

## Athlete Focus: Brett McClure

**Brett McClure**, 22, won the 2003 Winter Cup Challenge, starting this very important year off right!

He said, "My goal in practice and at competitions is not just to hit my routines, but to also stick my landings. In practice, I won't leave an apparatus until I stick at least two landings. I think that has helped me tremendously. This meet (Winter Cup) sets the tone for me for the year. This is a huge year with the World Championships in August in Anaheim - we have to protect our home turf."



McClure, who trains at Team Chevron-USOTC, also did well during event finals at Winter Cup, tying for first on pommel horse, taking first on high bar, second on parallel bars, sixth on rings and seventh on vault.

Brett was a member of the 2001 World Championships Team that won an unprecedented silver medal. He also earned a pommel horse bronze at the 2001 Goodwill Games. Brett earned the all-around silver medal at the 2001 U.S. Championships and won the silver on high bar at the 2002 U.S. Championships. Brett is from Mill Creek, Wash., but now resides in Colorado Springs, Colo., to train at the Olympic Training Center. He's coached by Vitaly Marinitch. Brett is the son of Les and Judy McClure and has two brothers, Les Jr. and Dusty. Brett is engaged to 1996 Olympic Gold Medalist Jaycie Phelps. The couple were engaged in 2002 and plan to be married after the Olympic Games in 2004.