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London in Jamieson's Loop

LONDON, Ontario . . . When leading driver Jody Jamieson was first starting out as a harness driver, he plied his trade regularly at Western Fair Raceway in London so it's only fitting that he should include the London, Ontario track in his quest to break the record for number of wins by a driver at Canadian racetracks in one year.

Jamieson is attempting to better the record of 739 wins established in 2006 by Mark MacDonald, another top Canadian driver who also called Western Fair home during his formative years. MacDonald's record eclipsed the former mark of 643 held by Chris Christoforou.

Going into today, Jamieson sits with 660 wins at tracks in Canada over the past 11 and a half months in 2009. He needs 79 more victories to tie MacDonald's record and 80 to surpass it.

Jamieson added to his win column with one trip to the winner's circle at Western Fair last Monday. He'll be back in London next Monday where he's listed on three horses in races two, four and six. Western Fair's post time of 3:35 p.m. on Mondays allows Jamieson to drive in the first few races there before heading east to race at Woodbine in the evening.

The winner of the World Driving Championship while representing Canada in Finland in 2001, Jamieson is driving at as many tracks as possible over the next few weeks in his attempt to break the record. In addition to London his green, white and yellow colours may also be seen at Woodbine, Flamboro and Georgian Downs.

"I'm going to enough cards of racing each week to maintain the pace I'm on to maintain the record pace, and maintain the dash title pace," Jamieson noted a couple of weeks ago. "At this point, I'm just thankful for the support people have shown me. People have been just so gracious and just so supportive, it really makes it worthwhile."

In addition to the Canadian record, Jamieson, who was named Canada's Driver of the Year in 2007, also has a chance to be the all time leading dash winner in North America this year. He currently sits in first with 669 wins in total, seven more than his next closest rival, Jason Bartlett.



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