

# TOP DRIVERS

# Joe Bongiorno

	<b>STARTS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Earnings</b>
<b>Oct. 2016 – Aug. 2017</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>\$760,213</b>
<b>Nov. 2015 – Aug. 2016</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>\$946,703</b>
<b>Meadowlands Career</b>	<b>1,785</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>\$2,358,692</b>
<b>Birthdate:</b> 1993-09-23	<b>Birthplace:</b> Red Bank, NJ				
<b>Height:</b> 5'10"	<b>Weight:</b> 130				
<b>Residence:</b> Colts Neck, NJ	<b>Age:</b> 24				



Joe Bongiorno cracked the top five in the Meadowlands driver standings for the first time with 62 wins during the 2016-17 meet. His 2017 highlight came on June 9 when B Yoyo set a world record of 1:50.2 for older trotting geldings. Bongiorno called the seven-year-old son of Striking Sahbra "one of the toughest horses I have ever sat behind". Bongiorno also posted his first \$4 million season in 2017 and won 240 races.

Bongiorno's star continued to rise during the 2015-16 meet, and by doubling his workload the young gun finished sixth in the Meadowlands driver standings with 66 wins and almost \$1 million in purses.

Bongiorno enjoyed a career high season in 2016 with well over 300 wins and passed the \$3 million mark for the year. He drove in his first Meadowlands Pace and finished fourth with Manhattan Beach, and also saw action in his first Hambletonian elimination with Make Or Miss [seventh].

Bongiorno posted his first Top 10 finish at the Meadowlands with 32 wins during the 2014-15 meet. With the bulk of his success coming from the family stable managed by his father, Bob Bongiorno, Joe also picked up plum assignments from the sport's leading trainer, Ron Burke.

Bongiorno developed and displayed talent as a bright teenager in New Jersey, and continued to gain valuable experience competing at the sport's highest level in early 2014. Among his 16 wins during the inaugural meet at the Meadowlands, World Cup rallied to a nose upset in a \$30,000 Open Trot in 1:52.2.

Voted the 2011 Rising Star of the Year by the Monticello Chapter of the US Harness Writers Association, and the 2011 National Amateur Driver of the Year, Bongiorno is the grandson of Harold "Sonny" Dancer, won his first race at Freehold Raceway at age 18 with Mr Bennett and apprenticed under George "Buzzy" Sholty.

Bongiorno scored his first Meadowlands win in a dead heat in 2012 with Moving Art. He became the second youngest driver to post a \$1 million season at age 19 and won 160 races that season. Bongiorno followed up with another \$1 million campaign in 2013. The graduate of Colts Neck High School won a Finn Tack Driver of the Week Award in July of 2013 with three upsets. He kicked off his triple in a leg of the Ima Lula Series and put a new lifetime mark on Real Babe of 1:53.2 at 12-1. Seek The Dragon lowered his mark to 1:51.3 for Bongiorno, then Allamerican Apache scored at 12-1, a pacer owned by Joe's sister, Jennifer Bongiorno, who began training her own stable in 2017.

Bongiorno won his first race as an amateur at the Meadowlands on December 10, 2010 at age 16 in the AHRDC Fall Final in 1:58.1 with Oh Whata Guy. Bongiorno's favorite horse is the iron tough pacing mare Don't Blame Her. Owned by Joe's parents, Bob and Barbara, she equaled her lifetime mark of 1:51.2 in the Open at Vernon Downs at age 10 in 2013.

# Corey Callahan

	<b>STARTS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Earnings</b>
<b>Oct. 2016 – Aug. 2017</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>\$1,499,665</b>
<b>Nov. 2015 – Aug. 2016</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>\$1,185,007</b>
<b>Meadowlands Career</b>	<b>3,530</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>\$9,169,018</b>
<b>Birthdate:</b> 1978-04-21	<b>Birthplace:</b> Easton, MD				
<b>Height:</b> 5'10"	<b>Weight:</b> 160				
<b>Residence:</b> Middletown, DE	<b>Age:</b> 40				

Corey Callahan finished a career high second in the Big M driver standings for the 2016-17 season with 105 wins and \$1.5 million in earnings. His Hambletonian Day highlights included a second in a Hambo elimination with Bill's Man, who was fourth placed third in the Final. He also won the Hambo Day finale with Mr Julian in 1:51. Also in 2017, Callahan wrapped up his eighth consecutive driving title at Dover Downs and passed the \$7 million mark for the sixth year in a row. He was eighth on the 2017 money list with \$7,659,064 and won 478 races.

Callahan remained a nightly force at the Meadowlands during the 2015-16 meet, recording his second straight sixth-place finish with 69 wins and \$1.2 million in purses. In addition, Callahan wrapped up his seventh straight driving title at Dover Downs and ranked among the sport's top ten money winning drivers, passing the \$6 million mark for the sixth consecutive season in 2016.

Callahan ranked among the sport's top drivers in wins and earnings in 2015, and finished sixth in the Meadowlands driver standings during the 2014-15 meet with 95 wins and \$2,091,375. After wrapping up his sixth straight driving title at Dover Downs, Callahan vaulted past 4,000 career wins and \$60 million.

Callahan's 2015 highlights included a victories in the \$400,000 Adios Final at The Meadows with Dude's The Man, the \$300,000 James Lynch and \$350,000 Valley Forge at Pocono Downs with Bettor Be Steppin, and a second in the \$500,000 Hambletonian Oaks with Rules of the Road.

Callahan posted a top three finished in his third season at The Meadowlands with 93 wins during the 2013-14 meet. He drove standouts Golden Receiver and Drop The Ball, finished fifth in his second Hambletonian with Resolve, and passed the \$50 million mark in career earnings in 2014.

Nicknamed "Captain" through a Big M promotion, the affable and media-friendly Callahan was also honored with his own bobblehead doll in 2013. He went past \$9 million on the season for the first time and 3,000 career wins.

Also in 2013, the Callahan star was shining brightly on Hambletonian Day when he guided D'Orsay to a world record on 1:51.4 in the \$55,000 Ima Lula Final and came right back with a 4-1 upset in the \$217,100 Lady Liberty with Drop The Ball in 1:49. He also drove in his first Hambletonian Final with Lauderdale (sixth) and competed in his first Breeders Crown events in 2013.

Callahan had started to make his presence felt by cracking the Top 10 at The Meadowlands for the first time in 2012 with 35 wins, good for seventh in the standings that season. His 2012 summer highlight at The Big M came winning the \$268,300 Sweetheart with Jerseylicious.

The 38-year-old from Easton, Maryland guided world champion trotter Googoo Gaagaa, and he also captured his fifth straight driving title at Dover Downs.

As the son of noted horseman Nick Callahan, Corey went from a guy who didn't even want to jog his own father's horses, to one of the top drivers on the Eastern Seaboard. A graduate of the University of Kentucky where he played hockey, Callahan traded in a corporate suit and started driving at the age 27.

Callahan represented the United States in the 25th World Driving Championship in 2011 and finished second.

The biggest win of his career came during the 2009 season when he captured the \$500,000 Hoosier Cup with Mr. Wiggles.



# Yannick Gingras

	STARTS	1	2	3	Earnings
<b>Oct. 2016 – Aug. 2017</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>\$3,494,959</b>
<b>Nov. 2015 – Aug. 2016</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>\$3,080,496</b>
<b>Meadowlands Career</b>	<b>12,134</b>	<b>1,640</b>	<b>1,591</b>	<b>1,466</b>	<b>\$44,441,425</b>
<b>Birthdate: 1979-08-04</b>	<b>Birthplace: Greenfield Park, Quebec</b>				
<b>Height: 5'5"</b>	<b>Weight: 150</b>				
<b>Residence: Allentown, NJ</b>	<b>Age: 38</b>				



For the second time in his young career, Yannick Gingras was voted Driver of the Year in 2017. He was the sport's leading money winner, passing the \$12 million mark for the sixth straight season and scored 395 wins. Gingras drove his first Horse of the Year, Hannelore Hanover, won his fourth consecutive Hambletonian Oaks with Ariana G and campaigned the outstanding freshman trotting filly Manchego to an undefeated 12-for-12 season. He also won his third Peter Haughton Memorial with You Know You Do, rallied for a huge upset in the Sam McKee Memorial with Check Six, scored a Breeders Crown grand slam and locked down the two-year-old filly pacer division with Youaremycandygirl in the Three Diamonds.

Despite spending several weekends on the major stakes trail, Gingras remained in the top three at the Meadowlands during the 2015-16 meet with 78 wins and was the meet's leading money winner with just over \$3 million. For the third year in a row, Gingras had a serious Hambletonian contender and finished second by a nose in the \$1 million final with elimination winner Southwind Frank. He also won his third straight Hambletonian Oaks with All The Time, whose younger sister won the Jim Doherty Memorial with Gingras in the bike. He campaigned the sport's top trotting mare Hannelore Hanover, who beat the boys in the Hambletonian Maturity and won the TVG Mares Trot Final. Gingras also took the TVG Mares Pace with division standout Lady Shadow, who also won both the Golden Girls and Lady Liberty with Gingras at the lines.

In 2016, Gingras passed 6,000 career wins and the \$140 million mark. Into the Fall, he was battling Dave Miller for the sport's money title and passed \$10 million for the seventh straight year. At just 37, Gingras was well ahead of the pace set by Hall of Famer John Campbell.

Fresh off his first Driver of the Year Award in 2014, Gingras cruised to his fourth straight Meadowlands driving title in 2015 with 140 wins and \$4,639,179. In late November of 2014, Gingras equaled the record of four Breeders Crowns in one season, winning with Mission Brief, Sayitall BB, Pinkman and Father Patrick. He also capped a career best season with 559 wins and \$17,297,581. Going into the 2015 Hambletonian, Gingras was the regular pilot for the top-rated gelding Pinkman, as well as super filly Mission Brief. After guiding both trotters to elimination wins, Gingras was faced with the biggest decision of his young career, and only had a few precious minutes to make it. Gingras chose to drive Mission Brief in the \$1 million final and had to settle for second behind Pinkman and Brian Sears. Also on Hambletonian Day 2015, Gingras won the \$500,000 Hambletonian Oaks for the second straight year with Wild Honey, and the \$349,850 Peter Haughton Memorial with New Jersey Sires Stakes champion Southwind Frank.

Gingras continued to dominate The Meadowlands in 2014 and ran away with his third consecutive driving title, posting 153 wins and \$3.2 million. The season's leading money-winning driver was center stage on Hambletonian Day capturing five stakes, including the Miss New Jersey with Gettingreadytoroll, the Merrie Annabelle with world champion Mission Brief, a Townsend Ackerman division with Amped Up Hanover, his first Hambletonian Oaks with Lifetime Pursuit and the Lady Liberty with Rocklamation. With powerhouse clients like trainers Jimmy Takter and Ron Burke, Gingras also drove 2014 standouts like world champion and Stanley Dancer Memorial winner Father Patrick, Foiled Again, Lyonssomewhere, Canepa Hanover, French Laundry and Archangel, who set the all-time world record for a mile track of 1:50.

In 2013, Gingras captured his second straight title at the Meadowlands with 119 wins and \$2.6 million. "The Green Hornet" also made it back-to-back Breeders Crown triples in 2013 with division leaders Father Patrick, Maven and Foiled Again, who became the richest North America-based harness horse in history and the oldest to win a Crown title at age nine.

Gingras nailed down his first Meadowlands Pace in 2012, going all the way with A Rocknroll Dance in 1:48.1, and also won the Pace Consolation with Hurrikane Kingcole in 1:47.3. Gingras was a regular driver of free for all pacer and \$7 million winner Foiled Again, the 2011 Pacer of the Year and three-time Older Pacing Horse of the Year, who became the richest pacer in history in 2012 when he won the Canadian Pacing Derby at Mohawk. The Dragon Again gelding helped Gingras post his first \$13 million season in 2012.

A third generation horseman from Sorel, Quebec, Gingras started driving at the Meadowlands in 2004 and instantly found his place among the Top 10 drivers. After spending the early years of his career at Hippodrome de Quebec, Gingras moved to the United States and began driving at Yonkers in 2001. Just two years later, he ranked among the New York oval's top drivers and was awarded the United States Harness Writers Association's Rising Star Award. By 2004, he was getting the call on top stakes contenders like Timesarechanging, whom he drove to a runner-up finish in the Meadowlands Pace.

Gingras has been noted for his cooperation with the marketing and publicity efforts of harness racing, and he has been active using social media such as Twitter to inform racing fans. In 2016, he was elected to the Board of Directors of the New Jersey SBOA.

# Vincent Ginsberg

	<b>STARTS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Earnings</b>
<b>Oct. 2016 – Aug. 2017</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>\$3,494,959</b>
<b>Birthdate:</b> 1988-11-21	<b>Birthplace:</b> Freehold, NJ				
<b>Height:</b> 5'8"	<b>Weight:</b> 170				
<b>Residence:</b> Bethlehem, PA	<b>Age:</b> 30				

Vincent Ginsberg made a smooth transition to the Meadowlands during the 2016-17 meet from the half-mile track at Freehold Raceway where he has dominated the standings. Ginsberg posted a career best season in 2017 with \$1.4 million and the 1,000 win mark. Ginsberg often drives for his uncle, Vincent Fusco, Jr. The pair picked up top honors at Freehold in 2015.

Ginsburg says racing against the best drivers in the sport is hardly nerve-racking. "I don't get nervous," Ginsburg said. "I get excited. I love driving and it's fun to drive good horses. With so many top drivers at the Meadowlands, they get their pick and I end up with horses that I have to try to work out an easy trip with. It was nice to get some horses that I could put into play, leave or go first-over with if I had to."

Ginsburg grew up around horses in New Jersey. His grandfather, Vincent Fusco, Sr., and his uncles Carmine, Paul, and Vinnie, were all in the business as trainers and drivers.

"My grandfather, Vincent Fusco, Sr., who lived in Freehold, had a small training track right in his backyard. It's one-fifth of a mile so you've got to go around five times. The first time I ever sat in a sulky, when I was 13, I was jogging a horse around that little track."

Ginsburg started driving in 2009 and he admits that he wasn't exactly an expert from the start despite starting his career with a win. "I won with my first drive, which was at Freehold," said Ginsburg. "The name of the horse was Badlands Woman. I'm not sure if I knew what I was doing, but winning my first drive ever was a confidence booster.

"I'd say that for the first two months or so I was still a little nervous," he continued. "I remember the first time I drove in the rain, I couldn't see a damn thing. I had to figure out a better way of using the goggles. But after those first few months I got comfortable.

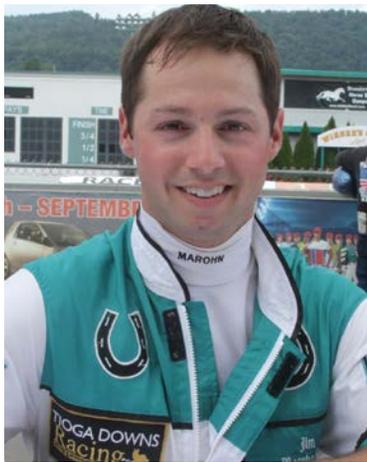
"I've been in a couple of wrecks (accidents) and that's the toughest part of driving horses. I don't care how much experience you have, you come back after an injury, or getting thrown in a spill, and you tend to drive a bit more cautiously. Psychologically, it can take a while to get over it."

Like any young driver, Ginsburg was influenced by some top reinsmen, including some Hall of Famers. "When I first started out, my uncles were using Georgie Nap (Napolitano) on a lot of their horses and that guy is a great driver," said Ginsburg. "In a way I think he's underrated because he drives against tough colonies at Harrah's (Philadelphia) and Pocono, and many nights he dominates. He's a lot like Walter Case, Jr. He can make speed and he can keep a horse going even when it looks like the horse is tiring. "Driving against Cat Manzi was a great experience for me," said Ginsburg. "I think I learned a lot watching him. He was a very smart tactical driver. He's also a very nice guy."



# Jim Marohn, Jr.

	STARTS	1	2	3	Earnings
Oct. 2016 – Aug. 2017	597	93	72	82	\$894,896
Nov. 2015 – Aug. 2016	523	51	67	62	\$562,540
Nov. 2014 – Aug. 2015	446	42	33	43	\$537,917
<b>Birthdate:</b> 1982-02-24	<b>Birthplace:</b> Westbury, NY				
<b>Height:</b> 5'5"	<b>Weight:</b> 135				
<b>Residence:</b> Fort Lee, NJ	<b>Age:</b> 36				



Jim Marohn, Jr. maintained his status as a popular and successful Meadowlands driver with a career best third place finish in the standings with 93 wins during the 2016-17 meet. In 2017, Marohn also flew past 4,000 career wins with career a high 497 and \$5,051,389.

Marohn continued his progression at the Meadowlands during the 2015-16 meet by notching his second straight Top 10 finish with 51 wins and banked half a million in purses for the second meet in a row. Marohn also passed the 300-win mark in 2016 for the fifth straight year, and posted a career best money season with nearly \$3 million in purses.

Marohn made further inroads with a more intense commitment to the Meadowlands during the 2014-15 meet, resulting in a Top 10 finish in the driver standings. He took advantage of steady business from trainers Rob Harmon and Daniel Gill.

In 2015, Marohn enjoyed his best season to date with 435 wins, passed 3,000 career wins and posted his first \$2 million campaign. On May 18, 2015 Marohn drove seven winners at Tioga Downs.

The 36-year-old son of New York legend Jim "The Mighty Mite" Marohn is a three-time Tioga Downs leading driver. He has also won titles at Monticello Raceway [2012] and Colonial Downs [2003].

Marohn scored his first win at Pocono Downs in 2002 and worked for Bill Popfinger.

Marohn's biggest thrill was winning both legs of the 2013 Vernon-Tioga All Star Drivers Championship against the sport's top reinsmen and taking home \$35,000 in prize money.

# Bill Mann

	<b>STARTS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Earnings</b>
<b>Oct. 2016 – Aug. 2017</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>\$87,562</b>
<b>Birthdate:</b> 1976-06-23	<b>Birthplace:</b> Martinsburg, WV				
<b>Height:</b> 5'10"	<b>Weight:</b> 175				
<b>Residence:</b> Hellertown, PA	<b>Age:</b> 41				

In 2017, Bill Mann enjoyed his best season as a driver since 2008 with more than \$300,000, and Mann became more of a nightly presence at The Meadowlands. Mann capitalized on his main account for trainer Al Annunziata, driving New Zealand imports like Tullow N, Iammrbright-side N, Betabcool N and Texas Terror N. He also scored wins with Annunziata's IYQ YQR and his own trainee Mr Big Load. Mann has also logged plenty of seat time at Freehold Raceway, Pocono Downs and Harrah's Philadelphia. He has more than 700 career wins and almost \$5 million in earnings.

The 41-year-old Mann has a stable based at Wingate Farm in Pennsylvania. Mann grew up in Virginia, where a neighbor had harness racing horses. He started working around the horses at the age of 13 and after graduating from high school began driving at Rosecroft Raceway in Maryland.

Mann won a career-best 156 races in 2000 (when he also set a career high with 77 training victories). He left the sport briefly in the late 2000s to sell cars, but slowly returned to the horses and is working on building his stable.



# Andrew McCarthy

	<b>STARTS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Earnings</b>
<b>Oct. 2016 – Aug. 2017</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>\$656,486</b>
<b>Nov. 2015 – Aug. 2016</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>\$671,150</b>
<b>Nov. 2014 – Aug. 2015</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>\$423,065</b>
<b>Birthdate:</b> 1982-02-24	<b>Birthplace:</b> Baturst, Australia				
<b>Height:</b> 5'8"	<b>Weight:</b> 160				
<b>Residence:</b> Swedesboro, NJ	<b>Age:</b> 36				

The rising star of Andrew McCarthy continued to shine in 2017, not only as a Meadowlands regular, but as a force on the major stakes trail. McCarthy posted his first \$5 million season (\$5,527,851) and passed the 200-win mark (263) for the fourth straight year. His highlights included a 60-1 upset in the Spirit of Massachusetts Trot with JL Cruze, he won the Jugette with Caviart Ally, and three out of four Kindergarten Classic Finals with Hey Blonde, Tito and Kissin In The Sand.

McCarthy made his presence felt on a nightly basis at the Meadowlands during the 2015-16 meet with the help of multiple stakes winning three-year-old pacing filly Blue Moon Stride. With McCarthy in the sulky, that prolific daughter of Rocknroll Hanover won her second straight NJSS Final, Mistletoe Shalee and Thomas D'Altrui Miss New Jersey. In 2016, McCarthy pushed his win total past 200 and his purse earnings hit \$3.5 million for the third straight year.



After a chance meeting with trainer Noel Daley in 2007, Andrew McCarthy decided to take his talents from Australia to the biggest stage in the US. McCarthy won an Open Pace at the Meadowlands with Daley trainee Took Hanover and \$20 million later he has never looked back.

In 2015, McCarthy won a \$100,000 New Jersey Sires Stakes Final with Blue Moon Stride.

In addition to his nightly assignments at the Meadowlands, McCarthy has also been a regular at Pocono Downs. Annually, when that meet ends in November, he has spent time in South America and Southeast Asia, traveling, hiking and seeing the world.

McCarthy is a third generation horseman. His brother Luke McCarthy was a leading driver in Australia, and also spent time in the US, and his father has overseen one of the largest stables downunder.

# Andy Miller

	<b>STARTS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Earnings</b>
<b>Oct. 2016 – Aug. 2017</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>\$1,344,623</b>
<b>Nov. 2015 – Aug. 2016</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>\$1,082,580</b>
<b>Meadowlands Career</b>	<b>11,088</b>	<b>1,244</b>	<b>1,378</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>\$4,839,882</b>
<b>Birthdate:</b> 1968-09-07	<b>Birthplace:</b> Mattoon, IL				
<b>Height:</b> 5'8"	<b>Weight:</b> 160				
<b>Residence:</b> Millstone, NJ	<b>Age:</b> 49				

Andy Miller enjoyed his best season in five years in 2017 with 316 wins and almost \$6 million (\$5,880,861). Miller finished sixth in the Big M driver standings with 60 wins. He passed the 8,800-win mark and \$116 million. On Pace night, he won a division of the Del Miller Memorial with Overdraft Volo. Andy and his wife Julie were third placed second in the Hambletonian Final with Devious Man, and they have another prospect for 2018 in Breeders Crown runner up Met's Hall. Andy also ran away with his first driving title at Freehold Raceway.

In 2016, Miller continued to be a Top 10 presence in his 11th full season at the Meadowlands with 51 wins and just over \$1 million in purses. Teaming with his wife, trainer Julie Miller, Andy won a pair of New Jersey Sires Stakes Finals with the fillies Southwind Hope and Women's Will. "Team Orange Crush" also had a pair of Hambletonian finalists [Sutton and Milligan's School] and finished a fast-closing third with Sutton.

Following a serious injury in 2014, Andy Miller bounced back with a strong 2015 season and landed in the Top 10 at the Meadowlands. In addition to assisting his wife, Julie Miller, Andy drove two of the fastest miles of his career with Odds On Equuleus winning back-to-back in 1:47.4 and 1:47.3, and passed the \$3 million mark in 2015.

Miller was involved in an accident at Yonkers Raceway on April 15, 2014, breaking a pair of lumbar vertebrae in his back, and requiring eight hours of surgery and months of recovery time. Miller had just passed 8,000 career wins and the \$100 million milestone, and he guided world champion trotting mare Perfect Alliance to victory in the Charles Singer Memorial with a stakes record of 1:52.2. With a positive prognosis for a full recovery, "The Orange Crush" continued to assist his wife, Julie with their stable based at Gaitway Farm in Englishtown, NJ. They finished second, third and eleventh with world champion Designed To Be, Take The Money and Cee Bee Yes, respectively in the \$500,000 Hambletonian Oaks.

Andy Miller completed his eighth full season at the Meadowlands in 2013, and finished third in the driver standings with 96 wins and \$1,852,774.

A leading driver on the Chicago circuit, Andy Miller began driving full time at the Meadowlands in 2006 and quickly established himself among the track's leading drivers. Miller is the younger brother of trainer Ervin Miller. Erv and Andy were born and raised in the Amish community of Arthur, Illinois. There were always Standardbred horses around the Miller home, but they were used for buggies not racehorses. Andy Miller started driving in 1985 at the age of 16 on the Illinois fair circuit. When Erv went to work for leading Illinois trainer Tex Moats, Andy followed and was soon afforded the opportunity to drive stakes-caliber horses for Moats. By 1996, Miller topped the \$1 million mark in purses. After spending eight years with Moats, Miller moved on to become one of the most successful catch drivers on the Balmoral-Maywood-Hawthorne circuit. In the meantime, his older brother's stable developed into a national powerhouse and Miller was often in the sulky behind Erv's top trainees like Loyal Opposition.

One of Andy's biggest career wins came when he guided Creamy Mimi to an upset (\$27.60) in the \$750,000 Hambletonian Oaks in 2008.

"Team Orange Crush" sent out their third Hambletonian finalist in 2012, Money On My Mind. They campaigned 2009 Older Trotter of the Year Lucky Jim to a dazzling 17 wins in 18 starts that season. Lucky Jim won nearly every major stake in his division, including the Arthur J. Cutler Memorial, Titan Cup and Breeders Crown. He trotted a world record of 1:50.1 in the Nat Ray on Hambletonian Day.



# Brett Miller

	<b>STARTS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Earnings</b>
<b>Oct. 2016 – Aug. 2017</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>\$1,608,593</b>
<b>Nov. 2015 – Aug. 2016</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>\$1,164,303</b>
<b>Meadowlands Career</b>	<b>2,021</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>\$5,535,514</b>
<b>Birthdate:</b> 1972-08-19	<b>Birthplace:</b> Columbus, OH				
<b>Height:</b> 5'10"	<b>Weight:</b> 165				
<b>Residence:</b> Washington, PA	<b>Age:</b> 44				



Brett Miller won his first Meadowlands driving title with 113 wins and \$1.6 million during the 2016-17 meet. Miller passed the \$5 million mark (\$5,768,565) for the seventh time in eight seasons and reached \$78 million in 2017. He won the Breeders Crown Open Pace with Split The House in 1:48.1.

In addition to remaining a nightly force at the Meadowlands, Miller continued to be one of the Grand Circuit's top drivers with major stakes winners Pure Country and Racing Hill in 2015. Pure Country followed a perfect ten-for-ten Dan Patch Award winning season in 2015 with a \$1 million sophomore campaign. Racing Hill won the Hempt, Adios, Messenger and Breeders Crown in a stakes record of 1:48, pushing his three-year-old earnings to \$1.6 million. The son of Roll With Joe also finished second in both the North America Cup and Meadowlands Pace. In 2016, Miller flew past the \$7 million mark for the third straight season.

The Brett Miller breakout party continued into Phase 2 during the 2014-15 meet at the Meadowlands as "Super Brett" finished fourth in the driver standings with 99 wins and \$2,081,567. Fresh off a career best \$7,939,143 season in 2014, Miller soared past 7,000 career wins and \$62 million. He also passed the \$5 million mark for the sixth time in the last five years.

Miller's biggest wins at the Meadowlands in 2015 came with Spirit To Win in the \$187,000 Delvin Miller Memorial at 48-1, the \$100,000 Miss New Jersey with Wicked Little Minx, a \$50,000 division of the TVG Open with JK Endofanera and a \$30,000 division of the Duenna with Meadowbranch Wendy. He also made his Hambletonian debut with French Laundry [eighth].

In 2014, Miller was a steady force during the stakes season, with major wins in the \$212,150 Mistletoe Shalee with Sandbetweenurtoes, the \$30,000 Duenna with Donatella Hanover and a shocking upset in the \$225,000 New Jersey Classic with Sweet Rock. He also guided Dancin Yankee with a world record equaling 1:47.2 at Pocono Downs.

The 43-year-old from Columbus, Ohio, was born into harness racing. His grandfathers A.J. Price and Clyde Miller both operated stables, his father Del S. Miller was a successful horseman, and his cousin is Hall of Fame driver Dave Miller.

After getting his start on the Ohio circuit, and driving regularly at The Meadows, Miller started concentrating on The Meadowlands, Pocono Downs and Harrah's Philadelphia in 2014, which led to lucrative stakes opportunities for top trainers like Hall of Famer Jimmy Takter. Miller was runner up for the second time in the North America Cup with the Takter-trained favorite Tellitlikeitis, who won his elimination in 1:48.4. He was also second in the 2010 edition with We Will See. Tellitlikeitis finished third in the Meadowlands Pace.

Miller was also second in the 2013 Canadian Pacing Derby with Clear Vision, who won that year's Quilten Memorial, and Miller also captured the 2013 Milton Stakes with Rocklamation. On April 11, 2007, Miller drove a record equaling 10 wins on a 13-race program at Northfield Park. Miller has faced his share of adversity, including bad spills, which led to some personal medication issues, and turned out to be a series of events that completely turned his life around.

In mid 2007, Miller received a one-year suspension. After being in a couple of bad accidents, he successfully baffled addiction to pain medication and substance abuse, and credits trainer Dan Daley with his recovery. Miller also met his wife, Stacey, and they now have three young children.

# David Miller

	STARTS	1	2	3	Earnings
<b>Oct. 2016 – Aug. 2017</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>\$2,799,842</b>
<b>Nov. 2015 – Aug. 2016</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>\$2,183,889</b>
<b>Meadowlands Career</b>	<b>21,816</b>	<b>2,833</b>	<b>2,713</b>	<b>2,736</b>	<b>\$76,558,585</b>
<b>Birthdate:</b> 1964-12-10	<b>Birthplace:</b> Columbus, OH				
<b>Height:</b> 5'9"	<b>Weight:</b> 167				
<b>Residence:</b> Cream Ridge, NJ	<b>Age:</b> 53				

Dave Miller tied for sixth in the Meadowlands driver standings with 60 wins and \$2.8 million during the 2016-17 meet. The Buckeye also moved into second on the all-time money list at \$222 million, vaulting past \$10 million for the 15th time in 17 seasons. His 2017 highlights included major stakes wins with Agent Q in the Mistletoe Shalee, the William Haughton Memorial and TVG Open Pace Final with Mach It So, the Shady Daisy with Blazin Britches in a Big M track record 1:48.4, and a Breeders Crown and TVG Open Trot Final with What The Hill.

Despite taking the first few months off in 2016 to recharge and train horses in Florida, Miller maintained his Top 5 presence at the Meadowlands and became only the third driver in history to pass \$200 million. Soon to be the fifth driver ever to reach 12,000 career wins, "The Buckeye" enjoyed an historic ride with leading Horse of the Year contender Always B Miki, who became the sport's fastest harness horse ever with a 1:46 win in the Allerage Farms at The Red Mile. The only horse ever to win four times in 1:47 or faster, the five-year-old son of Always A Virgin set several other world records, made it back-to-back Breeders Crowns, set an all-time Canadian record of 1:47.1 in the Mohawk Gold Cup, and capped his career in the TVG FFA Final. Miller also won a Breeders Crown with Broadway Donna, who also captured the Kentucky Filly Futurity in straight heats. He also took the Peter Haughton Memorial with What The Hill and Shady Daisy with Darlinonthebeach.



Miller maintained his strong foothold at the Meadowlands with his second straight runner-up finish in the driver standings for the 2015-14 meet with 116 wins and a \$2,956,109. Miller also passed Mike Lachance into third on the all-time money list with over \$194 million. Miller enjoyed a banner Hambletonian Day 2015 and drove four stakes winners on the card: Broadway Donna in the \$389,450 Jim Doherty Memorial, State Treasurer in the \$215,400 US Pacing Championship, Dealt A Winner in the \$319,400 Cane Pace and Honor And Serve in the \$50,000 Townsend Ackerman. He was second in the \$349,850 Peter Haughton Memorial with Brooklyn Hill and in the \$109,500 Shady Daisy with Divine Caroline. Miller was also third in the \$1 million Hambletonian Final with Uncle Lasse and in the \$500,000 Hambletonian Oaks with Bright Baby Blues.

Miller reached a well-deserved career highlight in 2014 with his induction into Harness Racing's Hall of Fame. Miller also finished second in the New Meadowlands driver standings with 104 wins and became only the eighth driver in history to pass 11,000 career wins. "The Buckeye" also made his first appearance at Solvalla Racetrack in Stockholm, Sweden, in an elimination for the Elitlopp with world champion trotter Uncle Peter.

Miller posted to the two fastest miles of his illustrious career in 2013, both 1:47, with Pet Rock winning the \$471,800 William Haughton Memorial at the Big M and Shebestingin becoming the sport's fastest female in history in the \$122,500 Tattersalls at The Red Mile. He captured the \$250,000 New Jersey Classic with Lucan Hanover in 1:48.3 and finished fourth in the Meadowlands driver standings with 89 wins. As the first driver in history to hit \$100 million in a decade, Miller posted a record twelfth season past the \$10 million mark in 2013.

After dominating the Ohio circuit, Miller has been an equally formidable force in the Meadowlands driver colony since 1999. He shared his first Meadowlands January-August title with Luc Ouellette in 2003 and won back-to-back titles during the 2002 and 2003 fall meets.

A native of Columbus, Ohio, Miller comes from a harness racing family - his father Donny and grandfather Clyde both had public stables. Miller first started driving in 1981, but it wasn't until 1988 that his career began to soar when he steered 153 horses to the winner's circle, six more wins than he enjoyed in the previous seven years. He had his first million-dollar season in 1992 and quickly went on to dominate the Ohio circuit, behind the likes of 1995 and 1996 Ohio Horse of the Year Crisp Sahbra. Another one of Miller's Buckeye accomplishments was a nine-winner card on January 10, 1998 at Northfield Park. He was inducted into the Ohio Harness Racing Hall of Fame in 2010.

# Marcus Miller

	<b>STARTS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Earnings</b>
<b>Oct. 2016 – Aug. 2017</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>\$996,827</b>
<b>Nov. 2015 – Aug. 2016</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>\$360,325</b>
<b>Nov. 2014 – Aug. 2015</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>\$184,536</b>
<b>Birthdate:</b> 1989-05-06	<b>Birthplace:</b> Olney, IL				
<b>Height:</b> 5'9"	<b>Weight:</b> 150				
<b>Residence:</b> Stroudsburg, PA	<b>Age:</b> 28				



Miller cracked the Top Ten in the Meadowlands driver standings with 43 wins during the 2016-17 meet. Miller passed the \$4 million mark for the second straight season and scored 249 wins, and he finished third in the World Driving Championship.

In 2016, Miller not only enjoyed the best season of his young career with just under \$5 million in earnings, he won his first Breeders Crown, the \$600,000 Two Year Old Filly Pace with Someomensomewhere, trained by his father Erv Miller. Miller also drove another trainee from his father's stable, New Jersey Sires Stakes star freshman pacer Livinginthedream. Late in 2016, Marcus was approaching 2,600 career wins and was just past \$26 million.

Miller scaled back his schedule at the Meadowlands in 2015, yet still vaulted past the \$2 million mark for the sixth straight season and 2,200 career wins, splitting his time between Pocono Downs and Harrah's Philadelphia.

In 2014, Miller matured into a Top 10 catch driver at The Meadowlands and at major Pennsylvania tracks. Miller was a nightly presence at the Big M, and he drove Cee Bee Yes to a New Jersey Sires Stakes division win and runner-up finish in the \$100,000 NJSS Final.

Under the guidance of his father, trainer Erv Miller, Marcus made a smooth transition from county fairs to winning titles at Balmoral Park and Maywood Park in Illinois. The young gun made his move to the Meadowlands in the Winter of 2013 and scored his first Big M win with Ideal Ginny on January 24<sup>th</sup>.

On June 29, 2013, Marcus scored a "Cinco de Miller" with five wins, including three for his dad, and two divisions of New Jersey Sires Stakes with Rockingcam Park and Ideal Helen. The five bagger earned him a Finn Tack Driver of the Week Award.

Marcus posted back-to-back \$3 million seasons in 2011 and 2012, reached \$2.95 million in 2013, and he won a career best 501 races in 2011.

As a young boy, Marcus enjoyed baseball more than horses, but eventually the horses won out and he started driving at age 15. He says he received plenty of career advice from his uncle, Andy Miller.

Marcus grew up in Sherman, Illinois and studied Marketing at Eastern Illinois University.

Marcus married Sara Balagna in February of 2014.

# Anthony Napolitano

	STARTS	1	2	3	Earnings
Oct. 2016 – Aug. 2017	31	4	5	1	\$42,462
Nov. 2015 – Aug. 2016	304	48	28	38	\$432,293

<b>Birthdate:</b> 1981-11-23	<b>Birthplace:</b> New York, NY
<b>Height:</b> 5'8"	<b>Weight:</b> 150
<b>Residence:</b> Nescopeck, PA	<b>Age:</b> 36



After taking the Winter off in 2015, Anthony Napolitano found it too boring on the sidelines, decided to try the Meadowlands the past two seasons and met with instant success. At one point early in 2016, Napolitano was leading the Big M standings, while pounding home longshots. Regularly near the top of the standings at Pocono Downs where his older brother George is a kingpin, the younger Napolitano was spending his winters at Pompano Park in Florida.

Napolitano followed his father and brother into harness racing, although he also has a passion for racing cars and still can be sometimes found at a dragstrip located near his farm in Pennsylvania. Napolitano's brother, George, won a track-record 407 races at Pocono in 2015 and captured his ninth title for wins at the oval.

"We're very close off the track, but very competitive on the track. Anthony Napolitano said of his relationship with George. "He's really competitive. Sometimes we hurt each other's feelings on the track, but off the track it's like nothing ever happened. We keep it a business. We respect each other. We're blood brothers for life, so you've got to leave it on the track."

Napolitano has won more than 2,400 races and \$22 million, and has passed the \$2 million mark in each of the last four seasons.

"It's not great in a lot of people's eyes -- a lot of drivers have a lot of career wins -- but I started at Pompano and it was very tough there because there were two or three guys that won all the races so I had to dig deep. At the tracks I've been at, I've had very tough (driver) colonies to deal with. I'm happy to have 2,000 wins and I'm looking for many more. I feel that I'm getting better with age and I learn something new every night.

Napolitano's maturation as a driver includes being more patient on the racetrack. "Experience really shows," Napolitano said. "I had lots of times where I thought I should pull first over and it was no good. I've been in those situations so many times over the years that now instead of taking that chance and over-driving, I'm more patient and I sit in. Most times it is the best move, especially on a big track like the Meadowlands. Sometimes I've gotten myself beaten by over-driving because that stretch is very long. I've had luck with not being too aggressive and slipping through late.

"It's very hard out there; people don't understand. One split second a guy is on top of you making a move and you've missed your chance. There's a lot going on in each and every race. I know you're only as good as your last drive, but I've learned to keep my composure and keep grinding away. I know every night isn't going to be a good night. I used to take it home with me, but now I leave it on the track and keep my focus; just take a step back and regroup.

Napolitano hopes another strong winter will help him gain the faith of more trainers and owners in the future. "I just want to show people that if I have a little power I can compete too," Napolitano said. "I'm just happy that people are seeing that I'm a late-bloomer and I am getting better at what I do as I mature. Hopefully people will see I can drive a young horse and I'll get lucky and get a decent horse to drive in some of the stakes races. But I just feel blessed to have a career like this. I'm very thankful. I couldn't be happier."

# Tim Tetrick

	STARTS	1	2	3	Earnings
Oct. 2016 – Aug. 2017	258	53	27	31	\$2,971,995
Nov. 2015 – Aug. 2016	467	81	70	51	\$2,107,948
Meadowlands Career	7,448	1,682	1,625	1,534	\$37,165,831

**Birthdate:** 1981-11-22      **Birthplace:** Flora, IL  
**Height:** 5'9"      **Weight:** 150



Tim Tetrick maintained a Top Ten presence at the Meadowlands with 53 wins and was just shy of \$3 million during the 2016-17 meet. In 2017, Tetrick passed 10,000 career wins with more than 500 wins (534) for the 12th time in 13 seasons. He also passed \$11 million for the 11th year in a row and \$188 million. Tetrick and Walner set a Stanley Dancer Memorial stakes record of 1:50.2, he won his fifth Meadowlands Pace and the Cane Pace with Huntsville, another Dancer division and NJSS Final with Long Tom, the Golden Girls with Nike Franco N, the Dr. John R. Steele Memorial with Pasithea Face S, and a Kindergarten Classic Final with Kissin In The Sand.

Tetrick continued to pile up career highlights in 2016, including his 9,000th career win, moved into the all-time Top 5 with \$175 million, and passed the \$10 million mark for the tenth straight year. "The Bionic Man" also won three straight Breeders Crowns. Freshmen Walner and Huntsville both set track records of 1:53 and 1:49.1, respectively. Bar Hopping equaled a stakes record of 1:51.4 in the Three Year Old Colt & Geldings Trot. Tetrick won a series record 18 trophies before turning 35.

It was certainly no surprise Tetrick was once again battling for the top spot among the sport's leading money winning drivers in 2015. Tetrick finished third at the Meadowlands for the 2014-15 meet with 108 wins and \$2,934,444. He also passed 8,800 career wins and \$160 million. At age 34, he is the youngest to reach the Top 10 list of leading money winning drivers of all-time, moving into sixth in 2013, while earning a record \$140 million in the last nine seasons. His 2015 highlights at the Big M include series finals in the Escort with Company Man, the Clyde Hirt with Rockeyed Optimist and the Whata Baron with Ideal Cowboy. He also won Graduate divisions with Rockeyed Optimist and Doo Wop Hanover, the William Haughton Memorial with Mach It So, the Golden Girls with Anndrovette and a TVG Open with Flanagan Memory.

After a winning a record fourth Driver of the Year title in 2013, Tetrick continued to soar in 2014, winning his fourth Meadowlands Pace in eight appearances with He's Watching, who equaled the all-time fastest race mile of 1:46.4. Tetrick finished fourth in The Meadowlands standings with 83 wins and \$2.4 million, and his other major wins at the Big M came with National Debt in the Buddy Gilmour Memorial, Act Now in a \$100,000 New Jersey Sires Stakes Final and Classic Martine in the Ima Lula Final in a world record of 1:50.1.

Tetrick followed up a dream season in 2012 with his seventh straight money title in 2013, passing the \$14 million mark for the seventh consecutive year with over \$16 million. He also won three Breeders Crown events at Pocono Downs with Market Share, I Luv The Nitelife and Captaintreacherous. In addition to the Meadowlands Pace, Tetrick and "The Captain" also scored major wins in the North America Cup, the Max Hempt Memorial, the Cane Pace, the Bluegrass and Tattersalls. In 2012, Tetrick was the Big M's leading money winner with \$3,457,933. He capped off his 2012 campaign at the Big M with a bang, winning his first Hambletonian with Market Share in 1:52.1. He teamed up again with trainer Linda Toscano to post a world record of 1:50.1 with Horse of the Year Chapter Seven in the Nat Ray, which tied the fastest trotting mile ever at the East Rutherford, NJ oval. Tetrick also won a NJSS Final with Southwind Cocoa, another Toscano trainee. Tetrick guided Check Me Out to a world record of 1:51.3 in the Del Miller Memorial. He handled a pair of outstanding freshman pacers in Woodrow Wilson winner Captaintreacherous and NJSS champion Johnny Rock. Captaintreacherous notched the first ever sub 1:50 mile by a two-year-old at the Big M, 1:49.3. Tetrick joined Hall of Famers John Campbell and William O'Donnell as the only drivers to win three \$1 million races in a single season, doing it in a five-week span, and then won a record four Breeders Crown on the same night at Woodbine. He was also the regular driver of two world champion female pacers, American Jewel and Anndrovette.

A native of Illinois, driver Tim Tetrick burst onto the national scene in 2007 when he set seasonal records for wins, with 1,189, and purses, with \$18.35 million. He also won the \$1 million Meadowlands Pace that year with Southwind Lynx. Tetrick has led all drivers in earnings each year since then, including another record \$19.7 million in 2008, and quickly established himself as a Top 5 Meadowlands driver. Tetrick won his second Meadowlands Pace in 2010 with One More Laugh, upsetting eventual Horse of the Year Rock N Roll Heaven.

Tetrick began his driving career in 1998 at the age of 16, guiding his father's horses around the Illinois county fair circuit. He graduated high school in 1999 and made the decision to try his hand as a catch-driver, despite winning an agricultural business scholarship. He drove at Illinois fairs and Blue Grass Downs in Kentucky before moving on to Hoosier Park in early 2001 where he became one of the top drivers. Tetrick's record numbers are all the more amazing considering he missed several weeks of racing in 2008 and 2009 to have his right hip replaced. The reinsman has suffered from a degenerative hip condition since childhood, had his left hip replaced in December of 2013 and returned to racing in early February of 2014. His astounding achievements in the face of physical adversity have earned him the nickname "The Bionic Man".

# Scott Zeron

	<b>STARTS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Earnings</b>
<b>Oct. 2016 – Aug. 2017</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>\$1,649,850</b>
<b>Nov. 2015 – Aug. 2016</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>\$2,027,613</b>
<b>Meadowlands Career</b>	<b>2,314</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>\$7,123,424</b>
<b>Birthdate:</b> 1981-11-22	<b>Birthplace:</b> Oakville, Ontario				
<b>Height:</b> 5'7"	<b>Weight:</b> 150				
<b>Residence:</b> Edgewater, NJ	<b>Age:</b> 27				

In 2017, Scott Zeron continued to concentrate on the major stakes trail and passed the \$7 million mark for the third straight season (220 wins). His trotting star Marion Marauder won the Hambletonian Maturity and John Cashman Memorial, International Moni won a Hambletonian elimination, and Lost In Time captured the Governors Cup.

The Scott Zeron juggernaut soared to new heights in 2016 in a dream season of firsts. Zeron notched first Meadowlands driving title with 92 wins and \$2 million in earnings. Also, just prior to turning 27, he won his first Hambletonian in straight heats with Marion Marauder, who also captured the Yonkers Trot and Kentucky Futurity for Zeron's first Trotting Triple Crown. Plus, Zeron scored his first Breeders Crown in the Three Year Old Filly Pace with Call Me Queen Be. Zeron passed 3,000 career wins, joined the \$50 million club and enjoyed his first \$8 million season. He guided Shamballa to an upset win in the US Pacing Championship in 1:47.1, the fastest drive of his life.

Zeron's promising young career continued to flourish at the Meadowlands and beyond in 2015. Zeron finished seventh in the driver standings for the 2014-15 meet with 91 wins and \$1,983,161. The 26-year-old also passed 200 wins for the seventh straight season, won more than \$5 million for the fifth year in a row and hit \$40 million in career earnings. His 2015 highlights at the Big M came winning a \$100,000 NJSS Final with Artspeak in 1:48.4 and the \$109,500 Shady Daisy with Stacia Hanover in 1:49.2.

Zeron's great sense of timing on the track paid off with a major career move at the right time. The 2012 Rising Star Award winner and leading driver on the Woodbine Entertainment Circuit in 2013 decided to take a shot at the New Meadowlands right before the Grand Opening, and it resulted in a Top 5 finish in the driver standings at the inaugural meet.

Zeron also caught the eye of trainer Tony Alagna, and the pair teamed up with the outstanding freshman pacer Artspeak, who captured the \$100,000 New Jersey Sires Stakes Final. Zeron won another \$100,000 NJSS Final with Stacia Hanover.

Zeron, who became the youngest driver in history at age 23 to reach 2,000 wins on March 21st of 2013, and was the youngest to win the 2012 Little Brown Jug with Michael's Power at age 21. He was also a finalist for Canada's Driver of the Year for the 2010 and 2011 O'Brien Awards.

For two years in a row (2010 and 2011), Zeron led all Canadian drivers in wins. In 2010, Zeron visited the winner's circle a personal best 606 times followed by 539 wins in 2011. He posted his biggest money year to date in 2012 with \$8,743,648 in earnings.

In 2010, Zeron led all drivers in Canada in wins, notching 606 triumphs with \$4,435,293 in purse earnings. On December 4, 2010, Zeron became the first Canadian driver to hit 1,000 wins before the age of 22. Also in 2010, Zeron guided Part Shark to victory in the prestigious Gold Cup & Saucer at Charlottetown Driving Park in P.E.I. Part Shark stopped the clock in 1:51, a track record at the half-mile oval.

Zeron was invited to represent Canada in 2010 at an international driving competition in France. He finished second in the Prix des Rencontres Internationales du Trotteur Français at Paris-Vincennes. In his European debut, he was up against 14 of the world's top reinsmen.

Scott is the son of veteran trainer/driver Rick Zeron. Scott began going to the races on a regular basis around the age of 12, but when he experienced first-hand the speed of racing, he knew driving was what he wanted to do.



# TOP TRAINERS

# Tony Alagna

	STARTS	1	2	3	Earnings
<b>Oct. 2016 – Aug. 2017</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>\$624,840</b>
<b>Nov. 2015 – Aug. 2016</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>\$771,474</b>
<b>Meadowlands Career</b>	<b>1,173</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>\$5,634,412</b>

**Birthdate:** 1972-06-08      **Birthplace:** Champaign, IL  
**Residence:** Manalapan, NJ      **Age:** 45

Tony Alagna added to his reputation for developing major young stars in 2017 by pulling a Breeders Crown upset with Stay Hungry, and the two-year-old son of Somebeachsomewhere finished a close second in the Governor's Cup. Alagna's late-blooming American History finished third in that event in only his fifth lifetime start. Alagna also campaigned two-time O'Brien Award winner Caprice Hill and may have a 2018 Hambletonian prospect in Missle Hill. Art Scene finished second by a nose to Downbytheseaside in the Messenger Stakes and won a Bluegrass division in 1:49.4. The Alagna Stable passed the \$3 million mark for the seventh consecutive season.



Alagna further enhanced his status as one of the sport's rising stars and elite trainers in 2016, passing \$4 million for the fourth time in the last five seasons, nearing \$30 million in career earnings and hit the \$5 million mark at the Meadowlands. Alagna had one of harness racing's top three-year-old pacers in Racing Hill. From the first crop of 2011 Meadowlands Pace champion Roll With Joe, the colt was victorious in the Max Hempt, Adios, Messenger, Tattersalls and set a Breeders Crown stakes record of 1:48, while coincidentally giving Alagna his 1000th training win. Racing Hill was also second in the North America Cup & Meadowlands Pace, and amassed \$1.6 million through his Breeders Crown triumph. Alagna also campaigned Hambletonian Oaks runner up Caprice Hill, \$300,000 winner Dr J Hanover, plus talented youngsters Odds On Delray, She's Watching and Blameitonthenight.

Alagna continued to campaign a high profile stable at the Meadowlands in 2015, posting his second-straight fourth-place finish in the trainer standings with 36 wins and \$843,957. Overall, the Alagna barn passed the \$2 million mark for the fifth straight season, led by 2014 Dan Patch Award winner Artspeak, who came back as a sophomore to win the New Jersey Sires Stakes Final in a sparkling 1:48.4. Alagna kicked off 2015 winning the Worldy Beauty Final with Witch Dali. He also won a Hambletonian Oaks elimination with Lock Down Lindy in 1:51.4, and he sent out the hard-knocking overnight star Odds On Equuleus, who reeled off back-to-back July wins in 1:47.4 and 1:47.3.

Following a breakout season in 2012, Alagna's career soared in 2013 with the spotlight shining brightly on his two-time Pacer of the Year and triple millionaire Captaintreacherous. "The Captain" helped Alagna vault past the \$5 million mark for the first time and he won over 100 races for the third straight season. Captaintreacherous more than lived up to his press clippings in 2013, emerging with a stellar season that included major wins in the North America Cup, Max Hempt Memorial, Meadowlands Pace, Cane Pace, Bluegrass, Tattersalls and Breeders Crown. The 1:47.1 performer fashioned a \$2 million season and became the first horse since the great Niatross to be named Pacer of the Year back-to-back at ages two and three.

Alagna was born into the racing business, and by age eight he was working side by side with his parents who trained a large stable of horses in Urbana, Illinois. His mother, Donna Lee Ozment, still trains in Chicago. Alagna worked for the late Brian Pinske, Doc and Pat Walker's Fox Valley Standardbred Stables and Erv Miller before making the decision, at age 37, to strike out on his own in 2009. He started with three horses and one employee, and peaked at 90 horses and 20 employees. Alagna said it meant a lot to be involved with 2005 Hambletonian runner-up Classic Photo and the countless horses Erv Miller raced in stakes races over the years. The 45-year-old from Champaign, Illinois is stabled at Gaitway Farm in Englishtown, NJ, and has attracted high profile owners such as Brittany Farms.

Alagna followed up his first \$3 million season in 2011 by going past the \$4 million mark for the first time in 2012. His superstar pacer Captaintreacherous gave him his second straight Woodrow Wilson. Alagna also won it in 2011 with Major Bombay. "The Captain" is from the first crop of Somebeachsomewhere, and he became the first two-year-old to break 1:50 in Big M history with a 1:49.3 stakes record. Captaintreacherous also equaled the stakes record of 1:49.2 in the \$1 million Metro Stakes at Mohawk.

Alagna sent out his first Hambletonian starter in 2012 with third-place finisher My MVP. The son of Cantab Hall went on to capture the Kentucky Futurity in straight heats.

The personable Alagna has embraced social media and developed a stable website at [alagnaracing.com](http://alagnaracing.com), which informs his clients, keeps fans connected, offers contests and gives back to retired racehorses through New Vocations.

# AI Annunziata

	<b>STARTS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Earnings</b>
<b>Oct. 2016 – Aug. 2017</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>\$123,874</b>
<b>Birthdate:</b> 1959-12-11 <b>Birthplace:</b> Newark, NJ					
<b>Residence:</b> Newark, NJ <b>Age:</b> 58					

AI Annunziata became a nightly force at the Meadowlands in 2017 and posted career season numbers with more than 140 wins and \$1.8 million. Late in the season, Annunziata unleashed a promising New Zealand-bred pacer in Tullow N, a six-year-old by Mach Three who took a mark of 1:50.2 at the Big M for Blindswitch Racing Stable.

In early December, Annunziata sent out the overwhelming betting favorite in the Fillies and Mares Open @ Saratoga, Sally Fletcher A. This Australian-bred made her debut for her new connections a few weeks prior and looked like she may be next in the long line of pacing mares that have come from overseas and thrived out of the Annunziata stable.

Annunziata, who races at several of the tracks in the north-east, had a big season at Saratoga and finished fourth in the trainer standings with 65 wins. His stable saw its fourth different member win the Fillies and Mares Open at Saratoga in 2017. Sally Fletcher A made it 3-for-3 in the U.S.



The string of successful New Zealanders continues for the connections of Our Els Dream N and Glenferrie Bronte N. Sally Fletcher A and Our Els Dream N joined Quick Draft A and Betabcool N as Open winners at Saratoga in 2017.

Driver William Mann and trainer AI Annunziata teamed up to win the featured \$17,500 Dash For The 'G' Notes Final at the Meadowlands on Saturday, September 16, and then the duo added three more victories on the card. Iyq Yqr followed his 1:50.3 score in last week's preliminary with a dominant win in the final, again going 1:50.3.

Mann and Annunziata scored their second win in the \$15,000 co-featured conditioned pace with Chevls Clivesdale, who paced home in :25.3 to get up by one-and-a-quarter lengths over Super Imposed N in 1:50.1, paying \$14.00.

The pair's other victories came with Our Els Dream N, paying \$29.40 in his 1:51.1 victory, and Rock To Glory, a \$10.40 winner in 1:51.1.

# Ron Burke

	<b>STARTS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Earnings</b>
<b>Oct. 2016 – Aug. 2017</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>\$2,389,666</b>
<b>Nov. 2015 – Aug. 2016</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>\$3,143,179</b>
<b>Meadowlands Career</b>	<b>5,927</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>852</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>\$28,868,341</b>
<b>Birthdate: 1969-10-16</b>		<b>Birthplace: Washington, PA</b>			
<b>Residence: Canonsburg, PA</b>		<b>Age: 48</b>			



Ron Burke has been relentless in rewriting the record books, and in 2017, he never let up on the gas peddle. Burke cruised to his sixth consecutive Meadowlands training title with 61 wins and \$2.4 million. He was the sport's leading trainer for the ninth straight season, passing the \$20 million plateau for the fifth year in a row with \$21,092,421. With well more than 4,000 starters (4,504) and 800 wins (889) for the sixth consecutive season, Burke finally had his first Horse of the Year. Hannelore Hanover capped her second straight \$1 million season by beating the boys in the Breeders Crown. The five-year-old daughter of Swan For All also set a world record of 1:49.2. Burke's other Breeders Crown champion was What The Hill, who beat older foes in the TVG Final. He also campaigned top Open class trotters Crazy Wow, Dayson and Gural Hanover, and Open class pacers All Bets Off, Check Six and the ageless Foiled Again. That 13-year-old warhorse pushed his record earnings to \$7.6 million. Burke also won his second Little Brown Jug with Filibuster Hanover. The sport's all-time leader also passed 8,000 wins and \$190 million, the most of any breed in racing.

The Ron Burke modern day rampage rolled on in 2016 enroute to his fifth straight training title at the Meadowlands. Burke's leading battalion included three standout trotters, Southwind Frank, who finished second by a nose in the \$1 million Hambletonian Final, Breeders Crown and TVG champion Hannelore Hanover, and Peter Haughton Memorial winner What The Hill. Both Southwind Frank and Hannelore Hanover had million dollar seasons. Burke also won the Anthony Abbatiello Classic with Don'tcallmefrancis and a Townsend Ackerman division with Dayson. For the fifth straight year, the Burke Stable sent out over 4,000 starters and passed the 800-wins mark for the sixth consecutive season. Burke also produced his fourth \$20 million campaign in a row and passed 7,000 career wins and \$160 million.

In 2015, Burke continued to reinvent his mega stable status and made major headlines with world champion trotting filly Mission Brief. That outstanding daughter of Muscle Hill overcame back issues to beat the boys in a heat of the Hambletonian before finishing a gallant second in that final. Also, Burke's New Jersey Sires Stakes champion Southwind Frank dominated the Peter Haughton Memorial. The sport's leader in both wins and earnings for the past seven seasons wrapped up his fourth straight Meadowlands training title with 97 wins and a record \$4,331,694. He has also been the leading money winner at all three tracks in his home state, The Meadows, Pocono Downs and Harrah's Philadelphia, as well as Hoosier Park in Indiana and Yonkers Raceway in New York.

For Burke, record numbers and staggering statistics have become commonplace. In 2014, he became harness racing's all-time leading trainer, passing 5,000 career wins and \$100 million, and broke his own 2013 records of 1090 wins and \$22,230,175 with 1,092 wins and \$28,403,821 in 2014. Also in 2014, Sweet Lou became the sport's hottest free for all pacer, reeling off ten in a row, including the Roll With Joe at Tioga Downs, the Ben Franklin at Pocono Downs in a world record of 1:47, the William Haughton Memorial and the US Pacing Championship at the Big M, and the Dan Patch at Hoosier Park. The five-year-old triple millionaire by Yankee Cruiser became the first horse in history to win six times under 1:48, all consecutively, and was named Pacer of the Year.

JK Endofanera gave Burke his first \$1 million race win with a 12-1 upset in the 2014 North America Cup, Dan Patch Award winner Rocklamation won the Golden Girls and Lady Liberty, and Mission Brief equaled a world record of 1:52.2 in the Merrie Annabelle. Archangel trotted a mile track world record of 1:50 in an elimination for the John Cashman, Jr. Memorial.

In 2013, Burke cruised to his second straight training title at the Meadowlands, flew past the 4,000-wins mark and \$90 million, and eclipsed his 2012 record totals of 906 wins and \$19,636,096. Among his record 15 Breeders Crown finalists in 2013, Foiled Again, became the richest North America-based harness horse in history and oldest to win a Crown event at age nine. In 2015, the incomparable pacer became the first harness horse in history to pass \$7 million.

Burke is the head trainer for the powerful stable started by his father, Mickey, in western Pennsylvania. Now a multi-state operation, the 2011 and 2013 Trainer of the Year handles the yeoman's task of orchestrating racing schedules across the country. After finishing second three times, Burke won his first Big M training title in 2012. The Burke-trained free for all star Foiled Again became the richest pacer in history by reaching \$4.4 million with an upset in the Canadian Pacing Derby. The Pacer of the Year in 2011, and Older Pacer of the Year in 2011, 2012 and 2013, posted his third straight million dollar season at age nine. Burke also won his second Jugetté in 2012, finishing one-two with Darena Hanover and Bettor B Lucky.

The Burke Stable broke into the Top 10 in the Meadowlands trainer standings for the first time in 2005 and has dominated ever since. Their top performers include Buck I St Pat, who won her third consecutive Dan Patch Award as the sport's top trotting mare in 2010, and Won The West, who claimed back-to-back divisional honors among older male pacers in 2009 and 2010. The fastest Breeders Crown performer in history at 1:47, retired in 2012 at the age of eight as the richest son of Western Hanover with earnings of \$3,939,836.

# Ross Croghan

	<b>STARTS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Earnings</b>
<b>Oct. 2016 – Aug. 2017</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>\$351,083</b>
<b>Nov. 2015 – Aug. 2016</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>\$226,276</b>
<b>Meadowlands Career</b>	<b>6,765</b>	<b>1,046</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>787</b>	<b>\$24,242,916</b>

**Birthdate:** 1953-07-03      **Birthplace:** Sydney, Australia  
**Residence:** Colts Neck, NJ      **Age:** 64

Ross Croghan managed his 2016 Breeders Crown champion Call Me Queen Be as she developed as a four year old facing the sport's top Open class pacing mares in 2017. The daughter of Somebeachsomewhere finished third in the Roses Are Red and Golden Girls and a close fourth in the Lady Liberty. Croghan enjoyed his best season in five years with 63 wins and passed the \$42 million mark.

Croghan culminated a stint under the national spotlight in 2016 into a Breeders Crown upset with Call Me Queen Be. Competing in the ultra competitive pacing sophomore filly division, Call Me Queen Be capped a \$757,788 [through October 29] season with a 1:49.4 upset [\$27.80] in the \$500,000 Breeders Crown. Driven by Scott Zeron, the millionaire daughter of Somebeachsomewhere also captured the \$252,000 Pennsylvania Sires Stakes Final in 1:49.1, won a heat of the Jugette in 1:50.1 and finished a close second in that \$143,640 Final.



Croghan has scaled back his activity at the Meadowlands over recent years, yet he still ranks among the top trainers in Meadowlands history with over 1,000 wins in East Rutherford, NJ. Croghan has four Big M training titles to his credit (1999, 2000, 2006, 2007), and holds the record for most starters in one meet with 717 in 1999.

Born in Sydney, Australia, Croghan followed in the footsteps of his father, trainer Noel Croghan. The younger Croghan came to the United States in 1976 and raced on the West Coast for 17 years, winning nine driving titles. He settled in New Jersey in 1993.

Croghan has a lengthy list of standouts to his credit, and his top trainees include millionaire trotter Corleone Kosmos, Tug River Princess, Carolina Sunshine, Laughandbehappy, BJ's Whirlwind, Mister Goal, Ultimate Falcon, Splendid Splinter and Artist Stena.

In 2013, Croghan won the Cathedra Dot Final with Crown Lady. The Croghan Stable topped \$1 million overall for the fourteenth time in 15 seasons. His personal best came in 2008 with \$4,763,932 followed a \$4,266,182 campaign in 2007 with a career high of 177 wins. Croghan has trained more than 1,900 winners and earned \$42 million.

In 2012, Croghan campaigned Green With Envy winner and Mares Open star Drop The Ball.

Croghan has mentored some of the sport's top training talents. His former assistants include Brett Pelling, the Meadowlands' all-time leading money winner, and Mark Harder.

# Noel Daley

	<b>STARTS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Earnings</b>
<b>Oct. 2016 – Aug. 2017</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>\$333,230</b>
<b>Nov. 2015 – Aug. 2016</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>\$89,975</b>
<b>Meadowlands Career</b>	<b>4,950</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>\$19,333,525</b>

**Residence:** 1961-12-18      **Birthplace:** Mt. Isa, Queensland, Australia  
**Residence:** Bordentown, NJ      **Age:** 56



Noel Daley's stable star in 2017 was Caviart Ally. The three-year-old filly pacer by Bettor's Delight won the Jugette in straight heats, the PASS Final and a Bluegrass division. She also finished second in the James Lynch Memorial, Shady Daisy, Glen Garnsey and Breeders Crown. Daley also passed 2,500 career wins and \$60 million.

Daley passed the \$58 million mark in 2016, and the veteran trainer from Australia made a late-season impact at the Meadowlands with overnight horses and some high level two year olds. Sortie won a Breeders Crown elimination in 1:55, rallied for third in the \$600,000 Final, then finished a close second in the \$147,100 Matron Final at Dover Downs. That freshman son of Explosive Matter gives Daley a top prospect for his second Hambletonian in 2017. Daley also finished second in a \$149,100 Kindergarten Series Final for freshman filly pacers with Caviart Ally. That daughter of Bettor's Delight banked over \$100,000 in 2016.

Despite his limited appearances at the Big M, Daley passed the \$56 million mark in career earnings in 2015.

The Daley Stable banked more the \$1 million for the 19th straight season in 2013 led by All Laid Out, who tangled with the sport's top sophomore trotters, won a Breeders Crown elimination in 1:52.4 and banked over \$300,000.

After working for the sport's all-time money winner Brett Pelling, Noel Daley established one of the most successful stables at the Meadowlands and beyond.

Daley grew up in Mt. Isa, Australia, where he worked for Qantas Airlines. He began working with horses when he came to the United States and first settled at Los Alamitos racetrack in California. Daley shipped east in 1990 to work as a caretaker in the Brett Pelling Stable. He stayed with Pelling for eight years, working his way up to second trainer. He enjoyed much success as the Pelling stable dominated at the Meadowlands in the 1990s, winning the training title six times. The two trainers parted ways in 1998 and Daley quickly filled a stable with the help of owner and friend Adam Victor and his son, Adam Victor, Jr. He won his first Meadowlands training title in 2003.

Daley won the biggest race of his career in 2011 when Broad Bahn went all the way to capture the \$1.5 million Hambletonian. The son of Broadway Hall earned \$1.5 million and a Dan Patch Award, along with another Daley trainee, Cedar Dove, a Breeders Crown runner up in 2013.

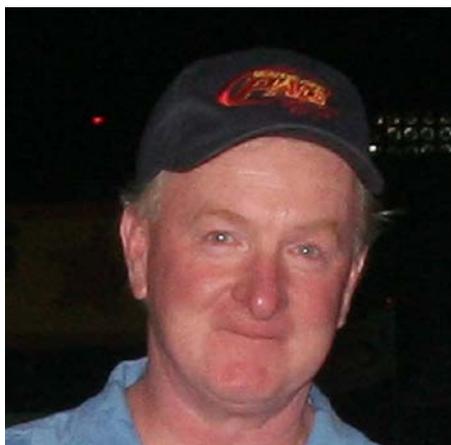
His greatest success stories have been Mr Muscleman (\$3,582,823), a three-time Dan Patch Award winner and the 2005 Trotter of the Year, and two-time Dan Patch Award winning mare My Little Dragon (\$2,318,623).

Other top trainees include Explosive Matter, who was second to Muscle Hill in the 2009 Hambletonian, and All Speed Hanover, who defeated Sportswriter in the 2009 Breeders Crown, Bad Bert, Day In The Life, Memphis Flash, Perfect Son, At Point Blank and E Dee's Cam.

# Steve Elliott

	<b>STARTS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Earnings</b>
<b>Oct. 2016 – Aug. 2017</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>\$292,578</b>
<b>Nov. 2015 – Aug. 2016</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>\$647,730</b>
<b>Nov. 2014 – Aug. 2015</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>\$1,042,170</b>

**Residence:** 1953-11-04      **Birthplace:** Detroit, Michigan  
**Residence:** Mt. Laurel, NJ      **Age:** 63



In 2017, veteran trainer Steve Elliott continued to campaign a pair of his Open class pacing stars, Boston Red Rocks and Rockeyed Optimist. The latter was a 1:48.3 winner, making it three straight seasons with a sub 1:49 mark and vaulted past \$600,000 in career earnings. Boston Red Rocks pushed his lifetime bankroll to \$1.3 million. Elliott also passed 1,000 career wins and \$32 million.

Elliott tied for fifth at the Meadowlands in 2016 with 25 wins, and won a division of the Graduate Series with Artistic Major in 1:48.1. Elliott also made an impact with his contingent of stalwarts, including Boston Red Rocks, Rockeyed Optimist, Mcardles Lightning and Art History. Elliott has over 1,000 career wins and earned more than \$32 million.

Elliott enjoyed a year of resurgence in 2015 with the help of a trio of top flight four-year-old pacers, led by Doo Wop Hanover, who swept the Graduate Series and finished second in the US Pacing Championship.

Elliott also campaigned Rockeyed Optimist, who won finals of the Sonsam and Clyde Hirt Series, and Art History strung together a six-race winning streak. He sent out New Jersey Sires Stakes freshman pacing star Boston Red Rocks, and he won the Shady Daisy on Hambletonian Day with the sophomore filly star Stacia Hanover.

Elliott finished third in the 2015 trainer standings with 42 wins and banked over \$1 million at the Meadowlands.

The two-time Trainer of the Year won the 2007 Hambletonian with eventual Horse of the Year Donato Hanover. That son of Andover Hall set an earnings record of \$2,336,190 that season when Elliott was also voted the William Haughton Good Guy Award for his cooperation with the media. Elliott had the best season of his career in 2007, topping the \$5 million mark.

The native of Detroit, Michigan has twice won the Meadowlands Pace with Artistic Fella in 2006 and with Well Said in 2009. Well Said was the 2009 Pacer of the Year and joined Precious Bunny as the only horses to win the North America Cup, Meadowlands Pace and Little Brown Jug.

Elliott's other top horses include Valley Victory, Sweet Reflection, Totally Ruthless, Burning Point, Southwind Tempo and Yankee Slide, one of his seven Breeders Crown champions.

# Mark Ford

	<b>STARTS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Earnings</b>
<b>Oct. 2016 – Aug. 2017</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>\$102,777</b>
<b>Nov. 2015 – Aug. 2016</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>\$156,537</b>
<b>Meadowlands Career</b>	<b>6,213</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>\$13,852,033</b>

**Birthdate:** 1970-10-12

**Birthplace:** Ronceverte, WV

**Residence:** Campbell Hall, NY **Age:** 47

In 2017, Mark Ford maintained his busy schedule as trainer, training center proprietor and President of the SBOA of New Jersey. Ford sent out more than 1,000 starters for the fifteenth consecutive year, had more than 100 wins for the seventeenth straight season and his stable earned more than \$1 million for the eighteenth year in a row. Ford's career totals went past 3,700 wins and \$63 million.

Ford sent out his 6,000th Meadowlands starter in 2016, and also passed 25,000 career starts and 3,600 wins. Ford's stable passed the \$1 million mark for the 17th consecutive season. It was also Ford's first full year as President of the Standardbred Breeders & Owners Association of New Jersey.

Ford cracked the Top 10 at the Meadowlands in 2015 and he was closing in on the impressive personal milestone of \$60 million. In 2014, Ford continued to campaign one of the sport's powerhouse raceway stables and finished third in the Big M trainer standings with 36 wins. Ford averaged \$3 million for fourteen consecutive seasons from 2000-2013.

In 2011, Ford posted his first \$6 million season, which placed him third in the nation. His stable won more the 200 races for the twelfth straight year in 2012, and Ford became the third youngest trainer to hit 3,000 career wins at age 41, and passed the \$50 million mark.

Ford set career highs of 299 wins and \$5,236,730 in 2010 led by New Jersey Sire Stakes two-year-old filly pacing champion Ace Of Pace. Also that year, Ford became the first trainer to pass \$40 million before the age of 40, and only the sixth trainer to hit that milestone. He has won more than 3,500 races.

Ford owns a 200-horse state-of-the-art training center in upstate New York. A native of West Virginia, Ford passed up an agricultural scholarship in England, and instead traveled to Florida after high school to work with Clint Galbraith. He moved to the New York/ New Jersey area in 1990 and eventually met Ted Wing, who became a big influence on him. He also credits Ray Schnittker with assistance on his road to stardom.

Ford stepped into the national spotlight thanks to the pacing gelding Gallo Blue Chip, the 2000 Horse of the Year, who became the richest pacer in the history of the sport with \$4.26 million in earnings. He is also noted for conditioning millionaires Whosurboy, Turnpike Token, Armbro Animate, Stonebridge Kisses and Self Professed, as well as On The Attack.

Ford was named co-winner (along with Jimmy Takter) of the 2000 Glen Garnsey Trainer of the Year Award by the United States Harness Writers' Association.

One of Ford's first success stories was the purchase of the durable double-gaited Six Day War, for whom he paid just \$12,000. Six Day War earned more than \$400,000 on the pace and nearly \$90,000 on the trot. "There would never have been a Gallo Blue Chip without Six Day War," said Ford, who admitted the horse was responsible for unequivocally changing his life. Ford was just 23 in May of 1994 when he scraped together \$12,000 — virtually every dollar he had — and risked it all to purchase Six Day War, a double-gaited son of Nihilator out of Pampered Lady. "I'm not going to say we weren't going to eat the next day, but we were going to have to decide what we were going to eat," Ford said, adding that Six Day War was the horse that determined whether he would continue to have a career in harness racing or be forced to find a different line of work. "It was either stay or not stay. We got him straightened out and he was, in reality, nothing more than a 20 claimer, but he put a lot of money on the table at the right time for a 22- or 23-year-old guy just getting started," Ford said.



# Mark Harder

	<b>STARTS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Earnings</b>
<b>Oct. 2016 – Aug. 2017</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>\$274,021</b>
<b>Nov. 2015 – Aug. 2016</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>\$433,012</b>
<b>Meadowlands Career</b>	<b>3,605</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>\$6,384,393</b>

**Birthdate:** 1961-11-12      **Birthplace:** Wellington, New Zealand  
**Residence:** Freehold, NJ      **Age:** 56



In 2017, Mark Harder kept his personal streak alive when his stable passed the \$1 million mark for the 17th straight year. His stable star Blue Moon Stride set a Milton Stakes record of 1:48.4 at Mohawk. The four-year-old daughter of Rocknroll Hanover pushed her career bankroll just shy of \$1 million. Harder's other stakes performers were Lily Stride, Chapter Too and Mooshka Stride.

2016 was the 16th consecutive year the Mark Harder Stable earned over \$1 million, and the Harder highlight reel was led by the lucrative exploits of multiple stakes winning pacing filly Blue Moon Stride. The three-year-old daughter of Rocknroll Hanover piled up major victories in the \$100,000 New Jersey Sires Stakes Final, the \$157,400 Mistletoe Shalee, the \$85,000 Thomas D'Altrui and a \$73,000 division of the Bluegrass. She was also a close second in the \$300,000 James M. Lynch Memorial and finished third in the \$350,000 Valley Forge. Harder also passed 1,800 career wins and \$40 million 2016.

Harder regained the spotlight at the Meadowlands in 2015 winning a \$100,000 New Jersey Sires Stakes Final with the freshman pacing filly Blue Moon Stride. Overall, Harder's stable earned more than \$1 million for the 15th consecutive season, and Harder passed 1,700 career wins and \$39 million.

Harder came out flying in 2013 when his top free for all pacer Golden Receiver made it back-to-back Presidential Series sweeps and January Horse of the Month honors. The eight-year-old double millionaire also won a TVG FFA event in 1:49.1 and was the series points leader going into the final. Harder finished fourth in the Big M trainer standings with 24 wins, and took won the Charles Singer Memorial with Real Babe.

In 2012, Harder's Golden Receiver paced the fastest January mile in history (1:48). The son of Village Jove carved out an amazing season at age seven, which saw him win the Presidential, Spring Championship (at Woodbine), Graduate, US Pacing Championship and William Haughton Memorial. Harder also won the Cape and Cutter final with Symphony In Motion, and had success with another Open class pacing mare in Royal Cee Cee N.

Harder grew up in a small community of Johnsonville, New Zealand. His parents owned a kiwi and avocado orchard, and Harder originally thought he would go to college to earn a degree in agriculture. "Then I got the horse bug, and much to my parents' dismay, started working with horses after finishing high school."

Harder apprenticed with some of New Zealand's top horsemen, and in the late 1980s was asked to travel to Chicago with a group of horses to be sold. Harder traveled back and forth to the US on a regular basis for several years before giving Los Angeles a try. Upon the recommendation of Ross Croghan, whom he knew in California, Harder went to work for Bob Murphy's large contingent in British Columbia for three years. Problems with his work visa forced Harder to return to the US, and he went to work for Croghan's powerful stable in New Jersey.

Harder went out on his own in 2000, and with the backing owners such as Brian Nixon and Aubrey Friedman, his stable quickly swelled. Harder ascended to the top of the training ranks in 2004, winning his first Big M title during the January-August meet. That year, he posted personal highs of 281 wins and \$6,855,875, and pulled off the biggest upset in the history of the \$1 million Meadowlands Pace with Holborn Hanover, paying \$119.00.

# Rob Harmon

	STARTS	1	2	3	Earnings
Oct. 2016 – Aug. 2017	234	34	37	32	\$328,569
Nov. 2015 – Aug. 2016	181	28	32	19	\$268,737

**Birthdate:** 1969-09-04      **Birthplace:** Albany, NY  
**Residence:** Mahwah, NJ      **Age:** 48

The Rob Harmon Stable, a husband and wife team of Rob and Patti Harmon, ranked third in the Meadowlands trainer standings with 34 wins during the October, 2016 – August, 2017 meet. The Harmon Stable has averaged more than a .330 percentage in the last four seasons. Their standouts include Jacksluckytoo and Montalbano Bi.

Team Harmon finished fourth in the Big M trainer standings with 28 wins during the November, 2015 – August, 2016 meet.

With more than 3,000 career wins, Rob Harmon has trained the winners of over \$20 million, and his stable has been a steady force at the Big M with overnight stock.

The native of Albany, NY, who now resides in Mahwah, NJ, was a two-time Trainer of the Year at Hazel Park and leading dash winner at Windsor Raceway. Harmon claims learning the craft of shoeing from his father and how to tinker with older horses have been major assets to running a consistent operation.

Harmon sold his farm in Michigan a few years ago and relocated to race at east coast tracks.

Harmon was selected to go to college and play baseball in Michigan, but dislocated his shoulder in a stable accident. He then decided to help train horses with his father, Reid, and also learned from Michigan horsemen Gord Norris and Keith Crawford.

In 2014, Harmon traveled to Brazil with Mark Ford and Brandon Simpson to experience that country's harness racing and mentor their horsemen. The Harmon's son, Tyler, is a talented young goaltender, who was named the Bergen Record's High School Player of the Year following a 1-0 shutout, while leading the Ramsey Rams to the Public B State Final Ice Hockey Championship in 2016. While playing for the New Jersey Hitmen of the US Premier Hockey League, Tyler accepted a scholarship to play at the University of Vermont.

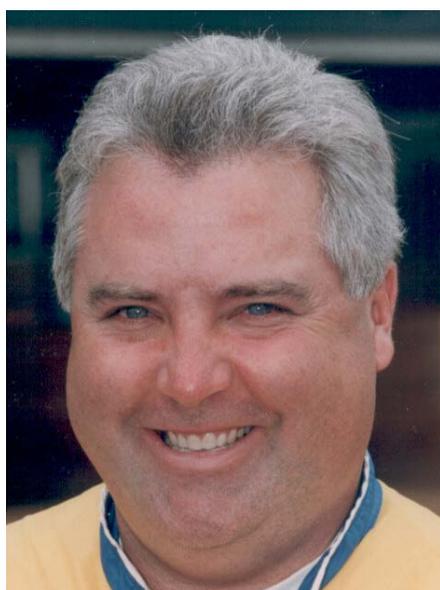
Rob Harmon enjoys playing recreational ice hockey for the Ramsey Rhinos in Hackensack, NJ.



# Joe Holloway

	<b>STARTS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Earnings</b>
<b>Oct. 2016 – Aug. 2017</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$125,484</b>
<b>Nov. 2015 – Aug. 2016</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>\$169,703</b>
<b>Nov. 2014 – Aug. 2015</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$313,262</b>

**Birthdate:** 1956-09-17      **Birthplace:** Wilmington, DE  
**Residence:** Freehold, NJ      **Age:** 62



Veteran trainer Joe Holloway was back in the major stakes spotlight in 2017 with a pair of prolific two-year-old pacers. Rainbow Room, a regally-bred daughter of Somebeach-somewhere and Rainbow Blue, didn't miss the board in 12 starts, banked \$467,880, won the Pennsylvania Sires Stakes Champion and took a mark of 1:51.2 at Pocono Downs. Closing Statement, a Somebeachsomewhere colt, was a Grand Circuit stakes winner, earning \$286,281 and won the \$125,000 Elevation in 1:50.4 at Hoosier Park.

In 2016, Holloway unveiled a late-blooming freshman pacer named Air Strike, who finished first in a 1:52.1 deadheat in the \$147,200 Kindergarten Classic Final at the Meadowslands. The son of Always A Virgin also won a \$75,000 Indiana Sires Stakes Final at Hoosier Park in 1:52.1. Holloway's dynamic duo of pacing mares Divine Caroline and Bettor Be Steppin vaulted past a combined \$1.6 million.

Holloway was back under the major stakes spotlight in 2015 with a solid one-two punch of Dan Patch Award winner Divine Caroline and Bettor Be Steppin. The pair of three-year-old filly pacers emerged as stars in New York Sires Stakes and stepped up to the Grand Circuit level. Bettor Be Steppin rallied to a 16-1 upset in the \$300,000 James Lynch Final and also won the \$350,000 Valley Forge at Pocono Downs. The daughter of Bettor's Delight was also second in a dead heat in the \$207,350 Mistletoe Shalee Final with stablemate Divine Caroline, who was a narrow runner up in the \$269,000 Empire Breeders Classic Final at Tioga Downs.

Holloway continued to ride a wave of resurgence following the first \$2 million season of his career in 2014, and passed the \$30 million mark in 2015.

Holloway finished second in the 2014 Meadowlands Pace with Always B Miki. He also campaigned Somwherovrainbow, who won the \$371,400 Blue Chip Matchmaker Final at Yonkers Raceway, and Shebestingin, the fastest female in history by virtue of a 1:47 clocking at The Red Mile at age three in 2013.

Holloway also won a New Jersey Sires Stakes division in 2014 with the promising Muscle Hill freshman filly trotter Saturday Mornings.

Holloway teamed up with David Rovine to dominate the Meadowlands in the eighties and set a record for wins in a single meet in 1987 with 106.

In the mid-nineties, Holloway campaigned the three-time Dan Patch Award winner and legendary pacer Jenna's Beach Boy. His other top horses include She's A Great Lady, Tooter Scooter, Florida Jewel, Lady Macbeach and Always A Virgin. He pulled an upset in the 2010 Hambletonian Oaks with Bar Slide.

# Richard Johnson

	STARTS	1	2	3	Earnings
Oct. 2016 – Aug. 2017	118	25	27	14	\$309,080
Nov. 2015 – Aug. 2016	211	42	31	33	\$381,772

**Birthdate:** 1960-09-25      **Birthplace:** Newark, NJ  
**Residence:** Toms River, NJ      **Age:** 58

Richard Johnson maintained a nightly presence at the Meadowlands during the October, 2016 – August, 2017 meet and finished fourth in the trainer standings with 25 wins.

Johnson has spent most of his life training horses and finished second in the Meadowlands standings with 42 wins during the November, 2015-August, 2016 meet. Noted for his prowess with trotters, Johnson's most noteworthy performers were World Cup and B Yoyo.

Johnson enjoyed a personal best season in 2016 with over 100 wins and \$1 million in purses.

While working at a ShopRite grocery store in his teens, Johnson started going to Freehold Raceway with his boss, and then met a girl whose father had some horses. His first job in the barns came with the late Mike Gagliardi, who was long-time Meadowlands horseman.

Just as Johnson's career started getting underway with a horse named Admiral's Galley, who earned over \$300,000 from 1991-92, his prized pacer broke a foot in an overnight race prepping for a stakes race. Unfortunately, his owner got discouraged and business slowed down for Johnson.

Plan B for Johnson was a decade-long detour into the bagel business, and he opened a successful shop in Teaneck, NJ, but has always kept his hand in harness racing. In fact, Johnson saw the Meadowlands in its heyday, and continues to ply his trade as a "meat and potatoes" trainer, who has enjoyed the claiming game and dabbled with younger horses.

Some of Johnson's top horses include \$500,000 winner Jacsue Brooks and \$700,000 earner Victors Vicky.



# Erv Miller

	<b>STARTS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Earnings</b>
<b>Oct. 2016 – Aug. 2017</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>\$617,236</b>
<b>Nov. 2015 – Aug. 2016</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>\$133,811</b>
<b>Meadowlands Career</b>	<b>1,480</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>\$7,495,257</b>

**Birthdate:** 1966-12-11      **Birthplace:** Arthur, IL  
**Residence:** Wind Gap, PA      **Age:** 52



In 2017, Erv Miller passed 5,000 career wins and \$78 million, eclipsing \$3 million for the 14th straight season and the 100-win mark for the 20th year in a row. His stable stars included Trolley, Farsetti Hanover, Tito, Chip Walther, Aldine Hanover and Ideal Flip.

Without a doubt, the Erv Miller highlight in 2016 came winning a Breeders Crown at 17-1 with Someomensomewhere in the \$600,000 Two Year Old Filly Trot, giving his son Marcus Miller his first Crown trophy. Team Miller came right back a week later to capture the \$149,100 Kindergarten Final with another 1:51.2 clocking. With 2016 winding down, Miller was closing in on 5,000 career wins and \$75 million, while ranking among the sport's Top 10 stables.

Miller remained one of the sport's prominent stables in 2015, reaching the \$2 million mark for the 14th straight season, and passed 4,700 career wins and \$70 million.

2013 marked the ninth straight year Erv Miller ranked among the top five trainers in the sport in races won, and in 2014 he passed 200 wins in 12 of the previous 13 seasons.

Miller's stable led the nation in money earnings in 2006 with \$5,145,380, he has finished second in the sport's money standings three times and posted personal bests of \$6,986,864 and 434 wins in 2007.

Miller eclipsed \$5 million for the seventh consecutive year in 2011 when his millionaire trainee Manofmanymissions won the New Jersey Sires Stakes Final, a Stanley Dancer Memorial division, a Hambletonian elimination, the Colonial Trot and Kentucky Futurity.

In 2010, Manofmanymissions won the Breeders Crown for two-year-old male trotters, while Shadyshark Hanover won a division of the Nassagaweya Stakes, and was second in the Breeders Crown and Governor's Cup.

Pacing filly Incredible Tillie was Miller's first great horse. She was unbeaten as a freshman in 1999, with 12 wins in 12 starts, and cashed paychecks worth \$512,782 that year. As great as Incredible Tillie was, Loyal Opposition was even better. She was a three-time Dan Patch Award winner, captured a pair of Illinois Horse of the Year titles and finished her brilliant career with 56 wins in 98 starts and earnings of \$2,861,294.

Other top horses for Miller over the years include Restive Hanover, Lis Mara, Shark Gesture and Il Villaggio. He finished second in the 2005 Hambletonian with the favorite Classic Photo.

Miller was honored in his home state by the Illinois Harness Horsemen's Association as its Person of the Year in 2004, and was recognized at the USTA District 5 awards ceremony in 2005 with the Brian Pinske Memorial Award honoring his achievements on the Grand Circuit. That was the kick-off for a 2005 campaign that saw Miller win the Glen Garnsey Trainer of the Year Award from the United States Harness Writers Association and the Delvin Miller Trainer of the Year Award from the Grand Circuit.

His brother, Andy, is a top driver at the Meadowlands and on the Grand Circuit. His son, Marcus, made a name for himself as a driver on the Chicago circuit before moving to Pennsylvania in 2013.

# Julie Miller

	STARTS	1	2	3	Earnings
<b>Oct. 2016 – Aug. 2017</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>\$767,569</b>
<b>Nov. 2015 – Aug. 2016</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>\$674,319</b>
<b>Meadowlands Career</b>	<b>1,826</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>\$9,230,588</b>

**Birthdate:** 1972-11-20      **Birthplace:** Iowa City, IA  
**Residence:** Millstone Twp, NJ      **Age:** 46

Julie Miller maintained her Top 10 presence at the Meadowlands during the 2016-17 meet, posted a career best \$4,679,554 million season with 138 wins, and continued to build a strong reputation with trotters. Julie and her husband Andy Miller had a pair of three-year-olds well on the road to the 2017 Hambletonian, Fly On and Devious Man, and the latter finished third, placed second in the \$1 million final. On the filly side, Overdraft Volo won a division of the Del Miller Memorial in 1:52.2. The Millers can look forward to 2018 with two-year-old Breeders Crown runner ups Met's Hall and Seviyorum.



Team Orange Crush also campaigned European invader Tuonoblu Rex. That five-year-old son of Cantab Hall took a mark of 1:51 at The Big M. In 2016, the Julie Miller Stable continued to build its strong reputation as a top trotting producer, advancing Milligan's School and Sutton to the \$1 million Hambletonian Final. With her husband Andy Miller driving, the Julie Miller-tuned Sutton finished a fast-closing third, and the Donato Hanover colt was beaten only a neck. "Team Orange Crush" also had success with a pair of sophomore filly trotters as Southwind Hope won a \$100,000 New Jersey Sires Stakes Final and Women's Will captured a \$95,250 division of the Del Miller Memorial in a deadheat. In addition, their freshman trotting filly Overdraft Volo pulled a 16-1 upset in a \$190,200 Kindergarten Final, two year old trotter Devious Man won the \$225,000 New York Sires Stakes Final, freshman Fly On won a \$56,250 Bluegrass division in 1:55, and Allerage Star dominated the Yonkers Open class. Julie Miller passed 1,500 career wins and \$30 million 2016.

Miller and her husband Andy Miller posted another Top 10 season at the Meadowlands in 2015, displaying some of their top stock on Hambletonian Day. Woman's Will finished fourth in the Jim Doherty Memorial after winning an elimination. Milligan's School was a Peter Haughton Memorial finalist [sixth] after winning his elimination. They also sent out Livininthefastlane [fourth] and Lady Winona [sixth] in the Hambletonian Oaks. Also in 2015, Julie made her Meadowlands Pace debut with Badiou Hanover, and finished a close second in the Graduate Final with Lyons-somewhere. After their first \$4 million campaign in 2014, "Team Orange Crush" hit the \$2 million mark for the seventh straight season in 2015, and went past 1,300 wins and \$25 million.

Julie certainly faced her share of challenges and successes in 2014 season. Her husband Andy was seriously injured in an April 15 accident at Yonkers Raceway, breaking a pair of lumbar vertebrae in his back, and requiring eight hours of surgery and months of recovery time. Andy had guided world champion trotting mare Perfect Alliance to victory in the Charles Singer Memorial in a stakes record of 1:52.2.

With her husband assisting her from the sidelines, Julie continued to develop Perfect Alliance into a world champion trotter. Miller sent out three starters in the Hambletonian Oaks, and finished second and third with world champion Designed To Be and Take The Money, respectively. She also finished second in a New Jersey Sires Stakes Final with Cee Bee Yes, and campaigned Open class trotter Coraggioso. Her stable finished fifth at the Big M in 2014 with 25 wins, won over 100 races overall for the sixth straight year and passed the \$3 million mark for only the second time.

In 2013, Julie and Andy posted their second consecutive third-place finish in the Big M trainer standings. They scored major wins in the Super Bowl with Windsun Galliano, the Arthur J. Cutler Memorial and John Simpson Memorial with Sevruga and a NJSS Final with Cee Bee Yes. Sevruga was the TVG FAA points leader going into the series final. In 2012, the Julie Miller Stable finished in a tie for third in the Big M standings. They sent out their third Hambletonian finalist in Reynolds Stake winner Money On My Mind [tenth]. Their previous starters were The Chancellor [fourth in 2009] and Mystery Photo [sixth in 2010].

Although she has a bachelor's degree in science, Julie Miller's first love has always been harness racing. Miller grew up in Iowa, where she spent many summers assisting her father, Owen Julius, at the county fairs. Miller attained her training license when she was 18 and won her first race at Quad City Downs in 1993. She began her career as a trainer-driver, and after graduating from Southern Illinois University in 1995, she married top catch driver Andy Miller. Miller's top trainee was Lucky Jim, who won 17 of 18 races and \$1 million on his way to 2009 Older Trotting Horse of the Year. Lucky Jim trotted a world record of 1:50.1 in the Nat Ray at the Meadowlands and went on to also win the Breeders Crown.

# Richard "Nifty" Norman

	STARTS	1	2	3	Earnings
Oct. 2016 – Aug. 2017	83	12	14	10	\$395,002
Nov. 2015 – Aug. 2016	56	8	7	4	\$218,639
Nov. 2014 – Aug. 2015	85	13	8	15	\$515,892

**Birthdate:** 1960-10-21      **Birthplace:** New Zealand  
**Residence:** Allentown, NJ      **Age:** 58



2017 was a busy year on the stakes trail for Richard "Nifty" Norman, who sent out a slew of promising two year olds, including Kindergarten Classic champion Point's North and Three Diamonds runner up Reign On Me. Norman's other stakes caliber freshman were Megadolce, Piranha Fury, Strength Of A Woman, Maria Deo, Lindy's Big Bang and Smoke And Mirrors. His top three-year-olds were led by Magic Presto, second in the Hambletonian Oaks, 1:51.2 trotting filly Glitzy Gal and Inverse Hanover. Norman passed 1,000 career wins and posted his best season in four years with \$2,361,000.

Norman kicked off 2016 with a big win in the \$150,000 Mack Lobell Elitlopp Playoff when his prized trotting mare Bee A Magician finished second and was placed first through a disqualification. Unfortunately, the six-year-old daughter of Kadabra spent most of the season sidelined with an injury, but made a successful comeback and vaulted past \$4 million with a second in her fifth Breeders Crown appearance.

Norman engineered a bounce-back season for his triple millionaire trotting queen Bee A Magician, who had won eight of nine starts in 2015 before her second place finish in the \$181,450 Fresh Yankee on

Hambletonian Day. The five-year-old mare by Kadabra helped send Norman past the \$1 million mark for the tenth straight year.

In 2014, Norman saw his 2013 Horse of the Year Bee A Magician come back at age four to set another world record of 1:51.4 at the New Meadowlands. She was also second from post 13 in the \$484,850 Hambletonian Maturity and runner-up in the \$52,000 Ima Lula Final.

In 2013, Norman made it back-to-back \$3 million seasons and rode the perfect wave of the outstanding Bee A Magician, who was an undefeated 17-for-17, including a 1:52.4 stakes record in the \$500,000 Breeders Crown. She also became the richest trotting filly in history, trotted a world record of 1:51 in the \$265,500 Delvin Miller Memorial and romped to a stakes record of 1:51.4 in the \$500,000 Hambletonian Oaks.

Norman is a native of New Zealand. His father had thoroughbreds, yet when he came to the US in 1985 he began working with harness racing horses and trainer Ross Croghan in California.

Norman spent nearly two decades as an assistant with seven-time Big M leading trainer Brett Pelling before striking out on his own in 2006. His stable vaulted past \$3 million for the first time in 2012.

In 2012, Norman pulled a huge upset in the \$750,000 Hambletonian Oaks with Personal Style (\$116.40), and won the Hoosier Cup with Rockincam, a 1:48.1 winner at the Meadowlands. Ontario Sires Stakes star, Bee A Magician handed To Dream On her first career loss in the Peaceful Way final at Mohawk. Miss Paris was another OSS standout for Norman. Also in 2012, Beatgoeson Hanover won the Muscle Hill at Vernon Downs and passed the \$1 million mark in 2013.

Norman's first big horse was Resonator, and he noted during the Pelling hay days he was so busy winning races he didn't have time to reflect on it.

Norman struck gold with 2009 Two Year Old Filly Trotter of the Year and Breeders Crown champion, Poof She's Gone.

# Michael Russo

	STARTS	1	2	3	Earnings
Oct. 2016 – Aug. 2017	197	24	26	23	\$246,096
Nov. 2015 – Aug. 2016	188	22	30	2	\$260,009

**Birthdate:** 1968-10-2      **Birthplace:** New Brunswick, NJ  
**Residence:** East Brunswick, NJ      **Age:** 50



Michael Russo cracked the Top 5 in the trainer standings at the Meadowlands during the 2016-17 meet with 24 wins.

Jersey guy Russo didn't grow up in the sport, but a friend of his father was involved in harness racing as an owner at Freehold Raceway, and from that connection the younger Russo discovered he took to the horses quickly.

Russo's "old school" apprenticeship in the late eighties and his keen eye for evaluating horses led to him honing his niche for developing young talent, most notably Riverboat King. Purchased for a mere \$10,000, Russo broke the yearling and sold him before the pacer went on to a million dollar career.

In that same vein, Russo has continued to carve out a successful career, while consistently campaigning claimers and overnight stock in New Jersey. His best season came in 2016 when he recorded 54 wins and \$797,995 in purses.

Russo's best recent horse is the hard-knocking pacing mare Inittowinafortune, a near \$700,000 winner with a mark of 1:49.3 and Open class winner at the Meadowlands.

# Chris Ryder

	<b>STARTS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Earnings</b>
<b>Oct. 2016 – Aug. 2017</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>\$211,966</b>
<b>Nov. 2015 – Aug. 2016</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>\$134,140</b>
<b>Nov. 2014 – Aug. 2015</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>\$331,650</b>

**Birthdate:** 1955-10-2      **Birthplace:** New Zealand  
**Residence:** Allentown, NJ      **Age:** 63



Chris Ryder's top gun in 2017 was multiple stakes winner and Mistletoe Shalee champion Agent Q, who equaled a Meadowlands track record of 1:48.4. Ryder's other top performers were New York Sires Stakes winner Uffizi and Bluegrass winner I'm A Big Deal. Ryder has more than 1,400 career wins and \$37 million.

In 2016, Chris Ryder's stable earned more than \$1 million for the 17th year, and campaigned stakes performers Kissmeonthebeach, That's The Ticket, JJ Flynn and Pointtomygranson.

In 2015, most of Ryder's power came from New Jersey Sires Stakes champion The Show Returns, a sister to Ryder's former standout Put On A Show, and New York Sires Stakes star National Seelster. Those two three-year-old pacers sent Ryder past the \$1 million mark for the 16th season.

At one point in 2014, Ryder had three Hambletonian eligibles going in the right direction, New Jersey Sires Stakes division winners Well Built and Odds On Amethyst, and Southwind Poseidon. Among those three, Ryder's best finish on Hambletonian Day was a third with Well Built in a Townsend Ackerman division. He was also third in the New Jersey Classic with Bushwacker.

Ryder was also forced to retire his stellar pacing filly I Luv The Nitelife in 2014 due to injury and health issues. The Dan Patch Award winning daughter of Rocknroll Hanover earned \$1.9 million, set two world records, and no female pacer in history has made more at ages two and three when she won back-to-back O'Brien Awards.

Following in the footsteps of Ryder's world champion pacing mare Put On A Show was the stand-out I Luv The Nitelife. The near flawless performer, who was firmly in the 2013 Horse of the Year conversation, streaked through a sensational sophomore campaign with major wins in the Breeders Crown at Pocono Downs, a two-heat world record in the Jugette at Delaware, the Simcoe at Mohawk, the James Lynch Memorial at Pocono, the Mistletoe Shalee and Miss New Jersey at the Meadowlands and the Valley Forge in a world record of 1:48.4 at Pocono. She won 13 of 15, with a second and a third, 12 in a row and \$1,253,757 that season.

Ryder has played at the top end of the game for many years, producing champions like Sealed n Delivered, Cathedra Dot Com, McArdle, two-time Breeders Crown champion Mystical Sunshine and 2010 Crown winner Put On A Show, who set a world record of 1:47.3 and banked \$2.4 million.

The New Zealand native arrived in the US in 1989 when his wife Nicola was transferred to a Manhattan accounting firm. Ryder worked as an agent Down Under and also when he first came to America.

Ryder gained a reputation as a gifted developer of young talent. He first gained national attention with 1997 Two Year Old Colt Pacer of the Year Sealed N Delivered. Ryder was back in the spotlight in 2001 with Cathedra Dot Com, who carved out a \$1 million season. His other top horses were Too Much Trouble, Kiwi Scooter N, Go For Grins, Ideal Towne, Brioso Hanover and Metropolitan.

# Bruce Saunders

	<b>STARTS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Earnings</b>
<b>Oct. 2016 – Aug. 2017</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>\$130,194</b>
<b>Nov. 2015 – Aug. 2016</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>\$80,805</b>
<b>Meadowlands Career</b>	<b>6,377</b>	<b>691</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>\$18,026,600</b>

**Birthdate:** 1944-06-30      **Birthplace:** Neptune, NJ  
**Residence:** Hamilton, NJ      **Age:** 74

In 2017, Bruce Saunders garnered a place under a major spotlight with Meadowlands Pace finalist Talent Soup, a son of American Ideal who took a mark of 1:48.4 at the Big M. Saunders also campaigned Kindergarten Classic finalist Heavenly Sound, a freshman pacer by his 2010 Horse of the Year Rock N Roll Heaven.

Saunders remained quite active in 2016, spanning the spectrum from seasoned trotter Sweet Justice to Kindergarten Series competitors Sky Fulla Star and Rock N Blue, and New York Sires Stakes player Lady Of Heaven.

Saunders maintained a nightly presence at the Meadowlands in 2015 with names like Mister Truth, Coffee Addict, Sweet Justice and Yankee Heaven.



Saunders jumped back into the limelight in late 2013 and early 2014 with his \$25,000 bargain purchase named Sweet Justice. The son of Justice Hall won his first five starts for Saunders, including a 1:52 track record for three-year-old trotting geldings and a FFA Handicap in 1:51.1. Saunders has enjoyed a long, successful career, and he struck gold with his best horse to date, 2010 Horse of the Year Rock N Roll Heaven, who finished second in the Meadowlands Pace, and went on to win the Little Brown Jug and Breeders Crown. The Rocknroll Hanover colt won 16 of 21 starts and \$2,156,192 in his award-winning season, and took a mark of 1:47.3 in a Meadowlands Pace elimination. The pacer propelled Saunders to a personal best \$4,118,950 campaign.

Saunders has won more than 1,300 races and \$30 million, and his stable earned more than \$1 million for 14 straight seasons from 2000 to 2013.

Saunders ranks among the Big M's all-time leading trainers. Saunders did not follow the typical path to a career training horses. Raised in Farmingdale, New Jersey, Saunders spent two years in the army, including a year in Vietnam (1969). He became a stockbroker and from 1972 to 1976 was the Director of Economics for the State of Delaware. For one day, he was even the acting Governor of the State. Saunders earned a masters degree in finance from Temple University in 1980.

A licensed trainer since 1979, he campaigned two different Delaware Valley Horses of the Year early in his career: Perky Fiddler and Chipper Frost. Saunders has handled many other top pacers, including Misfit, Casimir Camotion, Mandretti, Indiana Sam, Master Barney, Die Lute, Armbr View and On The Way Again.

A class act who always says the right thing at the right time to further a positive image of the sport, Saunders has received numerous accolades, including Grand Circuit Trainer of the Year and the W.R. Haughton Good Guy Award from the United States Harness Writers. He was the keynote speaker at the 2012 USTA Standardbred Driving School.

# Ray Schnittker

	<b>STARTS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Earnings</b>
<b>Nov. 2015 - Aug. 2016</b>	26	0	0	4	\$8,645
<b>Nov. 2014 - Aug. 2015</b>	37	0	0	5	\$19,117
<b>Nov. 2013 - Aug. 2014</b>	34	2	2	2	\$30,485

**Birthdate:** 1958-02-11      **Birthplace:** Buffalo, NY  
**Residence:** Middletown, NY      **Age:** 60

Ray Schnittker won his second Meadowlands Pace in 2017 with Huntsville, a Somebeachsomewhere colt, who held off Downbytheseaside in 1:47.4, the same time his previous Pace champion One More Laugh and Tim Tetrick posted in 2010. Huntsville's victory also gave Tetrick his fifth Pace trophy. Huntsville also won the Cane Pace, and finished second in the North America Cup and Adios enroute to a \$1 million season. Schnittker has more than 1,100 career wins and \$37 million. His stable passed the \$2 million mark for the first time in four years in 2017.

Schnittker struck gold in 2016 with world champion freshman pacer Huntsville. The Somebeachsomewhere colt reeled off a 1:49 world record in a \$65,500 division of the International Stallion Stake at The Red Mile, and followed up with a Meadowlands track record of 1:49.1 in the \$600,000 Breeders Crown. Schnittker also passed 1,100 career wins and \$35 million in 2016. In 2013, Schnittker continued to be a virtual money machine, producing more than \$2 million in purses and 100 winners for the seventh straight year. Schnittker's personal best was \$6,095,004 and 174 winners in 2010.

Since his career began in 1977, Schnittker has won more than 2,700 races as a driver, while his mounts have banked more than \$42 million.

The 60-year-old from Buffalo, NY rose to prominence with his father, Warren, has dominating the New York Sires Stakes circuit, won the Dexter Cup four times, and he has appeared among the Top 10 in the Grand Circuit driver standings.

In 2012, Schnittker campaigned the outstanding three-year-old trotting filly, Check Me Out. The Horse of the Year contender and 2011 Dan Patch Award winner became the richest trotting filly in history. Going into the Breeders Crown her career bankroll stood at \$1,795,945. The daughter of Donato Hanover set a world record of 1:51.3 in the Del Miller Memorial, then lowered it to 1:51.2 in the Bluegrass at The Red Mile.

Another Schnittker-trained star, Deweycheatumnhowe, was 2007's 2-Year-Old Trotting Colt of the Year, and then 2008's Trotter of the Year and Three Year Old Trotting Colt of the Year in the Dan Patch awards balloting. Deweycheatumnhowe enjoyed a remarkable sophomore campaign, capturing the Hambletonian, Canadian Trotting Classic, World Trotting Derby and Kentucky Futurity on his way to \$2.2 million in season's earnings. Schnittker campaigned another top three-year-old trotter in 2008, Make It Happen, who banked more than \$670,000, and was a winner in the Empire Breeders Classic and Zweig Memorial.

Schnittker's top horse in 2009-10 was the pacing gelding One More Laugh, a winner of \$2.6 million. As a freshman, he won nine of 12 starts and banked \$594,306. One More Laugh set a world record for his age and gait on a five-eighths-mile track when he scored in 1:49.2 in capturing the \$600,000 Governor's Cup final at Harrah's Philadelphia. During his sophomore campaign, One More Laugh hit the board in 16 of 20 starts and banked \$1,576,984. He set his lifetime mark of 1:47.4 in capturing the Meadowlands Pace, upsetting Rock N Roll Heaven, and also won the Cane Pace, the Art Rooney Pace and the American-National.

Other top horses for Schnittker over the years include the outstanding free-for-all pacer Covert Action (\$1,183,594), who upset in the 1991 Presidential (\$118), plus Ambro Plato, Ambro Trick, and New York Sire Stakes champions Jezzy, Chippewa Street, Last Call At Dem's, Riggins, Twin B Seniorita, and Munis Blue Chip.



# Trond Smedshammer

	<b>STARTS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Earnings</b>
<b>Oct. 2016 – Aug. 2017</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>\$290,416</b>
<b>Nov. 2015 – Aug. 2016</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$144,448</b>
<b>Meadowlands Career</b>	<b>1,869</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>\$17,258,264</b>

**Date:** 1967-03-22      **Birthplace:** Gfovik, Norway  
**Residence:** Allentown, NJ      **Age:** 51



Trond Smedshammer was once again a prominent figure on the major stakes trail in 2017 with Phaetosive, a two-year-old filly by Explosive Matter, who won four of seven starts, including eliminations for the Jim Doherty Memorial, Peaceful Way and Breeders Crown. She was second in both finals of the Jim Doherty and Peaceful Way, and finished third in the Breeders Crown, earning \$259,853. Smedshammer's stable went past \$1 million for 16th straight season.

Smedshammer was back in the major stakes spotlight in 2016 with freshman trotting fillies Chezatter and Hillarmbro, along with New York Sires Stakes standout sophomore filly Fad Finance. After his 15th consecutive season past \$1 million, Smedshammer passed 1,100 career training wins and \$45 million.

Smedshammer returned to the Hambletonian picture in 2015 with the lightly-raced Donatomite, who finished third in his elimination and ninth from post nine in the \$1 million final.

For well over a decade, Smedshammer has consistently produced champion trotters, and his stable earned more than \$1 million for the 13th straight season in 2014. Smedshammer also passed 1,000 career training wins and \$42 million. He sent out his eighth Hambletonian finalist in Royal Ice, who set a Big M track record of 1:51.3 prior to getting parked and finishing eighth in the \$1 million classic.

Smedshammer's legacy will be forever linked to Arch Madness, who retired in 2014 at age ten with \$4,288,981 in earnings. In 2013, Smedshammer guided the nine-year-old Balanced Image gelding to some late-season heroics, equaling his own world record of 1:50.2 at The Red Mile, then rallying to upset the sport's top trotters in the Allerage Farms Final in 1:51.3.

Smedshammer came to the United States in 1987 after a mandatory year in the Norwegian army and was virtually penniless when he took a job in the barn of fellow Norwegian Per Henriksen. Smedshammer stayed for six months before heading back to Norway where he continued training. He returned a year later to work for Lindy Farms and was part of their team when they won back-to-back Hambletonians in 1989 with Probe and 1990 with Harmonious.

Smedshammer was named the Glen Garnsey Trainer of the Year in 2004 when his stable banked a personal best of \$5,311,104 and he campaigned three champions. Trotter of the Year, Windsong's Legacy, Three Year Old Filly Trotter of the Year, Housethatruithbuilt, and Trotting Mare of the Year, Stroke Play. Windsong's Legacy earned a single-season record of \$1.7 million. His victories in the Hambletonian, Yonkers Trot and Kentucky Futurity made him the first Trotting Triple Crown winner since Super Bowl in 1972.

Smedshammer has trained a record ten trotting millionaires, including Arch Madness, Strong Yankee, Blur, HP Paque, Sand Vic, Break The Bank K and Dejarmbro.

His other stakes winners include Creamy Mimi, Bowlin For Dollars, Mr Pine Chip, Blue Mac Lad and Here Comes Herbie.

Smedshammer co-owns (under the name American Viking Racing Stable) and drives many of his trainees.

# Ake Svanstedt

	<b>STARTS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Earnings</b>
<b>Oct. 2016 – Aug. 2017</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>\$1,321,673</b>
<b>Nov. 2015 – Aug. 2016</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>\$922,027</b>
<b>Nov. 2014 – Aug. 2015</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>\$464,200</b>

**Date:** 1958-11-18      **Birthplace:** Sweden  
**Residence:** Vero Beach, FL      **Age:** 60

In 2017, Ake Svanstedt enjoyed one of the greatest days of his four years in America when he finished second and was placed first through a disqualification in the \$1 million Hambletonian Final with Perfect Spirit. Svanstedt also won the John Cashman, Jr. Memorial with Resolve and the Duenna from post ten with Ice Attraction. That Muscle Hill filly also won the New Jersey Sires Stakes Final and Kentucky Filly Futurity. Svanstedt's other sophomore stars included Evelyn, Nonstick, Double L Lindy, Vivacious Allie, Yes Mickey, New Jersey Viking and Aight Hanover. His two-year-old contingent was led by Goldsmith Maid winner Plunge Blue Chip, along with Final Dream, Midnight Express S, Python Blue Chip and S M S Princess. Svanstedt's fourth season as a trainer in the US was his best so far with 124 wins and \$4,674,656.

Svanstedt remained a dominant force in the trotting world in 2016 with Resolve, one of the sport's top Open class trotters. After finishing second in Sweden's Elitlopp, the five-year-old son of Muscle Hill shipped back to America and cruised past \$1 million with major wins in the \$200,000 Arthur J. Cutler Memorial, the \$273,600 John Cashman Memorial, the \$480,320 Maple Leaf Trot and set a world record of 2:23.4 for a mile and half in the \$1 million International Trot. He also finished second in the \$193,000 Crawford Farms Trot and \$500,000 Breeders Crown. Svanstedt also advanced The Royal Harry and Maven's Way to the \$1 million Hambletonian Final and recorded his first \$4 million season in the USA, putting his stable in the nation's Top 5.



Svanstedt sent three colts into the eliminations for the 2015 Hambletonian, Workout Wonder, Centurion ATM and Southwind Mozart, and although he didn't make it to that final he did dominate the \$75,000 Vincennes Trot from post ten with the favorite Resolve in 1:50.4. That four-year-old by Muscle Hill is looking to fill a sizeable void left by Svanstedt's world champion Sebastian K, who retired in 2015 due to injury.

Svanstedt was a dominant force in Swedish racing before making a major move to the United States in the Fall of 2013, and opened a training facility in Vero Beach, Florida with the Bender Family/Palema Stable.

In 2014, Svanstedt purchased Legend Farms, relocated his training operation to Wrightstown, New Jersey, and hired Bjorn "Bernie" Noren as his assistant trainer.

Svanstedt captured five Trainer of the Year titles and three Driver of the Year Awards in Sweden, and has more than 5,000 wins as a trainer and 6,400 as a driver. In his first two seasons in the US, his stable won more than 100 races and banked over \$4 million. Svanstedt immediately made a huge impact in America, spearheaded by his super trotter Sebastian K.

On May 10, 2014, the eight-year-old barefoot wonder was making his first start in the US, his first start in eight months, and was coming off a nondescript qualifier (finished fourth timed in 1:56.2). However, with an awesome and effortless 1:50.1 clocking, Sweden's 2012 Horse of the Year equaled the mile track world record.

Sebastian K followed up his smashing American debut with a stakes record of 1:50.2 in the \$175,000 Arthur J. Cutler Memorial, and another easy win in 1:50.3 just one week later. On June 28, under perfect conditions at Pocono Downs, Svanstedt seized the moment, actually urged on Sebastian K, and those long, beautiful, rhythmic strides yielded the fastest trotting mile in history, a dazzling 1:49. No trotter in history has strung together such speedy miles.

On Hambletonian Day, Sebastian K once again equaled the mile track world record of 1:50 (set a week earlier by Archangel), and dominated the \$300,650 John Cashman, Jr. Memorial, while making him a perfect five-for-five at the New Meadowlands.

Svanstedt also captured the \$355,500 Peter Haughton Memorial with Centurion ATM in a track record of 1:53.2, and won a \$50,000 Townsend Ackerman division with DD's Hitman.

Svanstedt's other major wins at the Big M in 2014 came with Your So Vain in the \$484,850 Hambletonian Maturity in a world record of 2:05.3 for a mile and an eighth, and with Heaven's Door in a \$100,000 New Jersey Sires Stakes Final in a stakes record of 1:52.

# Jimmy Takter

	STARTS	1	2	3	Earnings
<b>Oct. 2016 – Aug. 2017</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>\$3,093,157</b>
<b>Nov. 2015 – Aug. 2016</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>\$2,024,071</b>
<b>Meadowlands Career</b>	<b>3,675</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>\$36,482,658</b>

**Birthdate:** 1960-09-29      **Birthplace:** Mantorp, Sweden  
**Residence:** East Windsor, NJ      **Age:** 58



Jimmy Takter compiled another sensational season in 2017. The Meadowlands all-time leading money winning trainer passed the \$36 million mark at the Big M and \$121 million overall with his fourth straight \$8 million season. Takter also notched his 2,000th training win. Takter teamed with Yannick Gingras to win his fourth consecutive Hambletonian Oaks with Ariana G. He campaigned the undefeated freshman trotting filly Manchego to a perfect 12-for-12 season. Takter sent out six of the ten finalists in the Peter Houghton Memorial, won it with You Know You Do, and also finished second and fourth with Samo Different Day and Maxus. His Hambletonian Day "grand slam" included the Dr. John R. Steele with Pasithea Face S, and he won the Governor's Cup with Lost In Time. Takter pushed his Breeders Crown Series lead to 33 trophies, winning three with Ariana G, Manchego and Pure Country. The six-time Trainer of the Year announced he plans to cut back his stable in 2018 and take 2019 totally off.

Takter continued to add stars to his Hall of Fame resume in 2016, with the amazing pacer Always B Miki leading his usual strong contingent. That five-year-old son of Always A Virgin became the fastest harness horse in history with a 1:46 clocking in the \$138,000 Allerage Farms @ The Red Mile. Always B Miki also posted three 1:47 world records on five-eighths-mile tracks, and set a mile and one eighth world record of 2:01.1 in the \$480,500

William Houghton Memorial at the Meadowlands, where he also won his second straight Breeders Crown. Always B Miki won his final career start in the \$400,000 TVG FFA Final. Takter's two other horses that banked over \$1 million in 2016 were Breeders Crown champion Bar Hopping and the outstanding sophomore filly pacer Pure Country. Takter won his third straight \$500,000 Hambletonian Oaks with All The Time and her two-year-old sister Ariana G won a \$600,000 Breeders Crown. Following a record six Breeders Crowns in 2015, Takter won three more to push his series leading total to 30. His other 2016 standouts included Idyllic Beach and Shake It Cerry. Takter was second in the sport's earnings race in 2016 with well over \$9 million.

After another blockbuster Hambletonian Day in 2015, Takter became the richest trainer in Meadowlands history, flying past the \$31 million mark at the Big M. The Hall of Famer sent out five entries in the Hambletonian eliminations, four advanced to the \$1 million final, and the steady gelding Pinkman gave Takter his second straight Revere Bowl with back-to-back world records of 1:51.2 and 1:51. With Yannick Gingras opting to drive the Mission Brief, who won her elimination in 1:51.3, Pinkman picked up Brian Sears, and the pair held off Gingras and the gallant filly. It was Takter's fourth Hambletonian, and he also captured the \$500,000 Hambletonian Oaks again with Wild Honey, Takter's fifth win in that event.

Takter was voted Trainer of the Year for the fourth time in 2014 when his stable earned a personal best \$13,360,290. The leading trainer in Breeders Crown history scored his third straight Crown triple with Shake It Cerry, Pinkman and Father Patrick. Shake It Cerry also gave Takter a record sixth Trotter of the Year. Takter campaigned the sport's top five money winning trotters in 2014 and won all three legs of the Trotting Triple Crown. Takter was going for his third Hambletonian in 2014 with not one, but with the top three rated sophomore trotting colts: world champion Father Patrick, Trixton and Nuncio. In the \$1 million final, Father Patrick drew post ten and made a rare break, Nuncio was pressured on the lead throughout, and that allowed Takter himself to guide Trixton to victory in 1:50.3. Takter also became only the second trainer to also win the Hambletonian Oaks on the same day when Lifetime Pursuit set a world record of 1:50.4.

Nicknamed "Trotting Master," Takter made a smooth transition onto the pacing side, producing a steady stream of champions. Yet it was Takter's trotters who made a strong impression at the Big M in 2012, most notably To Dream On. The two-year-old filly by Credit Winner won her first five starts, including a stakes record of 1:54 in the Merrie Annabelle. Takter won two divisions of the Stanley Dancer Memorial with Little Brown Fox and Uncle Peter. The latter scored a Hambletonian elimination win, yet was the beaten favorite in the final in which Takter drove his own trainee Guccio to a second-place finish. He also won a pair of New Jersey Sires Stakes Finals with Time To Roll and Corky. Time To Roll was a close second in the \$1.5 million North America Cup. Takter campaigned 2012 Dan Patch Award honoree American Jewel, a career winner of more than \$1.5 million, who set a world record of 1:48.2 in the Fan Hanover at Mohawk. Her stablemate, Romantic Moment was second, and upset American Jewel in the Valley Forge at Harrah's Philadelphia.

In 1997, Takter was voted the Stanley Dancer Media Award by USHWA-NJ for his exemplary relationship with the media. He also won his third Glen Garnsey Trainer of the Year Award in 2010. His native country, Sweden, bestowed on him the coveted Gold Horse Award, voted on by the Swedish Harness Writers Association, for his outstanding global accomplishments.

Takter trains one of the nation's leading stables at his own complex, Millennium Farm, in East Windsor, New Jersey. He got his start in harness racing through his father Bo W. Takter, one of the most successful trainers in Sweden. Takter's name has become synonymous with trotting talent and his roster of world champions includes Tom Ridge, Pampered Princess, Passionate Glide and Kadabra. He has trained two Horse of the Year honorees, Moni Maker [1998 and 1999], and 1997 Hambletonian winner Malabar Man. Takter won his second Hambletonian in 2010 with Muscle Massive. Takter's other top horses include, Vintage Master, Simply Business, See You At Peelers, Ken Warkentin, Pastor Stephen, Armbr Prowess, Mr Lavec, Kramer Boy, Solveig, Cabrini Hanover, Gleam and Lantern Kronos.

# Linda Toscano

	<b>STARTS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Earnings</b>
<b>Oct. 2016 – Aug. 2017</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>\$736,371</b>
<b>Nov. 2015 – Aug. 2016</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>\$293,674</b>
<b>Nov. 2013 – Aug. 2014</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>\$609,727</b>

**Birthdate:** 1955-06-26      **Birthplace:** Brooklyn, NY  
**Residence:** Freehold, NJ      **Age:** 63

Linda Toscano saw her dream of winning her second Hambletonian in 2017 dashed by the career-ending injury of world champion Walner, who set a stakes record of 1:50.2 in a Stanley Dancer Memorial division shortly before being retired. The son of Toscano's 2012 Horse of the Year Chapter Seven won nine of ten career starts. Toscano also sent out a promising group of two-year-olds in 2017, including Helpisontheway, KJ's Bekah, Rockapelo and Come See The Show. Toscano passed 2,000 career wins and was just shy of \$50 million. Her stable reached the \$2 million mark for the 11<sup>th</sup> straight season.

Toscano caught lightning in a bottle again in 2016 with world champion freshman trotter Walner. From the first crop of Toscano's 2012 Horse of the Year Chapter Seven, Walner unleashed a world record of 1:51.3 in a \$56,000 division of the International Stallion Stake at The Red Mile, and went on to set a Meadowlands track record of 1:53 in the \$600,000 Breeders Crown. Walner capped a seven for eight season with another easy win in the \$200,600 Kindergarten Series Final at The Big M. With well over \$3 million in 2016, Toscano was closing in on the \$47 million mark, and with a personal best 130+ wins, she was close to 1,900 career wins.

Toscano continued to play at the high end of the spectrum in 2015 with Open pacer and millionaire Doctor Butch and with her \$3.7 million winning trotter Market Share. By hitting the \$1 million mark in 13 of the last 14 seasons, Toscano also passed 1,700 career wins and \$42 million.

Toscano won more than \$2 million for the eighth straight season in 2014. On Hambletonian Day she won a \$40,000 A-2/A-1/FFA Handicap with Heston Blue Chip in 1:48.1 and finished second in the John Cashman, Jr. Memorial with her triple millionaire Market Share.

Late in 2013, Market Share captured the \$500,000 TVG FFA Final in 1:51 at the New Meadowlands and was the unanimous choice for Older Trotter of the Year, his second straight Dan Patch Award. Toscano maintained her upper echelon profile with another strong season in 2013, winning more than 100 races for the fifth straight year, and her stable earned over \$3 million for the fifth time in six seasons.

Toscano enjoyed a dream season in 2012 when she was voted Trainer of the Year, campaigned Horse of the Year Chapter Seven, became the first female trainer to win the \$1.5 million Hambletonian with Market Share and banked \$6 million for the first time. The millionaire four-year-old trotter Chapter Seven blazed a world record of 1:50.1 winning the Nat Ray. Toscano also won a New Jersey Sires Stakes final for two-year-old trotting fillies with Southwind Cocoa. She sent out a pair of top flight three-year-old pacers in Heston Blue Chip and Bettors Edge, plus freshman pacing star Doctor Butch.

Toscano is by far the most successful female trainer in Meadowlands history. Toscano became interested in harness racing through friends while attending Stony Brook State University in New York.

The 62-year-old breast cancer survivor started attending the races some 40 years ago when her father would take her to Roosevelt and Yonkers Raceways. She got her start with Buddy Regan in New York, and also worked with John Campbell when he had a stable. She went out on her own in 1984 and was the leading trainer in her home state before moving full-time to the Meadowlands in 1988.

The Rutgers Equine Science Center named Toscano the 2013 recipient of their annual 'Spirit of the Horse' award, which recognizes individuals whose lives have been profoundly changed because of their involvement with horses and who have acknowledged the impact by giving back to the horse industry.

Among Toscano's other top horses was the rugged pacer Jet Laag, who earned more than \$1 million and set a world record of 1:49 on the half-mile track at Delaware, Ohio in 1999.

Toscano became the first woman to harness a Breeders Crown winner with Molly Can Do It in the 2002 Mares Pace. Molly Can Do It entered Toscano's barn at the end of her four-year-old season and banked more than \$700,000 from 2002 to 2004.

Other standouts for Toscano include 1995 Older Trotting Mare of the Year Giant Mermaid, Kenneth J, Share The Delight, Athena Blue Chip, Mean And Green, Comeatross and Funny Malentine.





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