Monti Hopes To Drive Full Drivers Championship At Miami Valley

Thirty of the sport’s top drivers will converge on Miami Valley in Ohio on Sunday for the first of three days of the third annual $25,000 North America Drivers Championship.

Each driver has four randomly drawn horses and post positions on each of the first two programs on Sunday and Monday, with the top 10 point-getters then advancing to the championship round on Tuesday (Jan. 8). Those 10 drivers will compete in eight races with the overall point leader capturing the title, the trophy and the $10,000 first-place prize.

Ontario-based Doug McNair won the inaugural Drivers Championship in 2017 and Trace Tetrick, the leading driver at Hoosier Park who competes at Miami Valley during the winter, won the 2018 title. Drew Monti, the leading dash-winning driver at Batavia Downs and Buffalo Raceway last year (he also won the title at Batavia in 2017), hopes to complete the trifecta this year.

“It would be really nice (to win),” said the 24-year-old Monti, who has already won 1,244 races and $7.1 million in purse earnings in just six years of full-time driving. “It would be nice just to drive on Tuesday. I don’t want to have to go home early.

“They do a great job there and make it easy for you so there is incentive to go there. They guarantee eight drives and they make it as fair as they can. I’m excited, to be honest.”

With an average post-position draw totaling 44 over each driver’s eight mounts over the first two days, Dexter Dunn has a slight edge with his starting posts equaling 30. Anthony Napolitano, Bruce Ranger, Jeremy Smith, Brett Miller, Randy Tharps and Monti were the only other drivers to draw post positions totaling under 40.

Monti landed post 1 three times, post 3 once and post 4 twice. He will also start from the trailing post position 10 once. He will also start from the outside post 9 once.

“That’s good,” said Monti. “Posts matter because I don’t know any of the horses and you are driving with drivers that haven’t been driving them either, except for some of the Ohio guys. Not that it’s going to be a crapshoot, but in a way it’s going to be a crapshoot.”

This won’t be Monti’s first trip to Ohio as he had several drives in 2015 at Northfield Park and a couple of mounts again two weeks ago. Monti, who on Thursday was in his last day vacationing in Miami, will return to Northfield on Saturday night to drive Miss Banjolina, a 7-year-old filly pacer trained by his father, Darrin. Afterward he will head to Miami Valley for the Drivers Championship.

“We look forward to an exciting championship that goes right down to the wire, just as the first two editions of this competition did,” said tournament director and race secretary Gregg Keidel. “Unless someone gets really hot, the winner isn’t usually known until they hit the wire in the last race. These drivers have over 120,000 collective wins so they all know how to reach a winner’s circle. I hope the fans and the participants enjoy this unique contest format and may the best man win!” — By Gordon Waterstone
**North America Drivers Championship Field**
*(in alphabetical order)*

- Simon Allard
- Pat Berry
- Joe Bongiorno
- Billy Davis Jr.
- Kyle DiBenedetto
- Dexter Dunn
- Shawn Gray
- J. Bradley Harris
- Trevor Henry
- Casey Leonard
- Bob McClure
- Aaron Merriman
- Frank Milby
- Brett Miller
- Drew Monti
- Anthony Napolitano
- Jeff Nisonger
- Dan Noble
- Mike Ousting
- Chris Page
- Roger Plante Jr.
- Jeremy Smith
- Tyler Smith
- Josh Sutton
- Trace Tetrck
- Randy Tharps
- Todd Warren
- Jimmy Whittemore
- Sam Widger

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**Virgil Morgan’s Stats Rebound As Ohio Horseman Fills Entry Boxes**

Horseman Virgil Morgan Jr. says he doesn’t really pay attention to his statistics and had no idea the 1,104 starts by his horses in 2018 put him above the 1,000 mark again after a dip to 855 starts in 2017.

“This year I will probably race as many or more horses than I ever have,” said Morgan. “I really don’t keep track of stats. But I’ve taken on more horses this year.”

Morgan’s busiest year as a trainer came back in 2000, when he started horses 1,743 times and racked up 409 wins, also his career best.

“Years ago I was pushing (training) 100 horses,” noted Morgan, who presently has a 90-horse stable, including 25 two year olds. “Then when Ohio was in the depressed years, you couldn’t justify having that many.”

Morgan will be racing eight horses at Miami Valley Gaming near Cincinnati this weekend, plus one at Northfield Park and two at the Meadowlands.

“One goal I’ve usually had is to have a horse to fill every class,” added Morgan. “I have found that certain horses fit the Yonkers track, and with the purse money there, some of the horses I have will definitely be racing there.”

The horses Morgan races at East Coast tracks are with his assistant Paul Stratton at Gaitway Farm in New Jersey. His Ohio operation is headquartered at Winner’s Circle Training Center near Scioto Downs, which he developed in partnership with Bud Rector and Larry Wills.

“We have 250 stalls here right now, with five barns, and we’re currently in the process of building another barn,” said Morgan. “That will probably be the maximum.”

Among Morgan’s 90-horse stable are 25 two year olds. The group includes youngsters owned by 2017 Owner of the Year Bruce Trogdon (Emerald Highlands Farm), whose horses had previously been trained by Brian Brown.

“I think this is the best quality of 2 year olds I’ve ever started with, and I also have some nice 3 year olds for Emerald Highlands, Walnut Hall Ltd., and Larry Wills,” said Morgan. —By Kathy Parker
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Pictured: 2018’s “3YO Pacing Colt of the Year” Dorsoduro Hanover
Foiled Again Bows Out
At The Meadows

One of the most spectacular, improbable, inspirational equine careers in harness racing history ended New Year’s Eve at The Meadows with the final race of Foiled Again, the richest Standardbred ever. Although his fifth-place finish disappointed the expectant crowd, his $650 check sent his career earnings to $7,635,588, a mark that likely won’t be eclipsed anytime soon.

The race, the 331st for the Dragon Again-sired gelding, also capped a hugely successful “Farewell Tour” in which Foiled Again’s owners — Burke Racing Stable, Weaver Bruscemi LLC and JJK Stables — campaigned him at 18 tracks across the continent. The tour was an athletic and an artistic success; not only did Foiled Again win 11 of those races, swelling his career total to 109, but he also was the centerpiece of special events that created handle and buzz for the venues he visited.

In fact, the tour did so much for the sport that the United States Harness Writers Association voted Foiled Again the winner of the 2018 Stan Bergstein/Proximity Award, one of harness racing’s most prestigious and coveted accolades.

The chances for victory in his final race took a hit when “Foiled Again’s Last Call,” as the event was styled, came up so tough that his trainer, Ron Burke, called it a “mini-open.” All-day rain made for a sloppy, tiring surface while his draw, post 8, certainly didn’t help. As if all that weren’t enough, one of Foiled Again’s rivals, Knocking Around, a tough-as-nails, off-the-pace type, was piloted by David McNeight III seeking a milestone of his own — career victory 1,000.

It was a less-than-ideal spot but the gallant gelding gave it his all, shooting to the top for Yannick Gingras and holding it through fractions of :28.4/:57.4. When McNeight challenged first up with Knocking Around, a weary Foiled Again eventually yielded, defeated 3-1/2 lengths but missing show by only one-quarter of a length.

The scenario set off celebrations that The Meadows winners’ circle seldom has seen. First was the mob that greeted McNeight and Knocking Around, still so full of himself that he would barely settle for the picture. Then the even more boisterous greeting for Foiled Again, who was calm and gentlemanly throughout.

Among those speaking in the winners’ circle:

* Gingras, Foiled Again’s most frequent driver, who cited the horse’s victory in the 2013 Breeders Crown as his most memorable trip aboard Foiled Again. (Matt Kakaley, who also has driven Foiled Again, didn’t speak but slipped quietly into the celebration.;

* Burke, who conceived and led the execution of the Farewell Tour. He also cited Foiled Again’s Breeders Crown win as his most memorable;

* Mickey Burke, patriarch of the Burke clan, who decades ago left the auto sales industry to take a fling at harness racing ... and launched a harness racing dynasty. An emotional Burke insisted that son Ron stand beside him while he made his remarks.

* Sylvia Burke, partners with son Ron in Burke Racing Stable, who expressed gratitude to the horse’s legion of fans;

* Tessie Irey, Foiled Again’s caretaker at The Meadows;

* Mike Tanner, executive vice president of the United States Trotting Association, who presented the owners with a handsome Foiled Again collage on behalf of USTA and the Harness Racing Fan Zone.

His ownership group purchased Foiled Again privately midway through his 4-year-old campaign, figuring they’d acquired a nice horse who fit their program. But as he developed his potential under Ron Burke’s tutelage, he dominated older-horse company and was nigh well unbeatable on smaller tracks. When he captured that 2013 Breeders Crown at age 9, he became the oldest horse ever to win a Breeders Crown event. He won the Dan Patch Award for older males three consecutive times, a feat matched only by the legendary Rambling Willie.

Indeed, Foiled Again became a phenomenon unseen since Rambling Willy; his middle-aged and Golden-Years exploits inspired fans — particularly those with a few miles under their belts.

But that phase of his life ended about three hours before his mandatory retirement at the age of 15. Burke indicated he would halt the gelding’s training schedule immediately rather than cut back gradually, as Foiled Again always has responded well to being turned out. Burke said he would quarter skittish horses with the old boy so he could teach his nervous buddies to relax, and that Foiled Again would be available for promotional appearances.

Now, as his front shoes were pulled for the final time, he turned to face the appreciative crowd, which serenaded him with “For He’s a Jolly Good Fellow.” Then Foiled Again jogged into retirement.

Into immortality. — By Evan Pattak/The Meadows
2019 IVY LANE FARM STALLIONS

ARACACHE HANOVER

p,2,1:53.1; 3,1:50.1f; 1:48.1f ($1,726,617)

Dragon Again-Armbro Cachet-Camluck

The richest son of Dragon Again standing at stud, he earned over $1.7-million racing against the sport’s top pacers from age 2 - 7! His first small crop of two-year-olds (16 foals, 9 starters) raced in 2018 and included 4 sub-1:55 winners, led by the pair of stakes placed performers Sage Ivy p,2,1:53.3-’18 ($38,750) and Quick Aracache p,2,1:53.2-’18 ($23,250).

2019 Fee $2,500

CHECK SIX

p,2,1:52.3f; 3,1:50f; 4,1:48.1 ($1,654,084)

Somebeachsomewhere-Southwind Vanna-Artsplace

Multiple stakes winner from age 2 - 4 four, he retires to stud with over $1.6-million in career earnings! By the great Somebeachsomewhere and out of an Artsplace mare, he is bred on the same cross as Captaintreacherous. From seven foals his dam has produced 6 winners, with 5 in 1:55 and 2 sub-1:50.

2019 Fee $4,000

DOVER DAN

2,1:55; 3,1:51.3 ($523,470)

Andover Hall-CR Kay Suzie-Royal Troubador

A multiple stakes winner at 2 and 3, including the Bluegrass Stake at both 2 and 3 as well as the PA Sire Stakes 3YOCT Final and a Canadian Trotting Classic elim (finishing second to What The Hill in the final). He is by leading trotting sire Andover Hall and from World Champion and “Horse of the Year” CR Kay Suzie!

2019 Fee $3,500

REAL DESIRE

p,2,1:50.4; 3,1:49; 4,1:48.2 ($3,159,814)

Life Sign-Deadly Desire-Troublemaker

He leads all Indiana sires in career progeny earnings, with the winners of over $66.6-million. He is the only Indiana sire that has sired two horses that have been voted “Pacer of the Year,” State Treasurer and Tell All. His top performers of 2018 are led by Rockin Ron p,1:47.2 ($1,569,918) and GD Western Joe p,3,1:51.1-’18 ($318,456).

2019 Fee $3,500

WALDORF HALL

2,1:58.3f; 3,1:56.4f; 4,1:53f; 1:52.4f ($545,444)

Conway Hall-Winners Only-Credit Winner

A multiple stakes winning son of leading sire Conway Hall, he raced for 8 seasons and took 31 victories. He also finished third in the Galt Stake and the Vincennes Trot at The Meadowlands. His oldest foals are yearlings in 2019.

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Hanover-Breds Set Another Single-Season Money-Winnings Record

Hanover Shoe Farms, the Pennsylvania harness racing breeding operation which has led all of North American harness racing in seasonal money won by its graduates since recordkeeping began in 1949, has just broken its own mark for one-year earnings by those raised at the nursery. The $31,451,117 total it posted in 2017 was eclipsed on December 27 of last year, with the final number for 2018 reaching $31,589,496.

Dorsoduro Hanover, recently voted champion 3-year-old pacing male of the season, led the contributors to the record total with $1,284,562, second-highest total of 2018, behind only McWicked. The 2017 Little Brown Jug winner Filibuster Hanover, making the difficult step up to the free-for-all ranks (and horses such as McWicked), still brought in winnings of $661,601, the most money earned by any 4 year old in 2018 North American racing.

The Hanover success story is well-known in the sport: how in 1926 Lawrence Sheppard bought the 69-horse dispersal of A.B. Cox and used the stock as a foundation to build the premier harness operation in the sport, with racehorses graduating to the breeding ranks, and a continuous, relentless search to acquire the top sires in the sport, along with outstanding broodmares. Sheppard has been followed by John Simpson Sr., his son Jim, and Sheppard’s grandson Russell Williams as visionary horsepeople/businesspeople who have continued Hanover’s dominance while giving back much to the sport in leadership positions.

“The record-breaking 2018 racing year by Hanover Shoe Farm-bred racehorses shows our commitment to Mr. Sheppard’s vision of being the premier Standardbred farm,” said Jim Simpson, Hanover’s chairman. “I am proud to have been at the helm for 20 years, and to state that the new record tops all farms in the world breeding all types of racehorses. This accomplishment takes a dedicated staff, the best stallions and mares our commercial business can buy, and talented trainers, drivers and grooms working tirelessly. What drives this entire business are the owners who buy and race these horses. All of us at Hanover Shoe Farms give thanks for the owners willing to invest the money, time and effort to keep this business alive.”

Giving no signs of slowing down despite fronting its field into an eighth decade now, Hanover has truly become synonymous with excellence in the harness racing industry, with the earnings record of 2018 just the latest proof in a list of accomplishments which continues on strongly, and shows no sign of tiring. (Hanover Shoe Farms)
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In addition to the 2019 service fee, the amount of the stallion nomination fee must include a surcharge as follows:

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Note: For the purpose of determining the surcharge in other than U.S. funds, the November 1, 2018 exchange rate is used, a rate of $1.31 CAD per USD.

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Any payment on a stallion that does not commercially conceive a foal or breed a mare by any means during the entire 2019 breeding season may be refunded, provided, however, that it shall be the obligation of the stallionnominator to notify the Society in writing of any request for refund by December 31, 2019.

Moreover, if a nominated stallion does not breed more than twenty (20) mares in 2019 or produce more than fifteen (15) registered foals in 2020, up to 50% of the stallion nomination fee may be refunded, provided, however, that it shall be the obligation of the stallionnominator to notify the Society in writing of any request for adjustment by December 31, 2019 (mares bred) or December 31, 2020 (registered foals). No stallion nomination fee will be reduced to less than $500.00 U.S. funds.

Any payment on a North American stallion that has been nominated by January 15, 2019, and is subsequently exported prior to February 15, 2019 and that does not commercially breed a mare in North America by any means during the entire 2019 breeding season, may be refunded, provided, however, that it shall be the obligation of the stallionnominator to notify the Society in writing of any request for refund by December 31, 2019. With the exception of supplemental nominations or declarations as provided in the conditions, foals of 2020 by a stallion for which the above nomination fee has been refunded will be ineligible to the Breeders Crown unless an additional amount equal to the amount of the refund is paid.

Except as provided above, stallion nomination fees shall not be refunded.

Stallion payments may be made in the local currency of the nation in which the stallion stands, or in equivalent U.S. funds ($500 U.S. funds minimum).

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In 2019, 2-year-old, 3-year-old and open Breeders Crown events will be conducted under the conditions of Breeders Crown 2019. All of these races are closed with sustaining payments due in 2019, with the exception of supplemental nominations.

For more information contact: The Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown at (609) 371-2211 or www.hambletonian.com

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Mixed Bag For Horses Prepping For Prix d’Amerique

The American-bred Propulsion did not perform as expected in a Gold Division race at the Romme track in Sweden on Saturday, Dec. 29.

Propulsion, a son of Muscle Hill-Danae, finished second to the classy trotter On Track Piraten. Following the race, trainer Daniel Reden shared that the horse had a fever and had lost his appetite.

On Wednesday, Jan. 2, Reden reported that Propulsion seemed better and that a start in the Jan. 27 Prix d’Amerique was still possible for the horse.

“I hope (it was) a light virus,” he said, noting that he didn’t think it was a cold because the horse has not been coughing.

Propulsion was bred in the U.S. by Cane Run Farm and Bluestone Farms and is owned by Bengt Agerup’s Stall Zet. Propulsion will be standing at stud later this year, but Reden had announced that he would keep the horse in training to take another shot at winning the Prix d’Amerique. Propulsion finished third in last year’s classic in Paris, behind Readly Express and Bold Eagle.

Meanwhile, in Paris on Sunday (Dec. 30), Bold Eagle defeated Readly Express in the Prix de Bourgogne.

Bold Eagle, driven by Franck Nivard, won the Prix de Bourgogne at Vincennes in impressive style.

After two races, where Bold Eagle had been very disappointing, the richest French active trotter showed that he is still on top of his game at Vincennes and must be considered as one of the favorites for the upcoming Prix d’Amerique.

In the Prix de Bourgogne raced over 1-5/16 miles Bold Eagle left the gate very fast and driver Franck Nivard sent him to the lead. Then Nivard yielded to Bjorn Goop and Readly Express. In the last turn Readly Express still had control of the race, but Bold Eagle was just waiting for racing room and when he got it, he was on his way to victory.

Bold Eagle won by a length in a mile rate time of 1:55.1 with Readly Express holding on for second.

Guccio Sold For $310,000 At Indiana Driving Horse Sale

The Indiana-based stallion Guccio 4, 1:51.1f, the runner-up in the 2012 Hambletonian, has been sold at public auction for $310,000. The 10-year-old son of Yankee Glide was sold on Thursday (Jan. 3) at the Michiana Driving Horse Winterfest Sale in Shipshewana, Ind.

Guccio was owned by The Guccio Syndicate, which was comprised of notable Indiana breeders—Cornerstone Farm, Victory Hill Farm, Steve Wagler, Merle E. Yoder, Black Creek Farm, Fix It Up Farm, Maumee River Stables, Northern Lane Stable, Pond-A-Acres and Woodside Farm.

“I was hoping for $300,000; there had been a ton of talk so I figured we’d get close,” said Jeff Fought of Cornerstone Farm. “I was very happy with it!”

Guccio has stood at stud for five seasons, breeding books of mares totaling 132, 120, 126, 130 and 43 (in 2018). With two crops of racing age, Guccio’s best performer has been 2018 Indiana Sires Stakes champion Katkin American 3, 1:52.1 ($221,450). At the 2018 Hoosier Classic yearling sale, 26 yearlings by Guccio brought an average price of $14,615.

During his racing career Guccio was trained by Jimmy Takter. He earned $1,021,809 with much of the purse money banked from a second-place finish to Market Share in the Hambletonian (beaten a neck) and a third-place finish in the Canadian Trotting Classic.
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Grant is winner of Davies Humanitarian Award

When horse owner Brad Grant heard the news last April about the accident that claimed the lives of 16 people aboard a bus carrying the Humboldt Broncos junior hockey team, he knew he wanted to help. Grant, whose own involvement in Canadian junior hockey stretches more than three decades, was uncertain what to do, but came upon the answer as he looked at a page of racing entries. more

Marcus Melander voted Rising Star

Marcus Melander, “to the manor born” in terms of personal harness racing pedigree, went out in 2018 and made great accomplishments with a small but talented collection of trotters, including the two dominant 2-year-old colts, in the process earning the Rising Star Award in voting conducted by the United States Harness Writers Association. more

Vitale named USHWAn of the Year

Heather Vitale, secretary of the Delaware Valley Chapter of the U. S. Harness Writers Association (USHWA), international harness racing video journalist and two-time Sam McKee Broadcasters Award winner, has been announced by USHWA president Shawn Wiles as the organization’s Member of the Year. more

Last call for Caretaker of Year nominations

There are a few days left to submit nominations for the 2018 Caretaker of the Year. The award, in its fourth year of sponsorship by Hard Rock Rocksino Northfield Park (HRRNP) in conjunction with the United States Harness Writers Association (USHWA), recognizes the unsung heroes of the sport—the caretakers who maintain the health and welfare of the horses on a daily basis. more

Meadowlands Survival Challenge starts Friday

Contestants have until 6:45 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 4 to register and make their selections in the always popular Meadowlands Winter Meet Survival Challenge powered by 123Racing. The grand prize is $1,000 & 2019 WHHC spot. The second-place prize is $500 & 2019 WHHC spot. The third-place prize is $250 & 2019 WHHC spot. Most winners prize is $250. more

COSA statement on Western Fair’s future

This holiday season has been a reflective one for southwestern Ontario horse people who were informed just days before Christmas that the future of Standardbred racing at The Raceway at Western Fair District is in jeopardy due to Gateway Casinos’ decision to relocate. The company has decided to shift their operation from Western Fair, therefore taking the funding that helps support local racing. more

SC asks for Western Fair support

During the past year Standardbred Canada has been a vocal supporter of Ontario’s Long Term Funding Agreement in this province. The recent announcement concerning Gateway Casino moving from The Raceway at Western Fair District in London, Ont., is problematic and concerning on many fronts. more
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