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Molly Ashe

Born: August 11, 1970
Residence: Wellington, Florida



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Horse: Cocu (15-year-old Holsteiner mare; owned by Jane F. Clark)

Molly Ashe won her first grand prix in 1999 aboard Resolute at the Lake Placid Horse Show in Lake Placid, New York. Ashe, originally from Tennessee, now resides in Wellington, Florida. Ashe had a solid 2006 season and was a great success riding for the United States in the 2006 Samsung Super League. In Rome, Italy, she helped the team to a second-place finish. She also saw two wins in Rotterdam and an individual win in Rome aboard Jane Clark's Lutoxia. She then grabbed the win in the Queen Elizabeth II Cup in Hickstead, England, again riding Lutoxia, making this the second time in two years the pair won this prestigious class. She was third aboard Cocu in the \$50,000 Grey Goose Cup at the Hampton Classic in New York. Ashe kept the momentum alive at the Spruce Meadows Masters in Canada where she and Lutoxia were third in the Molson International Cup, and with Neuville she was a member of the third-place U.S. team in the BMO Financial Group Nations Cup.

Ashe and Neuville qualified for the short list for the 2006 FEI World Equestrian Games in Aachen, Germany. In 2005, Ashe and Neuville were first in the Jumping Under the Stars Grand Prix at the National Horse Show and fourth in the New Albany Classic Invitational, just a few short months after Jane Clark purchased Neuville for Ashe to ride. Also in 2005, Ashe and her longtime mount, Kroon Gravin, won both the \$40,000 CSI Lexington Grand Prix and the \$50,000 Congressional Cup. In 2004, aboard Resolute, Ashe won the \$75,000 HITS on the Hudson Grand Prix. Other triumphs for Ashe include wins in the CN Continental Grand Prix and Budweiser Prix de Penn National, second in the \$1-million CN Grand Prix and the Congressional Cup and third in the CSI Lexington Grand Prix and Jumping Under the Stars Grand Prix at the National Horse Show in 2003, all aboard Lutoxia.

Georgina Bloomberg

Born: January 20, 1983
Residence: North Salem, New York



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Horse: Cim Christo (12-year-old Holsteiner gelding; owned by Gotham Enterprizes, LLC)

Georgina Bloomberg has gotten a lot accomplished in her 24 years. She got her start in the hunter ring and had considerable success. The best hunter she had was a junior hunter named Diplomacy. Diplomacy came on the heels of some difficult ponies that wouldn't always produce results, even if Bloomberg did everything right. Diplomacy changed all that.

"To get on a really nice hunter that would win if worked hard enough was a huge payoff," said Bloomberg. "I knew as soon as I saw him that he would change my life. He wasn't an easy horse, but when I rode him well, he won everything. He not only gave me confidence, he taught me how to ride a winner."

Bloomberg is a product of the young riders' program and won two Gold medals at the North American Young Riders' Championships (NAYRC). In 2002, she won a Team Gold, and in 2003, the individual title.

"The NAYRC medals were the first major goals I set for myself as a rider," said Bloomberg. "I worked and trained as hard as I possibly could and when I earned those medals, I not only learned the importance of a team, but I also learned that through hard work you can achieve anything."

Bloomberg was a member of the first U.S. team to win the Samsung Super League in La Baule, France, in 2005. This was Bloomberg's first spot on a senior team.

"I was shocked to even make the team, so to pull through and be part of that win was a breakthrough for me and my career," said Bloomberg.

In the grand prix division, Bloomberg has had her share of wins, including a \$25,000 grand prix during the Wellington Masters in February 2007. In May, Bloomberg was named to the United States Developing Young Rider Squad for the second time in her career, with her first Developing Young Rider tour happening in 2004. The new squad has been competing throughout Europe against top international competition. Bloomberg racked up three victories in a row at the Third Annual Hamina Bastioni Horse Festival CSIO in Hamina, Finland, in June. In addition, she was a member of the winning FEI Nations Cup team that defeated Denmark, Italy, and seven strong international teams.

Bloomberg is a student at New York University in New York City and attends the Gallatin School of Individualized Study. She is majoring in Sports Management and Marketing and Studio Arts. She says most people are surprised to find out how artistic she is; she almost attended art school. She runs a non-profit that collects used riding clothes and donates them to riding programs that cannot afford to buy clothes.

Cim Christo represented Korea at the 2004 Olympic Games with Sohn Bong-Gak. He was only eight at the time. Bloomberg has had considerable success with him since then.

"If he was a person he'd be really clumsy and a bit awkward," said Bloomberg. "But he's very kind and not afraid of anything. He'd be the big brother type who looks out for you, then trips and falls down the stairs."

Laura Kraut

Born: October 3, 1959
Residence: Middleburg, Virginia



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Bob Langrish

Horse: Anthem (16-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding; owned by the Summit Syndicate)

Always a top competitor in grand prix circles, Olympic veteran Laura Kraut's performance as part of the U.S. team in the 2006 Samsung Super League tour led the U.S. to a second place in the Nations Cup in Rome, Italy, aboard Miss Independent. Her participation in the Samsung Super League series has been impressive.

At the 2006 FEI World Equestrian Games in Aachen, Germany, Kraut was a member of the Silver medal-winning U.S. team aboard her 2007 Samsung Super League mount, Miss Independent.

Kraut also spent much of the 2005 summer representing the United States in the competitive Samsung Super League series in Europe. Kraut helped the U.S. secure wins in Aachen, Germany; LaBaule, France; and Hickstead, England, riding both Anthem and Miss Independent.

Also in 2005, Kraut had a first-place finish at the \$75,000 Cosequin Florida Open riding Miss Independent. Going into her seventh World Cup Final, Kraut ranked second in the East Coast League. In 2004, Kraut 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.

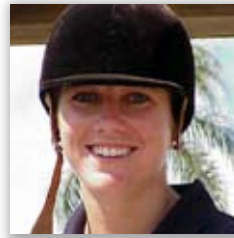
In 2003, Kraut was the top-placed American at the World Cup Final, where she tied for the fifth position out of 41 starting horse-and-rider combinations. In 2002, she was a member of the U.S. team that won the first outdoor Nations Cup held in the United States; and at the Samsung Nations Cup Series, she was named leading rider after tying for first place on Liberty in the individual competition.

Kraut was a U.S. team alternate at the 2002 FEI World Equestrian Games in Spain, and in the 2000-2001 competition season, she was honored as reserve champion American Grand Prix Association Rider of the Year. Kraut was also a member of the U.S. show jumping team at the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

Kraut makes her home in Wellington, Florida, and enjoys spending time with her young son, Bobby.

Christine McCrea

Born: February 6, 1978
Residence: East Windsor, Connecticut



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Horse: Promised Land (13-year-old Holsteiner gelding; owned by Candy Tribble and Windsor Show Stables)

Christine McCrea is known as a consistent performer with top ten placings at many events. McCrea made a splash when she joined the United States Equestrian Team (USET) Developing Rider Tour in 1999, finishing second in the Nations Cup at the CSIO Lummen, Belgium, aboard Caraibe du Moulin.

McCrea continued her career as she represented the USET in the Samsung Super League and other CSIO competitions in 2005 and 2006. She contributed to a second place for the 2006 U.S. team in the Samsung Super League in Rome, Italy, with the U.S. team finishing second overall for the season. In the 2005 Samsung Super League, McCrea and Promised Land contributed to Team Gold for the United States. At the Hampton Classic in New York, McCrea rode Vegas to wins in the \$50,000 Grey Goose Grand Prix, and in Ohio, the pair won the \$100,000 Wachovia Securities American Gold Cup. They also qualified for the short list for the 2006 FEI World Equestrian Games in Aachen, Germany. In both 2006 and 2007, McCrea qualified for the World Cup Finals as the seventh-ranked rider in the U.S. East Coast League.

Before going abroad in 2005, McCrea earned multiple top ten finishes at home, including taking second in the \$75,000 Budweiser World Cup of Syracuse, third in the \$50,000 Fidelity Grand Prix of Boston, fourth in the \$25,000 Winter Equestrian Festival Challenge Cup Round 5 and the \$100,000 Lexus National Horse Show Championship, and sixth in the \$40,000 CSI-W Lexington.

McCrea is a graduate of the University of Connecticut with a major in business. She currently trains at her family's farm, Windsor Show Stables, in East Windsor, Connecticut.

Beezie Madden

Born: November 20, 1963
Residence: Cazenovia, New York



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Integrity

Judgement

Horse: Authentic (12-year-old KWPN Dutch Warmblood gelding; owned by Abigail Wexner)

Few will forget Beezie Madden's remarkable performance at the 2006 FEI World Equestrian Games in Aachen, Germany, with only eight faults accumulated during the entire competition. Madden anchored the U.S. team that brought home the Silver medal, and added the Individual Silver medal in a masterful show of horsemanship against the final four top riders. Her performance is widely considered as one of the most impressive drawn-out series of show jumping rounds ever to be seen in a world championship.

In 2006, Madden had multiple successful rides, including her role in the Samsung Super League tour as part of the U.S. team that won the Silver medal. In the past few years, Madden has been a critical member of the United States' teams. Riding in six out of the eight competitions, she anchored the team for the 2005 Samsung Super League, which the U.S., the only non-European team competing in the League, decisively won. Also in 2005, she won the \$1-million CN International at Spruce Meadows in Canada on Judgement, and won the \$200,000 Budweiser American Invitational in Tampa, Florida, on Authentic (in both 2006 and 2007).

Her most recent accomplishment involves her win at the Rolex Grand Prix of Aachen in Aachen Germany in July 2007. Madden again rode Authentic for this prestigious win over 40 other competitors. Her accomplishments are currently 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, her main competition mount—the bay Dutch Warmblood named Authentic—was named as the 2006 top horse in the Farnam®/Platform™ United States Equestrian Federation's Horse of the Year Awards.

"It's an unbelievable honor and privilege to have a horse like him," said Madden. "Not only is he a top-class athlete, but he also has a great personality, and he seems to enjoy his life."

Madden was the first woman—and the first U.S. 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 U.S. team win the Gold medal, while her success on U.S. soil earned her the American Grand Prix Association (AGA) Rider of the Year title that year.

In 2003, at the Pan American Games in the Dominican Republic, she was a member of the Gold-medal U.S. team. Also in 2003, Madden won the Mercedes German Masters and the Audi Grand Prix. Other laurels include the 1997 Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Championship and the AGA title that year.

Originally from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 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, New York.

George H. Morris

Show Jumping Chef d'Equipe



Diana DeRosa

The chef d'equipe of the United States Show Jumping Team, George H. Morris of Wellington, Florida, is considered one of the most influential riders and trainers ever to participate in international equestrian sport. Since becoming the chef d'equipe in 2005, he has guided the U.S. team to the Gold medal in the 2005 Samsung Super League, the most prestigious annual league in show jumping; the Team Silver medal at the 2006 World Equestrian Games; and the 2006 Silver medal in the Samsung Super League. United States team rider Bezie Madden won the Individual Silver medal at the 2006 FEI World Equestrian Games.

Morris' career began as a precocious junior rider winning both the American Horse Show Association (AHSA) Hunter Seat Medal Final and the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (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. Morris also served as a director of the former USET, and as a member of its Executive and Show Jumping Committees.

Morris' 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 Morris 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, Morris 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.

Morris is also a well-known author of equestrian books and videos. He currently serves on several USEF committees, including the National Jumper Committee, as well as on the United States Hunter Jumper Association Hunter Seat Equitation Task Force, and the USHJA Jumper Zone II and Trainer Certification Committees. He holds a Registered judge's license in the jumper, hunter and hunter seat equitation divisions. Additionally, Morris is president of the Show Jumping Hall of Fame.

In recognition of his lengthy list of accomplishments and generous contributions to equestrian sport, Morris was the recipient of the highest honor the United States Equestrian Federation can bestow, the 2006 USEF Lifetime Achievement Award.

Sally Ike

Managing Director, Show Jumping Sport Programs



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Sally Ike uses her considerable experience to direct all aspects of show jumping for the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF), both from a national and high-performance perspective. Ike competed internationally for the United States Equestrian Team (USET) in three-day eventing. In 1989, she was named the USET's Director of Three-Day Eventing and Show Jumping Activities. Beginning in August 1993, Ike devoted all her energy to overseeing and planning all aspects of USET show jumping activities, adding responsibilities for vaulting from 2001-2004. Ike was chef de mission and show jumping team leader at the 1994 FEI World Equestrian Games (WEG) in The Hague, Holland; co-chef de mission and show jumping team leader at the 1998 WEG in Rome, Italy; and managing director of show jumping and team leader at the 2006 FEI World Equestrian Games in Aachen, Germany. She has also served as show jumping team leader for the Pan American Games (1995, 1999, 2003); Olympic Games (1992, 1996, 2000, 2004); and WEG (1990, 2002, 2006). She has been the team leader for the FEI Show Jumping World Cup Final team since 1990, and served as the chef d'equipe for the show jumping teams at the National Horse Show in 1990 and 1991.

Ike is a past member of the USEF Eventing Committee and is a non-voting advisor to the Jumping Committee. She is a current member of the USEF Drugs and Medications Committee, and a Director of the Show Jumping Hall of Fame. Ike is a USEF Registered eventing judge and technical delegate and a recorded jumper judge, as well as an FEI chief steward for show jumping and eventing and an author/panelist for the USEF Eventing Training and Continuing Education Programs for Licensed Eventing Officials. A Pony Club "A" graduate, Ike was also an alternate member of the 1968 three-day event squad for the Olympic Games. In addition, she has designed show jumping courses, primarily for eventing, since the mid-'70s, including the Fair Hill CCI***, Radnor CCI**, Jersey Fresh CCI**/***, Red Hills CIC-W***, the 1996 and 2004 Olympic Games Eventing Final Selection Trials, the 1995 and 1999 Pan American Games Eventing Selection Trials, and the 2002 and 2006 FEI World Equestrian Games Eventing Mandatory Final Outing.