



HERVE FILION
Canada



STANLEY DANCER
United States



KEVIN NEWMAN
Australia



NELLO BELLEI
Italy



EDDY FREUNDT
Germany

World driving championships at Mohawk

By Bill Galvin

The sixth leg of harness racing's World Driving Championship — a unique first in world racing, will be staged at Mohawk Raceway Saturday night.

Eight of the best drivers in the world, each a champion in his own country, will drive North American trotters and pacers in a series of from 25 to 35 races at seven U.S. and Canadian tracks of Harness Tracks of America. The world champion will be crowned on the basis of point standings after the final races at Blue Bonnets Raceway in Montreal April 19.

The eight, chosen on the basis of 1969 national championships in their homelands and, in the case of the European drivers, on the results of the 1970 European championships in Recklinghausen, Germany, Easter Sunday, include both the present and former world record holders for most victories in a single season — Herve Filion of Canada and Eddy Freundt of West Germany.

World Championship contenders are:

Nello Bellei, 40, of Italy, who won his fourth Italian national championship in 1969 with 157 victories.

Stanley Dancer, 42, of the U.S., four-time world money-winning champion and member of the sport's Hall of Fame.

Herve Filion, 30, of Canada, world record holder for victories in a single season with 407 in 1968 and world leader in the same category in 1969 with 394 wins.

Ernst Fischer, 60, of Austria, winner of the Austrian driving championship 15 times since his debut in 1928 and now closing in on 2,000 career victories.

Eddy Freundt, 41, nine-time driving champion of Germany and former world record holder with 384 victories in 1963. He led all German drivers for six consecutive years (1959-64), averaging 311

victories a year in that span.

Kevin Newman, 36, leading stakes winning dri in Australia and race-winning champion of New South Wales for the last three years. A 20-year veteran, Newman set the all-time Australian speed record.

George Sholty, 37, second-ranked U.S. driver in 1969 Harness Tracks of America standings and percentage champion at Roosevelt Raceway last year. Sholty has won 1,768 races and \$7,136,832 in purses.

Peter Wolfenden, 35, driving champion of New Zealand and developer of the great Cardigan Bay, who he raced Down Under before Stanley Dancer brought the champion to the U.S.

Following are the places and dates of the driving competitions: Louisville Downs, Louisville, Ky., April 10; Saratoga Harness Raceway, Saratoga Springs, N.Y., April 11; Hazel Park Harness Raceway, Detroit, April 15; Liberty Bell Park, Philadelphia, April 16; Northfield Park, Cleveland, April 17; Mohawk Raceway, Campbellville, April 18; and Blue Bonnets, Montreal.

The international stars will receive their nightly driving assignments by luck of the draw, and will be assigned mounts at the time horses are entered in the world tournament events. Each race winner will receive 50 points, the second place finisher will get 25, and third, fourth and fifth place finishes will be worth 12, 8 and 5 points.

Point totals will be cumulative through the seven-stop series, and the driver with the highest point total following the final race in Montreal will be crowned world champion.

It is the first world competition, bringing together champions of major racing countries in sustained head-and-head encounters, in racing history.



GEORGE SHOLTY
United States



MOST IMPROVED GOALIE in the Acton Legion Minor Hockey Association, David Allan received his trophy from outgoing citizen of the year Charlie Thomson at Saturday's banquet. — (Staff Photo)

O.P.P. report

Can you afford to lose your drivers license?

During the O.P.P. reporting week, April 5 to April 12, the men at the Acton Detachment while working 207 hours patrolled 702 miles.

General occurrences totalled five in all and included a minor theft, and a reported theft of an automobile which proved groundless.

The only traffic accident reported in the past two weeks was of a minor nature, in which the total amount of damage was \$45. A driver in this accident was charged with impaired driving.

A total of 18 charges and 13 warnings were issued for various infractions of the Highway Traffic Act, and a motorist was charged for driving while he was under suspension.

During the past week three motorists have been charged in the town for driving while their ability to drive was impaired by alcohol.

Everyone is familiar with the behaviour changes that come from drinking too much alcohol: for most people it means a pleasant feeling of euphoria, a loosening of some social inhibitions, and more difficulty in maintaining posture, followed perhaps by a hangover in the morning. Most people will also agree that whatever else may be said for it, DRINKING DOES NOT GO WITH DRIVING.

I have yet to meet the person who could afford to forfeit his driver's licence for three months and pay a fine.

So when next you are in your

local pub and you know you have had one too many, take a cab or get a friend to drive you

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home. And that well known drink "One more for the road" could be the one that puts you in front of the judge. I say again, "Can you afford to forfeit your licence for three months?"

—Cons. Roy Wood.

COMMUNAL FORESTS

Coun.ies, townships and conservation authorities in Ontario hold more than 200,000 acres of forests, all managed under agreements with the minister of lands and forests.

Notes and Quotes

from the world of sport

By Denis Gibbons

Walter Fletcher won the steaks in the men's division of Saturday night's mixed euchre with a score of 63. Norm Cunningham placed second with 61 and Fred Jank brought home the bacon for hidden score, posting a 43.

In the women's division, Eileen Wedge's 82 won her the steaks for first place. Marie Marshall was second with 58 and Lynda Dalton won the bacon for hidden score with a 51.

There will be no mixed euchre this Saturday night.

The next P.R.O. meeting will be held in Streetsville, Wednesday April 22.

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