

Show News Continued

area non-profits that use horses in their work with military members and veterans as well as a tribute to a Gold Star mother. In cooperation with **Cornhusker State Industries (CSI)**, a self-sustaining program within the **Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (NDCS)** that helps prepare inmates for successful reentry back into the community, OEF used horse coolers made by inmates as part of the awards presented to competition winners.



Georgina Bloomberg and Chameur 137  
Photo by Jump Media

Show jumper **Georgina Bloomberg** finished in the top 20 of the **Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Final** held April 3-7 in Gothenburg, Sweden, placing 17th riding **Chameur 137**. It was Bloomberg's second

appearance at a World Cup Final; she previously competed in the 2005 World Cup Final. Congratulations, Georgina!



Scott Brash and Hans-Dieter Dreher  
Photo courtesy of New York Empire

The **New York Empire** team got off to a strong start in the **Global Champions League (GCL)** series, placing third in the first event of the series in Doha, Qatar, and then eighth in the second event in Mexico City, Mexico. The

points accumulated with those results put the team into second overall in the standings of the series. The New York Empire team is owned by U.S. show jumper **Georgina Bloomberg**, who rides for the team alongside British Olympic gold medalist **Scott Brash**, Irish Olympic gold medalist **Denis Lynch**, German rider **Hans-Dieter Dreher**, Israeli Olympian **Daniel Bluman** and fellow U.S. rider **Spencer Smith**. The team is also supported by **Sam Edelman**, **South Beach Brewing Company**, **Mane 'n Tail Equine**,

**Sapinda Holding B.V.** and **The Rider's Closet**. The GCL series has 20 stops in the 2019 season, including the addition of a New York venue, Governor's Island, from September 27-29.

Congratulations



Matt Cyphert and Kelley Buringa

Congratulations to **Kelley Buringa** and **Matt Cyphert**, from Argyle, Texas, on their engagement. Best wishes from all of us at *Sidelines* magazine.



Julia Tops  
Photo by Arnd Bronkhorst

Congratulations to Canadian show jumping athlete **Julia Tops**, 21, who was recently accepted into the prestigious **London School of Economics (LSE)** where she will begin a one-year master's program for development studies following her graduation in June from University of Toronto's distinguished **Trinity College**. The daughter of Canadian Show Jumping Team veteran **Tani Zeidler** and Dutch Olympic team gold medalist and founder of the **Longines Global Champions Tour (LGCT)**, **Jan Tops**, Julia will spend her summer training with her father and competing on the LGCT before beginning at LSE in October.



Erica Furkis

Photo courtesy of Erica Furkis

The **Dressage Foundation** is pleased to announce that the **2019 Karen Skvarla Fund Grant for Young Professionals** has been awarded to **Erica Furkis** of Berrien Center, Michigan. Erica plans to use the \$1,000 grant to ride in a clinic with **Anne Gribbons** in May. Erica has been a professional instructor for about one year and is an assistant manager and trainer at **Concord Ridge Equestrian Center** in St. Joseph, Michigan. In addition to teaching and training, she has received her USDF bronze and silver medals and organizes multiple schooling shows and clinics annually. For more information, visit [www.dressagefoundation.org](http://www.dressagefoundation.org).



Spencer Smith and Quality FZ

Photo by Starting Gate Communications

Sometimes a name says it all. That appears to be the case with the horse **Quality FZ**, who has moved from the stable of one Olympic champion to another. Canadian 2008 Olympic individual gold medalist **Eric Lamaze** announced the sale of his top international show jumping prospect, Quality FZ. The 10-year-old bay Italian Sport Horse gelding (**Quintender x Eurocommerce Berlin**) moves to **Rodrigo Pessoa**, who claimed the individual gold at the 2004 Olympic Games. Purchased by **Artemis Equestrian**, the horse is Rodrigo's prospective mount for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Congratulations, Rodrigo!