



WACHOVIA SECURITIES AMERICAN GOLD CUP

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Exciting Show Jumping Competition Kicks Off the Wachovia Securities American Gold Cup *Olympians Set the Tone for the Five-Day Competition*

MORELAND HILLS, OHIO—September 19, 2007 — Olympian McLain Ward dominated today's competition, winning both events during the opening day of the Wachovia Securities American Gold Cup at the Cleveland Metroparks Polo Field. The top three finishers in the first class of the day went to Olympic medalists, setting the tone for a week of intense competition among the nation's top riders, including members of the 2004 U.S. Olympic Gold Medal team.

The first class of the American Gold Cup, the \$6,000 Steffee Surfaces 1.40m Speed Stake, was an amazing field of 55 horses ridden by the nation's best riders. When the dust settled, the victor was McLain Ward of Brewster, N.Y., (2004 Olympic Team Gold Medalist) aboard Llosetta. Second place went to Leslie Howard of Westport, Conn., (1984 Olympic Team Gold Medalist, 1996 Olympic Team Silver Medalist) aboard Jolie Dame Du Marais. Third place honors went to Chris Kappler of Pittstown, N. J., (2004 Olympic Team Gold Medalist, and Individual Silver Medalist) aboard VDL Maseratie.

McLain also took the top two honors aboard two different horses in the last class of the day, the \$6,000 1.45m Jumper Stake. He took first place aboard Fancy Brown and second place aboard Phillipa.

The Nation's Best Compete

Other horse show jumping superstars that are expected to compete this week are:

- **Beezie Madden**, Cazenovia, N.Y. (2004 Olympic Team Gold Medal; Silver Medal 2006 World Championships)
- **Norman Dello Joio**, Wellington, Fla. (1992 Olympic Individual Bronze Medalist, Winner 1983 World Cup)
- **Margie Engle**, Wellington, Fla., (2004 Olympic Team Gold Medal; Silver Medal Team 2006 World Championships)
- **Lisa Jacquin**, Colledgeville, Pa., (1988 Olympic Team Silver Medalist)
- **Lauren Hough**, Wellington, Fla., (Gold Medal 2003 at the Pan American Games)

All are expected to compete Friday evening in the \$25,000 Wachovia Securities Welcome Stake, a qualifying event for Sunday's \$100,000 Wachovia Securities American Gold Cup, an International Equestrian Federation (FEI) World Cup™ qualifying event. Sunday's competitors will earn qualifying points toward the right to compete at the 2008 FEI World Cup Jumping Final in Sweden.

Event History / Ticket Information

Exclusively devoted to show jumping at the highest levels, the Wachovia Securities American Gold Cup is a longtime favorite in the show jumping world. The first American Gold Cup was held in conjunction with the Chagrin Valley PHA Horse Show in 1970 at the historic Cleveland Metroparks Polo Field, site of the nation's first show jumping grand prix. Later the Gold Cup moved to Florida and became the forerunner of today's American Invitational in Tampa, before settling near Philadelphia where it remained until last year.

General admission tickets are available at the gate, Eton Chagrin Boulevard (Woodmere), Crocker Park (Westlake) and Schneiders (Bainbridge). General admission prices on Thursday, Friday, Saturday is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children (age 3 to 12), and seniors. Sunday, admission is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children (age 3 to 12) and seniors. For more details call 440.834.8615 or visit www.AmericanGoldCup.net.

DAILY SCHEDULE

Thursday, Sept. 20

10:00 am	\$5,000	Cleveland Equine Clinic Junior/A-O Jumper - High
	\$2,500	C. Jarvis Insurance Agency Junior/Amateur-Owner Jumper - Low
	\$1,500	Adult Amateur Jumper sponsored by The Radigan Family
	\$10,000	Northern Ohio Live Magazine 1.45m Jumper Stake

Friday, Sept. 21

8:00 am	\$2,500	SUCCEED Digestive Conditioning Program Junior/Amateur-Owner Jumper Stake - Low
	\$5,000	Equestrian Properties Junior/Amateur-Owner Jumper Stake - High
	\$6,000	1.40m NAL Speed Stake
	\$1,500	Kellison & Company Adult Amateur Jumper
	\$1,000	Children's Jumper

Noon – 4 p.m.

Free Ringside Seminars with the Experts presented by Schneiders, Buckeye Nutrition and

EquiFit, inc.

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Alex Bevan, popular folk singer, performs

7:00 pm

\$25,000

Wachovia Securities Welcome Stake

*Qualifying competition for Sunday's
\$100,000 Wachovia Securities American Gold Cup*

Saturday, Sept. 22

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

City Year Kids Fair, Kiddie Rides, Cowboy Ben & Family Festival

10:00 am	\$1,000	Best Sand Corporation Children's Jumper
	\$10,000	Junior/Amateur-Owner Jumper Classic - Low
	\$5,000	Fair Weather Farm/TCP NAL Adult Amateur Classic
	\$2,500	NAL Children's Jumper Classic
	\$25,000	1.50m Jumper Classic

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

The Girls, nine member band, performs

6:00 pm	\$10,000	1.40m Hit N' Hurry
	\$15,000	SJHOF Junior/Amateur-Owner Jumper - High

Sunday, Sept. 23

10:00 am - 1:00 pm Cleveland Metroparks Zoo Celebration, Kiddie Rides, Cowboy Ben & Family Festival

11:00 am - 1:00 pm Steve Madewell, folk singer/songwriter, performs

1:30 pm		Opening Ceremonies
2:00 pm		\$100,000 Wachovia Securities American Gold Cup, FEI World Cup™

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