Madden added Team and Individual Silver medals to her resume at the 2006 FEI World Equestrian Games in Aachen, Germany. Authentic continued to define himself as one of the best in the world.

Madden's accomplishments are rewriting the equestrian world's record books. She has won back-to-back honors as USEF Equestrian of the Year—the first rider ever to do so, and is only the second rider in history to win the honor twice in their career. In addition, Authentic was named the Farnam®/Platform™ USEF Horse of the Year.

Madden was the first woman—and the first US rider—to ever reach the Top Three in the Gandini Show Jumping World Ranking list (achieved in 2004), and she was the first woman to pass the \$1-million mark in earnings for show jumping. She is the second leading money winner in history at Spruce Meadows in Canada.

In 2004, she breezed through the Olympic Selection Trials, finishing in first place on Authentic with only eight faults accumulated for all six selection events. With her contribution of double-clear rounds in the 2004 Athens Olympic Games, she helped the US team win the Gold medal, while her success on US soil earned her the American Grand Prix Association (AGA) Rider of the Year title that year.

Originally from Milwaukee, WI, Madden has been riding since the age of three and made her grand prix debut in 1985. Four years of continued success followed, which included participation on winning U.S. Nations Cup teams, which led to her being named the 1989 United States Olympic Committee's Female Equestrian of the Year.

Married since 1998, Madden and her husband, horseman John Madden, reside in Cazenovia, NY.



CARA RAETHER

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Born: May 2, 1979

**Hometown: North Palm Beach,
Florida**

UBLESCO

— **11-year-old Belgium Warm
blood stallion by Darco out of
Joblesse van het Lindehof;
owned by Trelawny Farm, LLC**

Cara Raether started riding at the age of six and began show jumping six years later under the guidance of her mother. She participated in the North American Young Riders Championships in 1997 and 1998 winning Team Silver and Bronze medals, respectively.

In 2004, she won the \$50,000 EMO Grand Prix in Culpeper, VA with News. She went on to be part of the successful Developing Young Riders Tour in 2004, which gives up-and-coming riders exposure at some of the major shows in Europe. In March of 2005, she won the \$25,000 WEF Challenge aboard Pedro, a horse she had recently purchased in Spain. With Ublesco, she has notched up consistent placings over the last five years. 2007 was a break out year for the pair. They were part of the Bronze medal-winning US team at the Pan American Games, and they were the highest placing US combination in eighth place. In addition the pair was seventh in the Global Champions Tour, sixth in the Budweiser American Invitational and fifth in the \$171,468 CN Reliability Grand Prix at Spruce Meadows.

Highlights from 2008 include a second in the grand prix at the Syracuse Invitational Sporthorse Tournament with Comtess III, fourth in the \$30,000 WEF Challenge Cup with Lord G and 12th in the Budweiser American Invitational with Ublesco. Raether and Ublesco competed successfully at the 2009 Winter Equestrian Festival, and they were third in the Budweiser American Invitational in April.

Raether cites four people who have been instrumental to her training. Eric Hausbrook, Katie Prudent and more recently Beezie and John Madden have all been valuable to her education.

Owned by her family's farm, Ublesco is in his first years of multitasking as a grand prix horse and a breeding stallion.

"He's a typical stallion," said Raether. "He's not very affectionate, but he's a great horse. He's well-behaved as far as stallions go. He's very honest, and he wants to do his job."

Raether is a graduate of Trinity College in Hartford, CT, with a degree in art history. When she's not with her horses, Raether loves to ski and play tennis.



MICHELLE SPADONE

Born: September 9, 1983

Hometown: Califon, NJ

MELISIMO

— **15-year-old Royal Dutch**

Warmblood mare by Libero H,

out of Hertogin; Owned by

Morgan Hill Partners

Melisimo had four top 10 finishes in the East Coast League World Cup Qualifiers for Michelle Spadone. These consistent performances earned them a ticket to their very first Rolex FEI World Cup Qualifier, where they placed a remarkable second. This impressive effort garnered the pair their debut trip to Rolex FEI World Cup Finals held in Las Vegas.

Spadone and Melisimo were fourth in January's Green Cove Spring \$100,000 World Cup Qualifier, they were then two better in the CN Worldwide \$200,000 Grand Prix in March.

Their 2009 results were unsurprising to those paying attention in 2008. The pair represented the US on the winning Nations Cup team at the CSIO Buenos Aires in November. In addition, they took home second place finishes in both the HITS Grand Prix at the Cavalier Classic and the Ariat Grand Prix at the NY Horse and Pony Show, and were third in the USGPL Finals \$100,000 Invitational Grand Prix.

In April of this year, Spadone was recognized by the USET Foundation for her promising future in show jumping, as co-recipient of the Maxine Beard Show Jumping Developing Rider Award.

Before Melisimo was an international grand prix horse, she had a stint as a broodmare. Her son Robin Hood W, was ridden in this year's Rolex FEI World Cup Finals by British phenomenon Ben Maher.

Spadone has an MBA, and her husband, Emil, is a very successful rider and trainer. They run Redfields Farm, a busy training and sales operation in New Jersey and Florida.

Considered one of the most influential riders and trainers in equestrian sport, George Morris's career began as a precocious junior rider winning both the AHSA Hunter Seat Medal Final and the ASPCA Maclay Final at the tender age of 14, the youngest rider ever to do so. In international competition, he represented the United States on the Gold medal-winning Pan American Games team in 1959 and on the Silver medal-winning team at the 1960 Rome Olympics. Between 1958 and 1960, he rode on eight winning Nations Cup teams and in later years served as Chef d'Equipe for numerous Nations Cup teams including as Co-Chef d'Equipe at the 1999 Pan American Games in Winnipeg, Canada, where the U.S. won both the team and individual Silver medals. George also served as a Director of the former USET and as a member of its Executive and Show Jumping Committees.

In 2005, George took over the Chef d'Equipe duties of the US Show Jumping Team. He instantly proved his outstanding leadership when the U.S. team, the only non-European team competing in the Super League, won the prestigious Samsung Super League championship.

He commanded an excellent performance from his riders at the 2006 World Equestrian Games, where they won a Team Silver medal and Beezie Madden won Individual Silver with the mighty Authentic. In 2007, he guided the Pan American Games Team to a bronze medal in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

2008 brought the most successful accolades thus far to George's coaching resume. He steered the US show jumpers to another fantastic performance, this time winning Team Gold at the 2008 Olympic Games in Hong Kong. The US riders won a jump-off with the Canadians for the gold medal, Madden also won Individual Bronze.

His teams also won the prestigious Nations Cup at the Spruce Meadows Masters on the heels of the 2008 Olympic success, and then he took four riders inexperienced on the international stage and handily won the Nations Cup at the CSIO Buenos Aires in November.

His attention to detail and meticulous preparation of his teams is legendary.

George's individual training successes include a "Who's Who" of the United States' top show jumping riders figuring prominently in U.S. Olympic history. At the 1984 Olympics, the Gold medal winning team included three former students, Conrad Homfeld, Leslie Burr-Howard and Melanie Smith Taylor. The 1992 team included students Lisa Jacquin, Anne Kursinski and Norman Dello Joio. In 1996, George was assistant Chef d'Equipe of the silver medal Olympic team, which included former students Burr-Howard, Kursinski and Peter Leone. At the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, former student Chris Kappler won the individual Silver medal and was a member of the Gold medal-winning team.

George is also a well-known author of equestrian books and videos. He currently serves on several USEF committees and holds a Registered Judge's License in the Jumper, Hunter and Hunter Seat Equitation divisions.



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GEORGE MORRIS

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Born: February 26, 1938

Hometown: Wellington, FL

Chef d'Equipe



ELIZABETH CHESSON

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ELIZABETH CHESSON

Born: April 3, 1977

Residence: Gladstone, NJ

Team Leader

Lizzy Chesson has been deeply rooted in international equestrian sports for many years. As a groom for her mother she was part of two World Championship Driving Teams. At the age of 22, Chesson was selected to drive a pair of horses in the World Pair Championship in Hungary. She is a graduate of Columbia University where she studied German and Spanish and earned a degree in Art History.

Chesson began working for the United States Equestrian Federation in 2006. Her first position was in the USEF Show Jumping department as an assistant to Managing Director, Sally Ike. Chesson has been a member of the USEF High Performance Driving Committee and the Chairman of the USEF High Performance Eligible Active Pair Driver Committee. In December, Chesson was promoted to USEF Director of Show Jumping High Performance Activities.

Chesson resides in Gladstone, NJ and still rides and drives when she can find the time. She finds herself incredibly fortunate to work with such an experienced and dynamic team.