

BRANDON CAMPBELL

TROT: *How are each of you preparing for this year's National Driving Championship?*

BRANDON CAMPBELL: I'm just going in happy as hell that Jody's not in there this year, because that means I've got a shot this time around (all laughing). James, Trevor, great job getting that guy out of there! (laughing).

GUY GAGNON: I'm just hoping for better drives than last time.

JIM MARINO: As far as the racing goes, what can you do? I would do the same thing I did last time. Hopefully I'll have a little luck on my side.

TROT: *Do you guys think it's more about the draw and the horses you get? Everyone's going to get each of the post positions once, you'll get the rail once, you'll get the 7 hole once. Do you think it's more about the horses you end up with, or is it a strategy thing?*

BRANDON CAMPBELL: Being in these things, well, I've been in two finals so far and the other two regional events. The races are totally different, because none of us have really driven against each other. It's not like there's next week, there's only this week. Everybody's fairly aggressive and it's hard to know what to expect. You know, people get on horses that are usually taken to the back and they're leaving and at the quarter in :27. There's a different mind frame about the whole thing.

JAMES MACDONALD: I agree with that, it's completely different than any overnight race or even racing in general. Everyone's hungry, it's not like "Well, this one drew bad this week, hopefully he draws better next week." It's about racing however you think you can to get the most points, so next week's out the window.



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