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North American Riders Group

## USA wins in Rotterdam

### All Ladies Team Delivers the Strongest Nations Cup Performance this Year

Team USA at Rotterdam was a strong competitive all women's team made up of Candice King, Lauren Hough, Laura Kraut and Nicole Simpson. Nicole and Candice were on less than seasoned mounts though the results prove their horse's ability. Lauren Hough and Quick Study, the first US pair to go, lead the way with a 1st round clear. Next in the rotation, Candice King with Skara Glen's Davos added a second clear round to the tally. Then Nicole Simpson and Tristan came through the timers with just four jumping faults. The Olympic Gold medal team of Laura Kraut and Cedric held the anchor position and secured a third 1st round clear. With the first round behind them the ladies kept their momentum going with a strong finish of all clear jumping rounds and just one time fault from Nicole Simpson on Tristan.

Winning the Nations Cup today was important for many reasons. After placing second to the French at the Meydan FEI Nations Cup at La Baule the US team then fell short of a top three placing at both Rome and St Gallen. Each Nations Cup score is crucial to our team's future as 10 Nations' battle for the top six positions at the end of the 2010 series to be able to compete in next year's FEI Nations Cup Series. Individually, the results from these tours are part of the final selection process for the US team that will compete at the WEG in September. As the first WEG ever held in the US a spot on this team is highly coveted and the riders on the long list all have their hopes set on representing the US at the Games.

The US now sits in third place in the Meydan FEI World Cup Rankings behind France and Great Britain.

Chef d'equipe, George Morris says "They were fabulous. Both the horses and the riders were fabulous."

It is certain that George is looking forward to Falsterbo and Aachen with a sharp eye on honing his team for the WEG.

The North American Riders Group is honored to have the support of top riders on our Nations Cup teams. We know that our fundamental mission to improve our sport is anchored in the love of good horsemanship, great competition and the team spirit that riders like these exemplify.

Congratulations to the US Team at Rotterdam!

**Together** we can improve our sport

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