



# 2010 Saddleseat Equitation World Cup Canadian Teams Both Bring Home Bronze



I was very honoured going into my third World

Cup to be named the Five-Gaited Team Captain for 2010! Even though Rachelle was the only returning team member, I felt that it was one of Canada's strongest Five-Gaited teams to date. The competition level was the deepest it has ever been; for the first time there were five teams competing for the Five-Gaited trophy. It was encouraging to see Germany and Great Britain field a Five-Gaited team each and it is always great to meet new people and reconnect with old friends. While this experience was far different from my previous World Cups in South Africa, I was thrilled to be in Kentucky and will remember the 2010 World Cup as a great building block for Canada's Saddle Seat program. The Americans were very gracious and hospitable and treated us to a great experience all around. I would like to thank my fellow Five-Gaited Team members who worked so hard in preparing for this event and for making Canada proud. Thank you to Acacia, Margaret, Monique, Rachelle and Kim (alternate) for making this such a unique experience! I would also like to thank Archie and Leslie Hurst for all their support during the competition and of course to my family for their love and encouragement! I look forward to setting the bar even higher for Canada in 2012!

Samantha McWade—5-gaited team captain

### 3-Gaited Team

- Kim Ross
- Breanna Van Rooyen
- Mikayla Frost
- Rebecca MacLeod
- Emily Rice
- Margaret Biggs

Coach:  
Archie Hurst



Kim Ross— 3-gaited team

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"As a World Cup "Rookie", I would say that the *mental stamina* required in this



competition is staggering. From the day you draw to the final ride, the pressure lasts five days. Team Canada did a great job coming together as a team and supporting each other, which makes a tremendous difference in being able to go the distance. "

### 5-Gaited Team

- Samantha McWade
- Margaret Biggs
- Acacia Cheverier
- Monique Hetu
- Rachelle Reichert

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I am proud to be Canadian. Canadians have always been modest on the world stage but our Canadian athletes are not apologizing anymore. As coach of the Canadian 3-gaited and 5-gaited teams the thing that I was most proud of in Kentucky at this SaddleSeat Equitation 2010 World Cup event was our image. People would come to me and comment on what a lovely group of riders our team are, so well

turned out and so professional. We can be proud and celebrate how we represented our country at this world class event. The moment that really stands out for me at World Cup 2010 was the 3-gaited team receiving their bronze medals. The 5-gaited team has depth and experience and their performance was solidly competitive in a competitive arena. I felt we were pretty well assured bronze or even silver.

But I made no bones that the 3-gaited team is a development team. For them to come to that level of maturity and to work so hard, well, it was very touching to see them rewarded for it. To medal in both with two distinct teams, I think that is *huge*.

Archie Hurst: Canadian 5-gaited and 3-gaited WC Coach



I have big dreams for Canada's involvement in World Cup. The competition at these events is stepping up and the participation of the member countries in the Saddleseat discipline is outstripping the International SaddleSeat Equitation Association's (ISSEA) organizational capacity. There were five countries competing at the 2010 World Cup (Canada, Germany, Great Britain, South Africa, and USA) with two additional countries, Australia and Sweden sending representatives to observe the competition. Canada is being asked to play a bigger organizational role beginning in 2011 hosting three invitationals. This will give our riders opportunities for de-

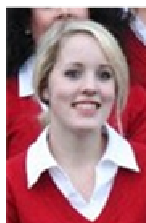
velopment and Canada a forum to create closer ties with other member countries. Ultimately events like these will stage Canada's ability to eventually host the Saddleseat Equitation World Cup in Canada.

Archie Hurst: Canadian 5-gaited and 3-gaited WC Coach



### Upcoming SaddleSeat Equitation World Cup Events:

World Cup Fund Raiser Gala	March 5, 2011
Canadian Team World Cup Tryouts	Fall 2011
SaddleSeat Equitation WC competition in South Africa	December 2012



Emily Rice—3-gaited team



The opportunity to represent Canada comes very few times in ones life, but when it does it's a *rush*. It makes the nerves, the conflicts and all the little things, worth it. I cannot express how amazing the entire experience was and how grateful I am to have been part of it.

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