

Lamaze and Kid off to Worlds

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Schomberg's Eric Lamaze will headline the Canadian squad when he makes his seventh consecutive national appearance at the World Equestrian Games this month.

One of the biggest events on the equestrian calendar, the prestigious tournament held every four years will feature a fifty-year old Lamaze who shows no signs of slowing down.

The third-ranked rider in the world, and the all-time leader in prize money who trains out of Torrey Pines Stables, will be relishing every opportunity to act as a ?leader? to a young Canadian squad: including one of his own pupils, Kara Chad, who is making her international debut.

?I'm very proud that Kara made the team,? said Lamaze. ?She paid her dues and was a very gracious alternate for us at the Rio Olympics. Now, she has the opportunity to be a part of the team.?

The highly-decorated Lamaze earned a bronze in individual jumping at the Rio Games, his second podium finish in the discipline after a gold medal performance in Beijing in 2008.

Lamaze's first and only medal at the World Equestrian Games came in 2010 in Lexington, Kentucky, where an individual jump score of 9 fts. was enough to take home the bronze medal.

Yet this year's event sees Lamaze make a marked turn from the other half of his success in recent years, switching his saddle from the tried-and-tested Fine Lady, to that of the twelve-year old Chacco Kid.

?We are taking a young horse and giving him a chance,? said Lamaze, who acquired the Oldenburg gelding in 2016. ?He's a horse that I am very excited about and hope we will see great things from in the future.?