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Cover page photo caption: Dutch driver Koos de Ronde was crowned FEI World Cup™ Driving champion 2013 for the first time in his career. © Rinaldo de Craen/FEI



Four-in-hand drivers in fabulous form for new FEI World Cup™ Driving season

By Cindy Timmer

The world's best four-in-hand drivers are in the starting blocks for what should be a sensational 13th FEI World Cup™ Driving season beginning on 19 October in Hannover (GER).

Qualification

Following the exciting 2012-2013 indoor season which culminated in Koos de Ronde's (NED) final victory, the drivers moved outdoors to qualify for the prestigious indoor series. The qualification period comprised 13 competitions organised throughout Europe and the 10 top drivers managed to secure a slot for the 2013-2014 indoor series. The 2013 German champion Christoph Sandmann decided not to take part this season as did the 10-time US national champion Chester Weber who was in 11th place on the qualification standings. These withdrawals have allowed Sandmann's fellow countryman Daniel Schneiders to move up two places and qualify for the FEI World Cup™ Driving season.

Schneiders made his first World Cup appearance in 2012 in Hannover where he had been granted a wild card and felt hugely excited by the series unique atmosphere. He set himself the goal to qualify during the outdoor season and has managed to secure the much coveted starting ticket.

Top drivers

This season's field further includes double world and four-time FEI World Cup™ Driving champion Boyd Exell (AUS), individual and team gold medallist Theo Timmerman (NED) and his successful teammates Koos de Ronde and IJsbrand Chardon as well as the runner-up of the German Championships and European silver team medallist Michael Brauchle. Brauchle had previously competed on several occasions using wild cards, but this is his first season as a qualified driver. His teammate Georg von Stein, who was the best German driver at this year's FEI European Driving Championships in Izsák (HUN) where he finished in fifth place, has qualified for the World Cup season for the third time.

Father and son

For the first time this season a family will be part of the indoor series with father and son József Dobrovitz and József Dobrovitz jr. of Hungary battling it out for the champion's title. Double world champion Tomas Eriksson (SWE) found a new sponsor after CAIO Aachen 2013, which resulted in an enormous improvement in his results. Eriksson won the last qualification competition in Donaueschingen (GER) thanks to which he earned just enough points to enter the Top Ten. Eriksson concluded his successful second half of the outdoor season by winning individual silver at the FEI European Championships at the end of September.

Thanks to these exciting developments, the scene is set for a strong 13th FEI World Cup™ Driving season.



Simplified rules

The season consists of nine qualifiers (CAI-Ws) and a Final.

Ten four-in-hand drivers have qualified for the 13th season of the FEI World Cup™ Driving 2013-2014.

The top five drivers will compete in five events of which the best four results count. The top six to ten drivers will compete in four events of which all results count.

Drivers earn points for their placing at each event.

The Final is open to the top six drivers of the standings after the ninth event (CAI-W Leipzig).

At each event, the Organiser may award one, two or three wild cards. However, the wild card(s) driver(s) cannot earn points counting towards the standings of the series.

Each FEI World Cup™ Driving qualifier consists of two competitions. The starting order in the first competition is decided by a draw. The starting order in the second competition – the FEI World Cup™ Driving – is in reverse order of merit from the first competition.

The FEI World Cup™ Driving courses consist of marathon type obstacles, a bridge, and eight to 12 cone-type obstacles. The course must be driven in the correct order and as fast as possible. Every knock down (ball or element) will cause five penalty seconds to be added to the time of the competitor.

In the Final, the starting order for Competition 1 is in reverse order of the standings after Phase 1.

Fifty percent (50%) of the score differential between each driver and the leading driver from competition 1 (converted into seconds) will be carried forward by that Driver into competition 2. Scores from Competition 2 will be carried forward by the Qualified Drivers into the Drive Off.

The complete rules for the FEI World Cup™ Driving 2013/2014 are available at this [LINK](#).



The calendar

Qualifiers

Hannover	GER	19/10/2013	20/10/2013
Verona	ITA	07/11/2013	08/11/2013
Stuttgart	GER	15/11/2013	16/11/2013
Stockholm	SWE	29/11/2013	01/12/2013
Budapest	HUN	29/11/2013	01/12/2013
Geneva	SUI	13/12/2013	15/12/2013
London Olympia	GBR	18/12/2013	20/12/2013
Mechelen	BEL	29/12/2013	30/12/2013
Leipzig	GER	17/01/2014	19/01/2014

Final

Bordeaux	FRA	08/02/2014	09/02/2014
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Competition timetable

Hannover (GER)	
First Competition	FEI World Cup™ Driving Competition
Saturday, 19 October 2013 23.15 CEST	Sunday, 20 October 2013 16.10 CEST
Verona (ITA)	
Thursday, 7 November 2013 23.15 CET	Friday, 8 November 2013 23.15 CET
Stuttgart (GER)	
Friday, 15 November 2013 20.00 CET	Saturday, 16 November 2013 14.00 CET
Stockholm (SWE)	
Friday, 29 November 2013 22.00 CET	Sunday, 1 December 2013 19.00 CET
Budapest (HUN)	
Saturday, 30 November 2013 time TBC	Sunday, 1 December 2013 time TBC
Geneva (SUI)	
Friday, 13 December 2013 17.00 CET	Sunday, 15 December 2013 10.45 CET
London-Olympia (GBR)	
Thursday, 19 December 2013 12.30 GMT	Friday, 20 December 2013 18.15 GMT



Mechelen (BEL)	
Sunday, 29 December 2013 17.00 CET	Monday, 30 December 2013 22.30 CET
Leipzig (GER)	
Friday, 17 January 2014 23.50 CET	Sunday, 19 January 2014 12.15 CET
FINAL – Bordeaux (FRA), 8-9 February 2013	
Saturday, 8 February 2014 23.15 CET	Sunday, 9 February 2014 16.30 CET

The entries

Please check [THIS PAGE](#) for the updated drivers' biographies.

Hannover (GER), 17-20 October 2013

Boyd Exell (AUS)
 Theo Timmerman (NED)
 Koos de Ronde (NED)
 IJsbrand Chardon (NED)
 Michael Brauchle (GER)
 Daniel Schneiders (GER) (with wild card).

Verona (ITA), 7-10 November 2013

Boyd Exell (AUS)
 Michael Brauchle (GER)
 Jozsef Dobrovitz jr., (HUN)
 Jozsef Dobrovitz (HUN)
 Georg von Stein (GER)
 Theo Timmerman (NED) (with wild card)
 Carlo Mascheroni (ITA) (with wild card)

Stuttgart (GER), 13-17 November 2013

Jozsef Dobrovitz jr., (HUN)
 Jozsef Dobrovitz (HUN)
 Georg von Stein (GER)
 Daniel Schneiders (GER)
 Boyd Exell (AUS)
 Michael Brauchle (with wild card)

Stockholm (SWE), 29 November – 1 December 2013

Tomas Eriksson (SWE)
 Boyd Exell (AUS)
 Koos de Ronde (NED)
 Michael Brauchle (GER)
 Georg von Stein (GER)



Budapest (HUN), 9 November – 1 December 2013

Jozsef Dobrovitz jr. (HUN)
Jozsef Dobrovitz (HUN)
Theo Timmerman (NED)
IJsbrand Chardon (NED)
Daniel Schneiders (GER)

Geneva (SUI), 12-15 December 2013

Tomas Eriksson (SWE)
IJsbrand Chardon (NED)
Boyd Exell (AUS)
Theo Timmerman (NED)
Koos de Ronde (NED)
Werner Ulrich (SUI) (with wild card)
Jérôme Voutaz (SUI) (with wild card)

London Olympia (GBR), 17-23 December 2013

IJsbrand Chardon (NED)
Theo Timmerman (NED)
Koos de Ronde (NED)
Daniel Schneiders (GER)
Michael Brauchle (GER)

Mechelen (BEL), 26-30 December 2013

Theo Timmerman (NED)
Jozsef Dobrovitz jr., (HUN)
Jozsef Dobrovitz (HUN)
Georg von Stein (GER)
Tomas Eriksson (SWE)
Glenn Geerts (BEL) (with wild card)
Koos de Ronde (NED) (with wild card)

Leipzig (GER), 16-19 January 2014

Tomas Eriksson (SWE)
Koos de Ronde (NED)
IJsbrand Chardon (NED)
Michael Brauchle (GER)
Daniel Schneiders (GER)

Event **CAI-W HANNOVER (GER)**
 Competition **World Cup (Season 2013-2014)**
 Date **19-20 OCTOBER 2013**



Place	Driver & Horses	NF	Round 1		Round 2		Total	WC pts
			Pen.	Time	Pen.	Time		
1	Koos DE RONDE <i>Mario, Celina 6, Tommy, Palero</i>	NED	97,08	0	86,57	0	183,65	10
2	Boyd EXELL <i>Lucky, Banjok, Clinton Star, Spitfire</i>	AUS	100,48	0	82,34	5	187,82	7
3	IJsbrand CHARDON <i>Maestoso X-30 Magus, Maestoso X- 29 Fegyenc, Feles</i>	NED	100,46	0	87,87	0	188,33	5
4	Michael BRAUCHLE <i>Eclair DW, Jamaika 66, Rapa-Nui, Armageddon</i>	GER	109,69	10			119,69	3
5	Theo TIMMERMAN <i>Oosterwijk's Kasper, Bonusz, Joep, Boris</i>	NED	112,00	10			122,00	2
6	Daniel SCHNEIDERS* <i>Costa 49, Cabus, Twister 154, Jumpingjackflash xx</i>	GER	118,34	10			128,34	-

* Entered the competition with a wild card, no points will be attributed

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(best four results to count)



Place	Driver	NF	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
3	Koos DE RONDE	NED	10									10
1	Boyd EXELL	AUS	7									7
2	IJsbrand CHARDON	NED	5									5
5	Michael BRAUCHLE	GER	3									3
4	Theo TIMMERMAN	NED	2									2
	Jozsef DOBROVITZ	HUN										
	Jozsef DOBROVITZ jr.	HUN										
	Georg VON STEIN	GER										
	Daniel SCHNEIDERS	GER										
	Tomas ERIKSSON	SWE										

Legend for results marked with *:

* Not counting = 5th or more results

Event calendar :

1	CAI-W HANNOVER (GER)	19-20	October 2013
2	CAI-W VERONA (ITA)	7-8	November 2013
2	CAI-W STUTTGART (GER)	15-16	November 2013
3	CAI-W STOCKHOLM (SWE)	1-2	December 2013
4	CAI-W BUDAPEST (HUN)	1-2	December 2013
5	CAI-W GENEVA (SUI)	13-15	December 2013
6	CAI-W LONDON OLYMPIA (GBR)	19-20	December 2013
7	CAI-W MECHELEN (BEL)	29-30	December 2013
8	CAI-W LEIPZIG (GER)	17-19	January 2014
	FINAL CAI-W BORDEAUX	8-10	February 2014



FEI World Cup™ Driving champions

Season	World Cup Champion	Final event
2001/2002:	Michael Freund (GER)	Gothenburg (SWE)
2002/2003:	Michael Freund (GER)	Gothenburg (SWE)
2003/2004:	Michael Freund (GER)	Gothenburg (SWE)
2004/2005:	Michael Freund (GER) and IJsbrand Chardon (NED)	Gothenburg (SWE)
2005/2006:	IJsbrand Chardon (NED)	Gothenburg (SWE)
2006/2007:	Michael Freund (GER)	Gothenburg (SWE)
2007/2008:	Christoph Sandmann (GER)	Leipzig (GER)
2008/2009:	Boyd Exell (AUS)	Gothenburg (SWE)
2009/2010:	Boyd Exell (AUS)	Geneva (SUI)
2010/2011:	Boyd Exell (AUS)	Leipzig (GER)
2011/2012:	Boyd Exell (AUS)	Bordeaux (FRA)
2012/2013:	Koos de Ronde (NED)	Bordeaux (FRA)



The history

Introduction

In 1999 much discussion on what should be done to make Driving more popular and attract new spectators took place. The then-chairman of the FEI Driving Committee, Jack Pemberton (CAN), created an ad hoc committee the task of which was to evaluate the status of discipline, the media coverage it attracted and the sponsorship and spectator potential it held.

The ad-hoc Driving think-tank met twice and presented its findings the following year at an FEI seminar. Their report contained two major proposals in the report: a drastic simplification of the championship formula and the creation of an indoor World Cup.

The drivers expressed lively interest in the World Cup and the European organisers of indoor equestrian events organisers supported the new adventure.

The first FEI World Cup™ Driving season officially began in November 2001 in Stuttgart (GER) and ended in April 2002 in Gothenburg (SWE). By using the results of the major outdoor competitions as qualification for the indoor FEI World Cup™ Driving, the new project also succeeded in giving the outdoor season an increased importance.

Season 2001/2002

Competitions: Stuttgart (GER), Stockholm (SWE), Amsterdam (NED), Mechelen (BEL), Bordeaux (FRA), Dortmund (GER), 's-Hertogenbosch (NED), Gothenburg (SWE)-FINAL.

Competitors: IJsbrand Chardon (NED), Tomas Eriksson (SWE), Michael Freund (GER), Christoph Sandmann (GER), Gert Schrijvers (BEL), Harry de Ruyter (NED), Werner Ulrich (SUI), Chester Weber (USA), Ludwig Weinmayr (GER), Daniel Würigler (SUI)

Eight competitions were held during the first season of the FEI World Cup™ Driving. Each of the top ten drivers after the outdoor season could choose four events at which to compete, which meant that each event had five of the top ten drivers, plus a home driver as a wild card. Michael Freund (GER) dominated the first season. He won in Stuttgart, Bordeaux and Gothenburg, and lost only in Dortmund to IJsbrand Chardon (NED). The four events without Freund saw four different winners: Chester Weber (USA) won in Stockholm; Harry de Ruyter (NED) in Amsterdam; Ludwig Weinmayr (GER) in Mechelen; and Christoph Sandmann (GER) in 's-Hertogenbosch. Michael



Freund thus became the first FEI World Cup™ Driving champion with 37 points ahead of Weber (27) and Sandmann (26).

Season 2002/2003

Competitions: Stuttgart (GER), Stockholm (SWE), Geneva (SUI), Mechelen (BEL), Leipzig (GER), Bordeaux (FRA), Vigo (ESP), 's-Hertogenbosch (NED), Gothenburg (SWE)-FINAL.

Competitors: IJsbrand Chardon (NED), Rainer Duen (GER), Boyd Exell (AUS), Tomas Eriksson (SWE), Michael Freund (GER), Christoph Sandmann (GER), Gert Schrijvers (BEL), Werner Ulrich (SUI), Chester Weber (USA), Mark Weusthof (NED)

With nine competitions on the programme in the second season, each driver was allowed to select four of the first eight events. The five top drivers after these eight events would be invited to compete in the ninth event at Gothenburg (SWE). The points earned in Gothenburg were added to the score after the eight events. First season winner Michael Freund (GER) won his four events (Stuttgart, Leipzig, Bordeaux, and Vigo) but in Gothenburg he was beaten by his fellow countryman, Christoph Sandmann. Freund nevertheless became the season's champion with 47 points, ahead of Boyd Exell (AUS) with 32 points and Christoph Sandmann with 31.

Season 2003/2004

Competitions: Stuttgart (GER), Stockholm (SWE), Mechelen (BEL), Leipzig (GER), Bordeaux (FRA), Vigo (ESP)-2x, 's-Hertogenbosch (NED), Gothenburg (SWE)-FINAL.

Competitors: Jozsef Bozsik (HUN), IJsbrand Chardon (NED), Jozsef Dobrovitz (HUN), Boyd Exell (AUS), Tomas Eriksson (SWE), Michael Freund (GER), Christoph Sandmann (GER), Gert Schrijvers (BEL), Werner Ulrich (SUI), Chester Weber (USA)

With eight competitions on the calendar, the third season was the same as the first one, i.e. four competitions for each of the ten drivers. Michael Freund (GER) won all four of his competitions – in Stuttgart, Stockholm, and twice in Vigo - and earned his third FEI World Cup™ Driving title with maximum points, 40. Boyd Exell (AUS) was again runner-up and Christoph Sandmann (GER) was third with no wins throughout the season. Tomas Eriksson (SWE), despite two wins in Leipzig and in Gothenburg, managed only fourth place overall.



Season 2004/2005

Competitions: Hannover (GER), Stuttgart (GER), Stockholm (SWE), Mechelen (BEL), Leipzig (GER), 's-Hertogenbosch (NED), Gothenburg (SWE)-FINAL.

Competitors: IJsbrand Chardon (NED), Jozsef Dobrovitz (HUN), Boyd Exell (AUS), Tomas Eriksson (SWE), Michael Freund (GER), Zoltan Lazar (HUN), Jan-Erik Pålsson (SWE), Fredrik Persson (SWE), Werner Ulrich (SUI), Chester Weber (USA)

There were seven competitions on the calendar of the fourth FEI World Cup™ Driving season. It was therefore decided that each of the top ten drivers would compete at three events; the top five drivers would then travel to Gothenburg for the final event. Michael Freund (GER), winner in Stockholm and Mechelen and second in Hannover which was a new fixture on the World Cup calendar, went to Gothenburg as the leader with 27 points. His Dutch opponent IJsbrand Chardon had 24 points having won in Hannover and placed second in Mechelen and 's-Hertogenbosch. Boyd Exell (AUS) and Werner Ulrich (SUI) tied for third place on 22 points.

Jan-Erik (Nicke) Pålsson (SWE) was fifth with 16 points. Tomas Eriksson (SWE) was invited as a wild card. Unfortunately, it was not decided before the competition in Gothenburg whether Eriksson could earn points. Chardon won the competition, wild card Tomas Eriksson finishing second and Michael Freund was third. The question of whether or not Eriksson would be awarded points was therefore of crucial importance for the final standings. If he did earn points, the final outcome would be 34 points for Chardon and 32 for Freund. If Eriksson did not earn points, Chardon and Freund would tie on 34 points. The FEI finally decided that Eriksson could not earn points, and consequently Chardon and Freund were both proclaimed champions for the 2004/2005 season.

Season 2005/2006

Competitions: Hannover (GER), Stuttgart (GER), Stockholm (SWE), Geneva (SUI), Mechelen (BEL), Leipzig (GER), Gothenburg (SWE)-FINAL.

Competitors: Jozsef Bozsik (HUN), IJsbrand Chardon (NED), Michael Freund (GER), Jozsef Dobrovitz (HUN), Tomas Eriksson (SWE), Zoltan Lazar (HUN), Fredrik Persson (SWE), Koos de Ronde (NED), Christoph Sandmann (GER), Daniel Würgler (SUI)

For the 2005/2006 season it was decided the points earned in the first six competitions would serve to qualify for the final event at Gothenburg where the competition would begin from scratch. Michael Freund (GER) won all of his three events: Stuttgart, Geneva and Leipzig. Chardon (NED) was second on



the standings before Gothenburg without having scored any wins. At the Final, held over two rounds, Chardon and Freund battled for victory. The Dutch driver won the first round; in the second round, Freund was slightly faster than Chardon but not fast enough to score the final win. Thus Chardon became the fifth FEI World Cup™ Driving champion. Werner Ulrich of Switzerland was third.

Season 2006/2007

Competitions: Hannover (GER), Stuttgart (GER), Stockholm (SWE), Geneva (SUI), Mechelen (BEL), Leipzig (GER), Amsterdam (NED), Gothenburg (SWE)-FINAL.

Competitors: Attila Bardos (HUN), IJsbrand Chardon (NED), Jozsef Dobrovitz (HUN), Tomas Eriksson (SWE), Laszlo Juhasz (HUN), Koos de Ronde (NED), Gert Schrijvers (BEL), Theo Timmerman (NED), Werner Ulrich (SUI), Daniel Würgler (SUI)

The series consisted of seven events plus the Final in Gothenburg. Geneva and Amsterdam returned on the World Cup calendar after several years of absence. The system introduced for the previous season, whereby qualified drivers began the competition from scratch at the Final bringing more excitement and suspense, was unanimously approved and was used for the 2006/2007 season. Michael Freund (GER) won his fifth FEI World Cup™ Driving Final. Freund had put an end to his career as an active four-in-hand driver after the FEI World Equestrian Games in Aachen 2006. Being the most popular driver in Germany, 'Mr. Fahrspport' was invited to compete in the German qualifiers as a wild card.

He won the competition in Stuttgart, which entitled him to another wild card in Mechelen, Belgium. Despite the tough competition he faced from his opponents, Freund managed to win that event as well and firmly secured his ticket to the Final. After a thrilling winning round, Freund crossed the finish line just 0.6 seconds ahead of title defender IJsbrand Chardon (NED). Freund's compatriot Christoph Sandmann finished third.

From the 2007/2008 season, no World Cup points could be earned by wild card drivers.

Season 2007/2008

Competitions: Hannover (GER), Stuttgart (GER), Stockholm (SWE), Geneva (SUI), Mechelen (BEL), Leipzig (GER) - FINAL.

Competitors: Benjamin Aillaud (FRA), IJsbrand Chardon (NED), Jozsef Dobrovitz (HUN), Boyd Exell (AUS), Tomas Eriksson (SWE), Zoltan Lazar



(HUN), Koos de Ronde (NED), Werner Ulrich (SUI), Mark Weusthof (NED), Daniel Würigler (SUI).

After the last summer qualifying event in Deauville, France, the top ten drivers chose their events. Since there would only be five FEI World Cup™ Driving events that season, the top five drivers competed in three events each of which the best two results counted. The drivers placed from sixth to tenth drove two events. Leipzig in Germany hosted the Final for the first time. Home driver Christoph Sandmann wrote history by winning the Final as a wild card driver. Benjamin Aillaud strongly defended the French colours and came second, ahead of IJsbrand Chardon (NED).

Season 2008/2009

Competitions: Hannover (GER), Stuttgart (GER), Stockholm (SWE), Budapest (HUN), Geneva (SUI), Mechelen (BEL), Leipzig (GER), Gothenburg (SWE)-FINAL.

Competitors: IJsbrand Chardon (NED), Jozsef Dobrovitz (HUN), Boyd Exell (AUS), Tomas Eriksson (SWE), Zoltan Lazar (HUN), Fredrik Persson (SWE), Christoph Sandmann (GER), Koos de Ronde (NED), Werner Ulrich (SUI), Daniel Würigler (SUI)

After Budapest, Hungary successfully hosted an FEI World Cup™ Driving Try Out competition in 2007, the venue was included in the series calendar. The season comprised seven qualifiers and the Final returned to Gothenburg in Sweden at the end of February 2009. The top five drivers competed in four events each with the best three results counting. The riders placed from sixth to tenth drove three events. Out of the top six drivers who qualified for the Final, four had at least one qualifier. Boyd Exell of Australia was second to go in the winning round and did everything to put the pressure on last starter Chardon (NED). One knock down made Chardon get six seconds ahead of Exell. The excitement in the Scandinavium arena was palpable as four-time world champion Chardon knocked one ball down. When he hit the second ball, it was clear that he would not manage to remain in the lead. Chardon came second with ten seconds difference to Exell who was crowned FEI World Cup™ Driving champion for the first time in his career.

Season 2009/2010

Competitions: Hannover (GER), Stuttgart (GER), Stockholm (SWE), Budapest (HUN), Mechelen (BEL), Leipzig (GER), Bordeaux (FRA), Geneva (SUI)-FINAL.

Competitors: IJsbrand Chardon (NED), Jozsef Dobrovitz (HUN), Boyd Exell (AUS), Tomas Eriksson (SWE), Jiri Nesvacil (CZE), Christoph Sandmann



(GER), Koos de Ronde (NED), Theo Timmerman (NED), Werner Ulrich (SUI), Daniel Würgler (SUI)

The 2009/2010 season again consisted of seven events. The FEI was happy to welcome the well-known Jumping International de Bordeaux, which had hosted an FEI World Cup™ Driving competition for the last time in 2003, back on the series calendar. The season's highlight was the Final in Geneva where the it was held for the first time concurrently with the Rolex FEI World Cup™ Jumping Final. After a thrilling competition, Australia's Boyd Exell won the Rolex FEI World Cup™ Driving Final. Being the title defender, winner of three qualifiers during the season and the top favourite, Exell felt the pressure but kept a clear head and beat his Dutch rivals, Koos de Ronde and IJsbrand Chardon, who had switched to driving a Lipizzaner team of horses half way through the season.

Season 2010/2011

Competitions: Hannover (GER), Stuttgart (GER), Stockholm (SWE), Budapest (HUN), Geneva (SUI), Mechelen (BEL), Bordeaux (FRA), Leipzig (GER)-FINAL.

Competitors: IJsbrand Chardon (NED), Jozsef Dobrovitz (HUN), Boyd Exell (AUS), Tomas Eriksson (SWE), Zoltan Lazar (HUN), Fredrik Persson (SWE), Koos de Ronde (NED), Theo Timmerman (NED), Werner Ulrich (SUI), Daniel Würgler (SUI)

The tenth season of the FEI World Cup™ Driving consisted of seven events. For the first time, all four FEI World Cup™ Finals – the Rolex FEI World Cup™ Jumping; the Reem Acra FEI World Cup™ Dressage; the FEI World Cup™ Driving and the FEI World Cup™ Final Vaulting – were staged together in one venue at Leipzig in Germany. Five of the seven four-in-hand drivers who started in Leipzig had won a qualifier during the season which contributed to making the Final very exciting. Boyd Exell (AUS) won the coveted title for the third consecutive time. The popular Australian sped to victory cheered by an enthusiastic crowd in the packed to capacity Leipzig Messe. Hungary's Jozsef Dobrovitz drove two brilliant rounds with his team of Lipizzaner horses to finish second, ahead of IJsbrand Chardon (NED).

Season 2011/2012

Competitions: Hannover (GER), Stuttgart (GER), Stockholm (SWE), Budapest (HUN), Geneva (SUI), Mechelen (BEL), Leipzig (GER), Bordeaux (FRA) – FINAL.

Competitors: Ijsbrand Chardon (NED), Rainer Duen (GER), Jozsef Dobrovitz (HUN), Tomas Eriksson (SWE), Boyd Exell (AUS), Zoltan Lazar (HUN), Koos



de Ronde (NED), Georg von Stein (GER), Theo Timmerman (NED), Werner Ulrich (SUI)

The 11th season of the FEI World Cup™ Driving series comprised seven qualifiers. Rainer Duen (GER) joined the list of 10 drivers at the last minute after Chester Weber (USA) who was in second place on the outdoor season standings, decided not to compete. The new format for the Final was well received by most of the drivers and Boyd Exell (AUS) made history once again, winning his fourth consecutive FEI World Cup™ Driving title.

Season 2012/2013

Competitions: Hannover (GER), Stuttgart (GER), Stockholm (SWE), Budapest (HUN), Geneva (SUI), London Olympia (GBR), Mechelen (BEL), Leipzig (GER), Bordeaux (FRA) – FINAL.

Competitors: Boyd Exell (AUS) IJsbrand Chardon (NED), Koos de Ronde (NED), Theo Timmerman (NED), Christoph Sandmann (GER), Werner Ulrich (SUI), Tomas Eriksson (SWE), József Dobrovitz (HUN), Georg von Stein (GER), Fredrik Persson (SWE).

The 12th season of the FEI World Cup™ Driving series was made up of eight competitions in Germany, Sweden, Switzerland, Hungary, Great Britain, Belgium and France. London-Olympia became part of the series for the first time. Fredrik Persson (SWE) joined the list of 10 drivers after Chester Weber who won individual silver at the FEI World Four-in-Hand Driving Championships in Riesenbeck (GER) in 2012, decided not to compete. Koos de Ronde (NED) broke Boyd Exell's hegemony in a breathtaking Final in Bordeaux (FRA), winning the FEI World Cup™ Driving title for the first time in his career.



The Jack Pemberton trophy

Honorary FEI Bureau member Jack Pemberton (CAN) has generously donated the trophy which is awarded to the winner of the FEI World Cup™ Driving Final. The first Jack Pemberton trophy was presented to Australia's Boyd Exell after the 2012 Final held in Bordeaux (FRA).

Jack Pemberton, who chaired the FEI Driving Committee from 1995 to 2003, has been involved with the FEI since 1968 and has made a huge impact on equestrian sport. He has been part of over 20 equine associations in his life. He was made a life member of the British Horse Society and the Canadian Combined Driving Association. In 2007 Jack Pemberton was the inaugural recipient of the Equine Canada Lifetime Achievement Award.



Photo caption: the Jack Pemberton trophy



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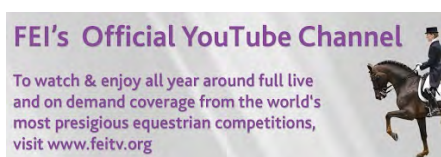


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