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USEF Names Show Jumping Short List for the 2008 Olympic Games

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Lexington, KY – Following the completion of the USEF Selection Trials for Show Jumping in Wellington, FL, the United States Equestrian Federation's Ad Hoc Committee on Selection has approved naming the following ten horse/rider combinations to the Show Jumping Short List for the 2008 Olympic Games in Hong Kong August 8-24, 2008.

As per the Selection Procedures, the top 6 horse/rider combinations are named according to their Final Ranking in the Selection Trials. The remaining four horse/rider combinations may be discretionary choices recommended by the Selectors. In this case, the Selectors exercised their option to use four discretionary choices. In addition, the Selectors name and rank ten substitute horse/rider combinations to the Short List.

The combinations are as follows:

1. Laura Kraut/ Cedric (Wellington, FL)
2. Nicole Shahinian-Simpson/ SRF Dragonfly (Thousand Oaks, CA)
3. Anne Kursinski/ Champ 163 (Frenchtown, NJ)
4. Charlie Jayne/ Urbanus (Elgin, IL)
5. Kate Levy/ Vent Du Nord (Wellington, FL)
6. Anne Kursinski/ Roxana 112 (Frenchtown, NJ)
7. Beezie Madden/ Authentic (Cazenovia, NY)
8. McLain Ward/ Sapphire (Brewster, NY)
9. Jeffery Welles/ Armani (Wellington, FL)
10. Will Simpson/ Carlsson Vom Dach (Thousand Oaks, CA)

Substitute horse/rider combinations in this ranking order:

11. Christine McCrea/ Vegas (E. Windsor, CT)
12. Kent Farrington/ Up Chiqui (Chicago, IL)
13. Lauren Hough/ Quick Study (Wellington, FL)
14. Chris Kappler/ VDL Oranta (Flemington, NJ)
15. Georgina Bloomberg/ Curius (New York, NY)
16. Todd Minikus/ Olinda (Loxahatchee, FL)
17. Cara Raether/ Ublesco (North Palm Beach, FL)
18. Brianne Goutal/ Onira (New York, NY)
19. Ken Berkley/ Carlos Boy (Flemington, NJ)
20. Beezie Madden/ Judgement (Cazenovia, NY)

The horse/rider combinations named to the Short List have been divided into two groups of five riders each who will participate in the following two European Tours before Selection for the 2008 Olympic Games is finalized in early July:

Tour 1 - CSIO's La Baule, Rome, St. Gallen

Charlie Jayne/ Urbanus

Anne Kursinski/ Roxana 112

Kate Levy/ Vent du Nord

Nicole Shahinian-Simpson/ SRF Dragonfly

Will Simpson/ Carlsson Vom Dach

Tour 2 - CSIO's Rotterdam and Aachen

Laura Kraut/ Cedric

Anne Kursinski/ Champ 163

Beezie Madden/ Authentic

McLain Ward/ Sapphire

Jeffery Welles/ Armani

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