

BILLINGS ACTION IN THE STATES AND IN CANADA OVER THE NEXT 4 DAYS

Harness racings greatest traveling sideshow, the C.K.G. Billings Amateur Driving Series, will be on the move again this coming weekend with action in both the U. S. and in Canada.

On Saturday night, August 9 one eastern region Billings contest is slated at Vernon Downs and will go as the first race on the betting card. Many of the top point leaders will be in action there including Todd “the Downeaster” Whitney whose 105 points leads the region and George “the Brooklyn Cowboy” Casale, currently third on the leaderboard with 68 points. But it also marks the return to action by Lon “The Deli Boy” Frocione and Vladimir “Butch” Melnichenko.

Also slated to drive in the Vernon Downs leg are “Daring Dave” Pozefsky; “Cowboy Eric” Taddeo; Scott “the Driving Doctor” Woogen; Bob “the Headhunter” Heckhoff and Peter “the President” Gerry.

Also on August 9 a group of Billings participants will be heading north of the border to Sarnia, Ontario to compete in a “wild card” Billings event at Hiawatha Horse Park. Among the Billings members who will be participating there include midwest region and combined points leader, Steve “You’re Never Too” Oldford. Joining Oldford are two Canadian members, “Howie the Horse” Gelfand and “Dynamite Dave” Drew along with Dale “the Big Boss” Zahn; Gregg “Fast Greggy” Keidel; “Rockin’ Ronnie” Wrenn and making his seasonal debut Mike “the Mortgage Man” Mitchell.

Then the following day, Sunday, August 10, many of the aforementioned Billings amateurs will gather at Clinton Raceway in Clinton, Ontario for a race over the double oval there. Newcomers on this Canada tour who’ll be in action at Clinton Raceway include: Joe “Bearcat” Stutzman, Congenial Gene” Miller and Dave “Linemaster” Ehrenberg.

And Billings action will continue on Monday, August 11 in the midwest region at the Muskingum County Fair in Zanesville, Ohio. One division is on tap and will go as race six on the card. Headlining the event are former Amateur Drivers of the Year; “Trader Bud” Hatfield and Brent “the Zanesville Clipper” Davis, along with “Tiny Tim” Miller who won the previous Midwest region Billings trot at Northfield Park on August 5.

Joining them will be Dave Ehrenberg; Dean “What Am I Bid” Beachy; “Jolly Roger” Bartley; and “Marvelous Marvin” Raber .

It should be noted that the points earned by the drivers in the wild card events in Canada will be good in both the eastern and Midwestern regions.