

**The 2007 National Professional Truck Driving Championships** were held in [Regina, Saskatchewan from September 13 -15, 2007.](#)

Saskatchewan driver Larry Radons from Reimer Express Lines was named the Grand Champion at the 2007 National Professional Truck Driving Championships (NPTDC), held in Regina.

The three-day event, hosted by the Saskatchewan Trucking Association (STA), saw Canada's top drivers compete for points in a series of skill-testing events.

"Once again, the competitors showcased the incredible talent and skill we have in the professional trucking industry," said STA President Denis Prud'homme. "These are really the best of the best from across Canada, and to have a Saskatchewan driver take home the top prize should make the province very proud."

Prud'homme congratulated all of the competitors for their tremendous performances, and the event organizers for putting on a first-class show.

"Many of the visitors we hosted from across the country said it was the best championships they had ever been to," Prud'homme said. "It was a great way to demonstrate the incredible contributions the \$55 billion trucking industry makes to our national and provincial economies."

Team Ontario, which had a driver place in the top three in each of the six competitive categories, won the Top Team Award. Garth Deschamps from Team Manitoba won the Rookie of the Year Award for the 2007 championships.

The 2008 NPTDC will be held in Ottawa.

First, Second and Third Place Awards in the six categories for 2007 were presented as follows:

**Step Van Class**

1. Garth Deschamps, Team Manitoba, Canadian Freightways
2. Kevin Corscadden, Team Alberta, Sokil Transportation Group
3. Wayne Wedow, Team Ontario, Purolater Courier

**Straight Truck (2-Axle) Class**

1. Larry Radons, Team Saskatchewan, Reimer Express Lines Ltd.
2. Leonard Cook, Team Atlantic, Armour Transportation Systems
3. Joe Kuntz, Team Ontario, Koch Transport Inc.

**Single/Single (3-Axle - Tractor & Trailer) Class**

1. Evan Hirst, Team BC, Canadian Freightways
2. Brian Weslowski, Team Saskatchewan, SLH Transport Inc.
3. Ron Hughes, Team Ontario, Con Way Freight

**Single/Tandem (4-Axle - Tractor & Trailer) Class**

1. Harvey Gording, Team Saskatchewan, Reimer Express Lines Ltd.
2. Mike Goodyear, Team Ontario, Maple Leaf Consumer Foods
3. Benoit Lestage, Team Quebec, Groupe Robert

**Tandem/Tandem (5-Axle - Tractor & Trailer) Class**

1. Jeffrey Maclean, Team Ontario, SLH Transport Inc.
2. Rod Harrison, Team Alberta, Canadian Freightways

3. Mario Desjardins, Team Quebec, L. Simard Transport

**Super B-Train (8-Axle - Tractor & 2 Trailers) Class**

1. Gilles Lefebvre, Team Quebec, Groupe Robert
2. Wayne Burnett, Team Ontario, Rothsay Maple Leaf Foods
3. Jerry Thibodeau, Team Atlantic, Irving Oil

In addition to the awards for the 6 classes, there are also awards presented for the best Team, the best performance by a first-time entrant with the Rookie of the Year Award, and the Grand Champion Award.

**Grand Champion Driver:** Larry Radons, Team Saskatchewan

**Rookie of the Year Award:** Garth Deschamps, Team Manitoba

**Top Team Award:** Team Ontario