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Cover page photo caption: Boyd Exell (AUS) claimed the FEI World Cup™ Driving champion title for the fifth time in his career in a thrilling finale held in the sold-out Expo centre in Bordeaux in February 2014.

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FEI World Cup™ Driving: stage is set for an exciting 14th season

By Cindy Timmer

The world's best four-in-hand drivers are getting ready for an exciting new FEI World Cup™ Driving season which kicks off on 22 November at the Stuttgart German Masters. It follows the thrilling outdoor qualification period consisting of 13 events held all over Europe throughout the summer.

The year has been very successful for Australia's Boyd Exell who won his fifth World Cup title in Bordeaux (FRA) in February and was crowned world champion for the third time in a row at the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games™ 2014 in Normandy in early September.

American driver Chester Weber, who won individual silver in Normandy and came in on top in Windsor (GBR), Saumur (FRA), and Aachen (GER), was leading the standings for most of qualification period but decided not to compete in the indoor World Cup.

IJsbrand Chardon, Koos de Ronde and individual world bronze medallist Theo Timmerman, who were on the invincible Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games™ 2014 Dutch team last summer, all qualified for the indoor season along with József Dobrovitz (HUN), winner of CAIO4* Vecsés in his home country, who finished in fourth position on the qualification standings.

Christoph Sandmann (GER), the marathon winner in Caen, and German national champion Georg von Stein have also secured World Cup starting places.

Hungary's Zoltán Lázár, who won CAI3* Fábiansebestyén on home ground and placed eighth in the standings, decided to withdraw from the indoor series. Mark Weusthof (NED) came in ninth but being the fourth Dutch driver to make the Top Ten, he cannot compete in accordance with the series rules which permit a maximum of three athletes per National Federation. This allowed rookie Glenn Geerts (BEL), in 11th place, and the experienced FEI World Cup™ drivers Werner Ulrich (SUI), 12th, and Fredrik Persson (SWE), 13th, to start.

Second team

Most of the World Cup drivers have put together a second team of horses especially for the series. Newcomer Glenn Geerts usually drives a team of KWPN chestnuts but he is also training a team of Lipizzaners for his first FEI World Cup™ Driving season. Geerts received the wild card in Mechelen during the previous three years and is looking forward to his first World Cup competition in Stuttgart.



The new season

The FEI World Cup™ Driving season 2014/2015 consists of seven competitions organised in Germany, Sweden, Switzerland, Hungary, Great Britain, and Belgium.

Five drivers will compete at each event and organisers may give wild cards. The top five drivers compete at four events, the remaining five drivers will start at three events.

The scores from the best three events count. The top six drivers after the last qualifier at CSI-W Leipzig (GER) qualify for the Final, which has just been allocated to Bordeaux (FRA) for the fourth consecutive time.

Simplified rules

Ten four-in-hand drivers have qualified for the 14th season of the FEI World Cup™ Driving 2014-2015. The season consists of seven qualifiers (CAI-Ws) and a Final.

The top five drivers will compete in four events of which the best three results count. The top six to ten drivers will compete in three 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 seventh 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 2014/2015 are available at this [LINK](#).



The calendar

Qualifiers	Stuttgart (GER) , 21-22 November 2014
	Budapest (HUN) , 28-30 November 2014
	Stockholm (SWE) , 29-30 November 2014
	Geneva (SUI) , 12-14 December 2014
	London Olympia (GBR) , 19-20 December 2014
	Mechelen (BEL) , 29-30 December 2014
	Leipzig (GER) , 16-18 January 2015
Final	Bordeaux (FRA) , 7-8 February 2015

Competition timetable

Stuttgart (GER)	
First Competition	FEI World Cup™ Driving Competition
Friday, 21 November 2014 20.00 (local time)	Saturday, 22 November 2014 13.45 (local time)
Stockholm (SWE)	
Friday, 28 November 2014 21.35 (local time)	Sunday, 30 November 2014 20.25 (local time)
Budapest (HUN)	
Saturday, 29 November 2014 17.00 (local time)	Sunday, 30 November 2014 14.00 (local time)
Geneva (SUI)	
Friday, 12 December 2014 16.45 (local time)	Sunday, 14 December 2014 10.45 (local time)
London-Olympia (GBR)	
Friday, 19 December 2014 15.15 (local time)	Saturday, 20 December 2014 18.15 (local time)
Mechelen (BEL)	
Monday, 29 December 2014 13.00 (local time)	Tuesday, 30 December 2014 22.00 (local time)
Leipzig (GER)	
Friday, 16 January 2014 22.50 (local time)	Sunday, 18 January 2014 12.15 (local time)
FINAL – Bordeaux (FRA)	
Saturday, 7 February 2014 23.30 (local time)	Sunday, 8 February 2014 13.45 (local time)



Live broadcast

Watch the competition LIVE from on [FEI TV](#), the FEI's official video platform:

CAI-W Geneva – Sunday, 14 December 2014

Start Time: 10:35 (time in Switzerland)

The athletes

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

Stuttgart (GER), 19 to 23 November 2014

Boyd Exell (AUS)
Jozsef Dobrovitz (HUN)
Ijsbrand Chardon (NED)
Christoph Sandmann (GER)
Glenn Geerts (BEL)
Daniel Schneiders (GER) wild card
Georg von Stein (GER) wild card

Stockholm (SWE), 28 to 30 November 2014

Fredrik Persson (SWE)
Boyd Exell (AUS)
Theo Timmerman (NED)
Werner Ulrich (SUI)
Glenn Geerts (BEL)
Tomas Eriksson (SWE) wild card

Budapest (HUN), 28 to 30 November 2014

Jozsef Dobrovitz (HUN)
Ijsbrand Chardon (NED)
Christoph Sandmann (GER)
Koos de Ronde (NED)
Georg von Stein (GER)

Geneva (SUI), 11 to 14 December 2014

Georg von Stein (GER)
Werner Ulrich (SUI)
Boyd Exell (AUS)
Jozsef Dobrovitz (HUN)
Christoph Sandmann (GER)
Benjamin Aillaud (FRA) wild card
Cyril Maret (SUI) wild card
Jérôme Voutaz (SUI) wild card



London Olympia (GBR), 16 to 22 December 2014

Fredrik Persson (SWE)
Theo Timmerman (NED)
Koos de Ronde (NED)
Glenn Geerts (BEL)
Ijsbrand Chardon (NED)
Dan Naprous (GBR) wild card
Boyd Exell (AUS) wild card

Mechelen (BEL), 26 to 30 December 2014

Georg von Stein (GER)
Boyd Exell (AUS)
Christoph Sandmann (GER)
Fredrik Persson (SWE)
Theo Timmerman (NED)
Glenn Geerts (BEL) wild card
Koos de Ronde (NED) wild card

Leipzig (GER), 15 to 18 January 2015

Theo Timmerman (NED)
Koos de Ronde (NED)
Werner Ulrich (SUI)
Jozsef Dobrovitz (HUN)
Ijsbrand Chardon (NED)

FINAL: Bordeaux (FRA), 6 to 8 February 2015

Open to the top six athletes after CAI-W Leipzig (GER).

News

- 1 Dec 2014 - [Exell scores a second success in Stockholm](#)
- 30 Nov 2014 - [Sensational start of season for Koos de Ronde \(NED\)](#)
- 22 Nov 2014 - [Exell is the super star in Stuttgart](#)

FEI World Cup™ Driving 2014/15 Standings

After 3 of 7 events:

1. Boyd EXELL (AUS) - 20
2. IJsbrand CHARDON (NED) - 14
3. Koos DE RONDE (NED) - 10
4. Jozsef DOBROVITZ (HUN) - 8
5. Christoph SANDMANN (GER) - 7
6. Glenn GEERTS (BEL) - 7
7. Fredrik PERSSON (SWE) - 7
8. Georg VON STEIN (GER) - 3
9. Werner ULRICH (SUI) – 3
10. Theo TIMMERMAN (NED) – 2

The detailed rankings are available [here](#)

Results CAI -W Stockholm (SWE), 30 Nov 2014

1. Boyd Exell (AUS) 291,62
2. Fredrik Persson (SWE) 308,66
3. Glenn Geerts (BEL) 312,49
4. Tomas Eriksson (SWE) 172,89
5. Werner Ulrich (SUI) 184,84
6. Theo Timmerman (NED) 209,70

The detailed results are available [here](#)



Photo caption: Boyd Exell (AUS) won his second FEI World Cup™ Driving competition of the season at the Sweden International Horse Show in Stockholm last night. Photo: Roland Thunholm/FEI.

Results CAI -W Budapest (HUN), 30 Nov 2014

1. Koos de Ronde (NED) 227,76
2. IJsbrand Chardon (NED) 233,03
3. József Dobrovitz (HUN) 239,34
4. Georg von Stein (GER) 133,15
5. József Dobrovitz jr. (HUN) 134,88
6. Christoph Sandmann (GER) 137,42
7. Mark Osztertag (HUN) 151,79

The complete results are available [here](#)

Results CAI -W Stuttgart (GER), 22 Nov 2014

1. Boyd Exell (AUS) 251,18
2. IJsbrand Chardon (NED) 260,35
3. Christoph Sandmann (GER) 275,05
4. József Dobrovitz (HUN) 146,86
5. Georg von Stein (GER) 150,37
6. Glenn Geerts (BEL) 151,86
7. Daniel Schneiders (GER) 155,11

The complete results can be viewed [here](#).



Photo caption: Reigning FEI World Cup™ Driving champion Boyd Exell (AUS) won the first FEI World Cup™ Driving qualifier of the 2014-2015 season held as part of the Stuttgart German Masters. (Photo: Karl-Heinz Frieler/FEI)



FEI World Cup™ Driving champions

Season	World Cup Champion	Final event
2013/2014:	Boyd Exell (AUS)	Bordeaux (FRA)
2012/2013:	Koos de Ronde (NED)	Bordeaux (FRA)
2011/2012:	Boyd Exell (AUS)	Bordeaux (FRA)
2010/2011:	Boyd Exell (AUS)	Leipzig (GER)
2009/2010:	Boyd Exell (AUS)	Geneva (SUI)
2008/2009:	Boyd Exell (AUS)	Gothenburg (SWE)
2007/2008:	Christoph Sandmann (GER)	Leipzig (GER)
2006/2007:	Michael Freund (GER)	Gothenburg (SWE)
2005/2006:	IJsbrand Chardon (NED)	Gothenburg (SWE)
2004/2005:	Michael Freund (GER) and IJsbrand Chardon (NED)	Gothenburg (SWE)
2003/2004:	Michael Freund (GER)	Gothenburg (SWE)
2002/2003:	Michael Freund (GER)	Gothenburg (SWE)
2001/2002:	Michael Freund (GER)	Gothenburg (SWE)

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 Würigler (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 Würigler (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 Würigler (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 Würigler (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.



Season 2013/2014

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

Competitors:

Boyd Exell (AUS), Theo Timmerman (NED), Koos de Ronde (NED), IJsbrand Chardon (NED), Michael Brauchle (GER), József Dobrovitz jr. (HUN), Georg von Stein (GER), Tomas Eriksson (SWE), József Dobrovitz (HUN), Daniel Schneiders (GER)

Boyd Exell (AUS) claimed the FEI World Cup™ Driving champion title for the fifth time in his career in a thrilling finale held in the sold-out Expo centre in Bordeaux. It was not an easy victory for the Australian who won the neck-to-neck race only 0.69 seconds ahead of rookie Daniel Schneiders (GER). Title defender Koos de Ronde (NED) finished third.

For the first time in World Cup history, a father and a son - József Dobrovitz and József Dobrovitz jr. of Hungary – competed against each other.

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.



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