

## Breaking Down The Horse Of The Year Battle

By Gordon Waterstone

With ballots due Dec. 19 from the 200-plus members of the U.S. Harness Writers Association for the 2013 divisional awards for horses, the debate for Horse of the Year includes four horses: Bee A Magician, Captaintreacherous, Foiled Again and I LuvThe Nitelife.

It appears the 17-for-17 Bee A Magician has the best shot for Horse of the Year honors based not only on her record, but also on the simple fact that the only names a voter can write down for Horse of the Year are those he/she voted as the top trotter and top pacer. Bee A Magician will get a vast majority of the votes for Trotter of the Year. Because Pacer of the Year appears to be a tight battle, the votes for that honor will be divided greatly. I just don't think there will be enough Bee A Magician defectors at that point to tip the cart toward any pacer.

That said, there has been plenty of debate as to who should be voted Pacer of the Year (POY).

Captaintreacherous, the star 3 year old, appeared to have a firm grasp on the trophy until an early-November stumble at Hoosier Park which was later followed by a sixth-place finish when he tried to make history in the TVG FFA against older horses at the Meadowlands. The 9-year-old gelding Foiled Again entered the discussion thanks to a late-season surge that included winning that TVG final to bring his career earnings to a record \$6 million. And how about world champion I LuvThe Nitelife, the 3-year-old filly who had a remarkable 13-win season?

Often when I'm debating between horses for divisional honors, I look to the Breeders Crown finals for help. Remember the slogan, "It all comes down to the Breeders Crown?" But that doesn't give me any help this year as the top three Pacer of the Year candidates won their respective Crown finals at Pocono Downs.

The next question is, do I penalize a horse because they attempted extraordinary things, such as Captaintreacherous racing against older horses, I LuvThe Nitelife shipping to the Midwest for a November stop at Balmoral Park where

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she finished second despite a grueling first-over trip, or Foiled Again making more starts than any of the others and traveling to 12 different racetracks?

Because of other stories I have been researching, over the past few days I had the chance to talk to driver Tim Tetric about Captaintreacherous, driver Yannick Gingras about Foiled Again, and owner Richard Young about I LuvThe Nitelife. Obviously, each extolled the virtues of their horse. I can also tell you that while they campaigned for their horse, they all did so with great respect to the other hopefuls.

Kathy Parker suggested I look back in history to find a year in which there was similar discussion as to Pacer of the Year, and it didn't take me long. Just two years ago, the 7-year-old Foiled Again was voted Pacer of the Year by only four votes over the 3-year-old pacer Roll With Joe. Finishing a close third was the 3-year-old filly pacer See You At Peelers.

It's eery how similar 2011 and 2013 are, and that most people have forgotten that race for Horse of the Year. In 2011,

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Foiled Again won 14 of his 28 starts in what has turned into the first of three consecutive \$1-million seasons. Roll With Joe was a six-time winner, including the Meadowlands Pace and Battle of the Brandywine. See You At Peelers had nine wins in 12 starts, including beating the boys in the Art Rooney at Yonkers.

This year Foiled Again has 11 wins in 29 starts, which means he lost 18 times. That's a point I've heard over and over the past few days—how can you vote for a horse who lost 18 times? But he made almost as many starts as The Captain and I Luv The Nitelife combined. Are his losses offset by the tear he's been on since the calendar turned to September, where he has six wins and three seconds in nine starts, with those victories including the Breeders Crown final, a race Gingras told me was his biggest effort ever?

When I talked to Tetrick, he asked me what I thought about Captaintreacherous's chances to repeat as Pacer of the Year (remember, he was the first 2 year old since Camtastic in 1987 to be so honored). I told him I believed the "feel-good story" of the old-timer Foiled Again was compelling. While voting should be done on the merits of the current year, it's going to be hard for some voters to not take into account Foiled Again's remarkable career achievements, including 76 victories, three straight \$1-million seasons, and a bankroll that now tops \$6 million.

And should voters hold that TVG loss against a great field of older foes against The Captain? He only got beat by two lengths in the first attempt since Niatross for a 3 year old to try and beat his elders in a major stakes. Remember, The Captain became just the third to ever win the North America Cup, Meadowlands Pace and Breeders Crown.

Young conceded to me that I Luv The Nitelife probably is ranked third among the POY contenders, but he rightfully noted that his filly shouldn't summarily be dumped from the equation. As Young pointed out to me, how can I Luv The Nitelife not be included when you take into account the quality of competition in her division—beating world champion Shebestingin all three times they raced—and that she won on all size racetracks and had a higher win percentage than the her POY rivals?

What does it all mean for POY? It means that here we are, six days from the voting deadline, and I am still as confused as a cow on Astroturf. Anybody have a three-sided coin?

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## Burke Looks For 5th Cleveland Classic

With more than 4,400 starts thus far in 2013, trainer Ron Burke is averaging more than 90 starters per week. The Burke Brigade is out in force again this weekend, including two starters in the \$126,000 Cleveland Classic for 3-year-old colt pacers on Saturday at Northfield Park and one going postward in the opening round of the Valedictory Series for sophomore colt pacers Friday night at Woodbine.

In the six-horse Cleveland Classic, the last major race on the 2013 calendar, Burke sends out Dedi's Dragon—the horse who upset Captaintreacherous in the Monument Circle at Hoosier Park in early November—and Good Day

Mate, a recent private purchase making just his third start for the barn.

A half brother to the multiple stakes winners Put On A Show and Showherthemoney, Good Day Mate won the 2012 Pennsylvania Sires

Burke Brigade: Cleveland Classic Champs	
2006	True North Hanover
2007 (div.)	Won The West
2008 (div.)	Blueridge Western
2011	Won The West

Stakes championship for 2-year-old colt pacers. The son of Christian Cullen has competed primarily in the Keystone State this year. He ventured into open stakes competition in the Hempt at Pocono Downs and Adios at The Meadows, but failed to advance out of the eliminations and was relegated to the consolations. He did qualify for the \$450,000 Messenger final in early November at Yonkers, but had to settle for seventh.

Good Day Mate was then entered in the Harrisburg Mixed Sale but was a buy-back by owner Chuck Pompey for \$105,000. Burke said he bid on Good Day Mate but dropped out earlier. He said he received a call a few days later from Pompey.

"The original owner called me afterward and said he bought him back and would we like to buy into him," said Burke, who is after the fifth Cleveland Classic trophy for the stable. "We're always looking to buy."

With the new ownership of Pompey, Burke Racing Stable, J & T Silva Stables and Stable 45, Good Day Mate finished seventh in the Progress Pace Preview at Dover Downs and then eighth in the final after making a break at the start.

"I really liked him his first start but he was unlucky, and then in his second start he tipped over so we made a couple equipment changes," said Burke.

As for Dedi's Dragon, his name appropriately fits as he was the "dragon slayer" of sorts when he upset Captaintreacherous at Hoosier Park, by far the biggest of his four wins this year. Dedi's Dragon comes into the race off a third-place finish in the Progress Pace final.

"He's been good and bad, and I can't figure out rhyme or reason why he's good or bad," said Burke.

Included in the compact Cleveland Classic are a pair of Brad Grant-owned horses: Word Power, who comes into the

race off a win in the \$176,000 Windy City Pace on Nov. 15 at Maywood, and Apprentice Hanover, who has two straight wins in conditioned races at Woodbine after finishing third in the Windy City.

As for Americhi at Woodbine, the son of American Ideal has five wins in 15 starts this year, including a career-best 1:51.3f at Pocono Downs, and earnings of \$63,271. A \$50,000 yearling purchase, Americhi was unraced last year and in 2014 was in the barn of trainer Trond Smedshammer until being sold at the Tattersalls Summer Mixed Sale in late July to trainer Nick Surick for \$23,000.

Matt Kakaley drove Americhi to a 1:52.2 victory on Nov. 7 at Dover Downs, and that caught the attention of Burke, who then bought the colt in a private purchase.

"He was really impressive that last start for Surick and we knew he fit a lot of series and had the opportunity to make money, that's why we bought him," said Burke.

Burke said Kakaley agreed to purchase an interest, with Weaver BrusceMI LLC and Stable 45 also joining.

"Matt really liked him, obviously because he stayed in and bought part of him," said Burke. "I told Matt I liked him, and did he like him enough to buy part of him, and he said he was in."

In his first start for the new connections—and with Kakaley driving—Americhi lowered his career mark to 1:51.3f in a win at Pocono Downs. He comes into the Valedictory off a second-place finish—with Yannick Gingras driving—on Dec. 3 at Harrah's Philadelphia.—By Gordon Waterstone

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## Word Power Aims For Cleveland Classic

Word Power picked up his first stakes win of the season last time out and hopes to make it two in a row to finish the campaign when he faces five foes in Saturday's \$126,000 Cleveland Classic for 3-year-old pacers at Northfield Park.

**"It's pretty competitive for a six-horse field.... Anyone with the right luck can win that race."**

— Larry Remmen

Trained by Larry Remmen for owner Brad Grant, Word Power won the \$176,000 Windy City Pace on Nov. 15 at Maywood Park. The colt, second by a neck to Captaintreacheraus in the Cane Pace and third in the Adios, has won seven of 17 starts and earned \$372,284 this year.

"He deserves it," Remmen said.

"He's missed a few by a small part, but that happens. I thought he was going to go by in the Cane, but it wasn't meant to be. But at Maywood he was very good. He seems like he's in good form right now."

Word Power will start the Cleveland Classic from post 4 with driver Scott Zeron, who was in the sulky for the Windy

### \$126,000 CLEVELAND CLASSIC 3CP

Northfield Park, Saturday, Dec. 14, Race 11, Post Time: 10:45 pm

Post—Horse	Driver/Trainer	Odds
1—OnlyThe Lonely	A. Meriman/N. Surick	10-1
2—Twilight Bonfire	T. Hall/R. Gillock	5-2
3—Dedi's Dragon	D. Palone/R. Burke	3-1
4—Word Power	S. Zeron/L. Remmen	4-1
5—Apprentice Hanover	J. Jamieson/B. Wallace	6-1
6—Good Day Mate	B. Miller/R. Burke	12-1

City Pace score, and is 4-1 on the morning line. Word Power prepped for the Cleveland Classic by winning a qualifier in 1:53.4 on Dec. 6 at the Meadowlands.

"It's pretty competitive for a six-horse field," Remmen said. "It's sure not going to be a walk in the park. Anyone with the right luck can win that race."

Word Power, a son of stallion Western Ideal out of the mare Lush Limbaugh, sold for \$13,000 at the 2011 Lexington Selected Sale. He is a three-quarter brother to stakes-winner Yankee Lariat and his dam is a three-quarter sister to \$2-million-earner Camtastic.

Unraced at two because of health issues, Word Power has earned a check in all but three races this year. He was seventh in the New Jersey Classic and eighth in the Messenger Stakes. (His other miss came when he made an interference break in his elimination of the Little Brown Jug.)

"I was disappointed with the New Jersey Classic and Messenger, but every other race he showed up," Remmen said. "After this race we'll give him some time off and decide on the plans for next year." (HRC)



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## Kentucky Commission Adopts Uniform Drug Rules

The Kentucky Horse Racing Commission on Wednesday afternoon voted to adopt the uniform drug, medication and substance classification recommended by the Racing Medication & Testing Consortium (RMTC), rules that apply to all breeds of horse racing.

Most of the pre-vote discussion among the commissioners was about the bonding of Standardbreds with other breeds, most specifically regarding the withdrawal times for the bronchodilator clenbuterol and corticosteroids. Commissioner Alan Leavitt, president of Walnut Hall Ltd. and the only Standardbred interest on the commission, said to change those withdrawal times would be a "very big blow to harness racing in Kentucky."

The RMTC guidelines adopted center around 24 controlled therapeutic medications. The new guidelines call for the withdrawal time for corticosteroids to change from three days to seven days of racing, while the withdrawal time for clenbuterol will go from 72 hours to 14 days. Leavitt argued unsuccessfully that Standardbreds need to be separated on those two drugs because of the frequency of racing harness horses.

"We believe in uniformity but we think it should be by breed," said Leavitt. "The two breeds are totally different."

The commission voted by breed to adopt the RMTC rules, and the Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse regulations passed by a vote of 11-0 with Leavitt abstaining. The Standardbred vote was passed by a vote of 10-2, with Leavitt and Thoroughbred owner Thomas Conway voting against.

According to graphics provided at the meeting, which was held at the Rolex Hospitality Room at the Kentucky Horse Park, the following states have or are contemplating adopting the rules: Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. The following three states are contemplating having breed specific rules: Delaware, New York and Ohio.

It was noted that Pennsylvania has separate breed commissions, as does Delaware. — *by Gordon Waterstone*

## Tyler Smith Heads West To Cal Expo Friday

Tyler Smith, who this summer at age 20 became the youngest driver in harness racing history to reach 1,000 victories, is scheduled to drive at Cal Expo for at least for the next couple of months beginning Friday night.

Smith, who will turn 21 in January, was the leading driver at the recently-concluded Hoosier Park meeting in Indiana and is currently plying his trade on a Monday-through-Thursday night basis over the half-mile Northfield Park oval in Ohio. That leaves his weekends free to catch a plane to California and try some Cal Expo action.

"I was driving for Bob Johnson this summer and he suggested I look into it," Smith related. "After talking with (general manager) Chris Schick I was very encouraged and excited about the opportunity.

"I actually prefer driving over a mile track. On a half-mile, post position can be a big handicap and you almost always have to be moving. I like the chance to be patient and think a little more out there." (*Cal Expo*)

## Keidel To Return To Ohio At New Dayton Racetracks

In a joint announcement, both Miami Valley Gaming and Racing LLC and Hollywood Casino at Dayton Raceway, the two brand new tracks currently under construction in south-east Ohio, have named veteran racing official Gregg Keidel as their new race secretary.

Miami Valley will kick off the 2014 season on Friday, Feb. 7, the first of 66 nights through Saturday, May 3. Dayton Raceway will open Friday, Oct. 3, and race through Saturday, Dec. 27, for a total of 56 programs.

Keidel served for 23 years as the director of racing at Northfield Park before accepting the same position at the brand new Running Aces Harness Park in Minnesota in 2008, a job he will be able to retain.

"I'm very fortunate to have the opportunity to return to my native Ohio and be part of the exciting resurgence of racing in the Buckeye state," Keidel exclaimed. "The fact that the Running Aces dates fall right between the dates of the two new Ohio tracks was an exceptional bonus!"

## Gingras Is 15th To Reach \$100 Million

With his 1:53.3 victory with Lucky House in the fifth race at Harrah's Philadelphia on Monday, Dec. 9, Yannick Gingras not only topped \$14 million in seasonal earnings but he also became the 15th driver to reach the \$100-million mark in career earnings.

The 34-year-old Gingras entered the year 23rd on the earnings leaderboard but with his career-best year he jumped past eight drivers. Three other drivers are very close to the milestone as the standings show Gingras will soon be joined in the exclusive club by Andy Miller (\$99,973,214 through Dec. 9), Paul MacDonell (\$99,752,654) and Dave Magee (\$99,637,606).

Gingras has 517 wins in 2013 to place him ninth on that overall list. He currently has 4,822 career victories so he is on pace to top the 5,000 mark sometime next spring.

"I knew going into the year it would be a longshot because I had to get both; to get to \$100 million I had to get to \$14 million. But that was a goal of mine anyways," Gingras told harnessracing.com Tuesday. "It definitely made it nice that it came with a Ron Burke horse be-

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cause as many races as we've won together, it was nice to get it done with one of his.

"My goal definitely this year was to get to \$100 million," added Gingras who, along with Tim Tetrick and Brian Sears, are on the U.S. Harness Writers Ballot for 2013 Driver of the Year. "The 5,000 wins, that's nice and it's great to rack them up, but I'm more proud of the money because it means you are able to win bigger races. That's what I'm aiming for."

### Testimony On Instant Racing In New Jersey

Legislation to create Instant Racing at New Jersey's race-tracks was released from committee on Monday, Dec. 9. The action was taken by the Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee.

Among those testifying on behalf of the Senate Bill 2935 was Standardbred Breeders & Owners Association of New Jersey President Tom Luchento.

"I urge you to support Senate bill S 2935," Luchento told the committee. "In late 2010, the Governor, following the recommendation of the Hanson report, moved to privatize horse racing in New Jersey. The Standardbred industry secured Jeff Gural to take the Meadowlands racetrack off the state's hands. He privatized the track and built a new grandstand, modernizing and upgrading the race experience. That facility opened just two weeks ago to rave reviews. We have, as the Governor asked, taken control of our own destiny. We are here today to ask your help in completing that plan."

In addition to Luchento, testimony was provided by A.J. Sabath, on behalf of Jeff Gural; Dennis Drazin, representing Monmouth Park and Thoroughbred horsemen; Michael Campbell for the Thoroughbred breeders; and Louis A. Cella, vice president and CEO of the Oaklawn Jockey Club who is also vice president of RaceTech LLC, which operates the historic/instant racing pari-mutuel racing system which debuted at Oaklawn in January 2000.

The bill, approved unanimously, will need to be amended to assure constitutionality and establish which agency would oversee Instant Racing, said Senator Jim Whelan, who chairs the committee. (SBOANJ)

### SOANY, Yonkers Reach Deal On 3-Year Contract

The Standardbred Owners Association (SOA) of New York and Yonkers Raceway have announced they have reached an agreement on the terms of a new three-year contract. The new agreement will cover the conduct of racing at Yonkers Raceway for the 2014, 2015 and 2016 racing seasons. The previous expired contract had been extended until Dec. 31, 2013, by mutual agreement.

The 2014 meet at Yonkers will cover 236 racing dates and is scheduled to begin Monday, Jan. 6. A full 2014 racing calendar will be released shortly.

The schedule tentatively calls for some matinee programs on Tuesday afternoons in the fall, as Yonkers looks to develop more international outlets for its racing product.

As part of the agreement, the SOA of NY agreed to remove the \$100 payment for horses finishing sixth through eighth. That money will go into the purse account for distribution in the traditional form of purse money for horses finishing first through fifth. It was further agreed that the \$10 per start fee will be automatically deducted from the purse account rather than burdening the owners with the accounting each week. That deduction will not be applicable in the New York Sires Stakes events for which there will be a separate fee that will be the owners' direct responsibility.

The SOA of NY will also receive slightly higher revenue for its new insurance program. (SOANY)

### So Surreal SBSW's First Foal To Stand Stud

So Surreal p,2,1:49.4 (Somebeachsomehwere-Must See), the half-brother to Well Said, has been sold and will stand at stud at Cameo Hills Farm in Montgomery, N.Y., in 2014. He suffered a broken coffin bone while preparing for the Governor's Cup and has been retired. He was trained and co-owned by Ray Schnittker, who is retaining an interest in the horse.

So Surreal becomes the first son of Somebeachsomehwere to stand at stud and retires with just shy of \$100,000 earned this year as a 2 year old. He is the second fastest 2 year old of 2013, winning an International Stallion Stake division at The Red Mile in 1:49.4. (Cameo Hills)



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**RACE LINES**

**Final Standardbred Poll**

*Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown Poll compiled by  
Harness Racing Communications for the week of Dec. 3, 2013*

	AGS	St-1-2-3	Earnings	Pts	Pvs
1. Bee A Magician (32)	3tf	17-17-0-0	\$1,547,304	344	1
2. Captaintreacherous (2)	3pc	16-13-2-0	2,055,033	284	2
3. Foiled Again (1)	9pg	29-11-6-7	1,404,984	258	6
4. I Luv The Nitelife	3pf	15-13-1-1	1,253,757	253	3
5. Father Patrick	2tc	11-10-1-0	744,057	215	4
6. Market Share	4th	14-6-1-5	1,077,356	138	9
7. Maven	4tm	14-10-2-0	509,220	135	5
8. Shake It Cerry	2tf	11-8-2-0	827,769	96	10
9. Royalty For Life	3tc	14-7-2-0	1,277,130	69	8
10. Pet Rock	4ph	18-6-4-1	972,820	65	7

**Others receiving votes:** Shebestingin 22, He's Watching 18, Vegas Vacation 12, Spider Blue Chip 9, Anndrovette, Sunshine Beach 3, Sevruga 1.

**Harness Racing Leaders**

*Compiled by the USTA—through Dec. 10, 2013 (week difference Dec. 4-10).*

**Leading North American-Based Money-Winning Horses**

	Sts.	W	P	S	Earnings
Captaintreacherous (3pc)	16	13	2	0	\$2,055,033
Bee A Magician (3tf)	17	17	0	0	1,547,304
Foiled Again (9pg)	29	11	6	7	1,404,984
Royalty For Life (3tc)	14	7	2	0	1,277,130
I Luv The Nitelife (3pf)	15	13	1	1	1,253,757
Spider Blue Chip (3tg)	20	10	3	2	1,088,918
Market Share (4th)	14	6	1	5	1,077,356
Pet Rock (4ph)	18	6	4	1	972,820
Vegas Vacation (3pg)	20	10	4	1	971,632
Sunshine Beach (3pc)	20	8	5	3	909,283

**Leading Money-Winning Drivers**

	Sts.	W-P-S	UDR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Tim Tetrick	2,952	574-423-400	.319	\$16,071,732 ( <b>\$73,194</b> )
Yannick Gingras	2,247	517-378-299	.368	14,001,976 ( <b>101,163</b> )
Brian Sears	2,204	505-368-322	.371	13,707,471 ( <b>48,440</b> )
David Miller	2,687	380-398-373	.270	12,070,362 ( <b>55,325</b> )
Ron Pierce	3,382	526-469-483	.280	11,408,274 ( <b>108,029</b> )
Corey Callahan	3,481	582-440-453	.281	9,360,283 ( <b>128,324</b> )
George Brennan	2,530	446-432-310	.312	9,051,609 ( <b>138,170</b> )
Matt Kakaley	2,820	432-427-412	.286	7,339,447 ( <b>86,690</b> )
Andy Miller	2,551	346-355-326	.256	7,016,933 ( <b>59,880</b> )
Jason Bartlett	2,348	351-291-296	.260	6,972,754 ( <b>143,585</b> )

**Leading Money-Winning Trainers**

	Sts.	W-P-S	UTR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Ron Burke	4,371	1,057-712-509	.371	\$21,864,638 ( <b>\$230,088</b> )
Jimmy Takter	599	134-88-80	.350	7,777,860 ( <b>30,624</b> )
Tony Alagna	799	146-91-100	.288	5,394,638 ( <b>17,290</b> )
Rene Allard	1,932	441-285-233	.350	4,564,283 ( <b>60,713</b> )
Erv Miller	1,249	241-198-164	.325	4,558,507 ( <b>4,600</b> )
Linda Toscano	553	109-81-96	.336	4,021,313 ( <b>13,085</b> )
P.J. Fraley	906	172-152-133	.332	4,009,227 ( <b>49,525</b> )
Nifty Norman	434	84-68-49	.318	3,763,732 ( <b>0</b> )
Virgil Morgan Jr.	1,317	304-197-155	.353	3,687,574 ( <b>2,730</b> )
Casie Coleman	348	99-56-31	.404	3,475,679 ( <b>0</b> )

**Leading Breeders**

Breeder	Starters	Winners	Wins	Earnings
Hanover Shoe Farms Inc.	1,111	765	2,578	\$28,328,913
Winbak Farm	1,034	671	2,034	17,881,837
Brittany Farms	314	221	820	10,982,361
White Birch Farm	154	118	409	8,565,451
Perretti Farms	367	236	747	8,526,653
Kentuckiana Farms Gen Par	286	183	613	7,100,506
Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc.	186	140	461	6,639,470
Walnut Hall Limited	201	148	480	4,015,988
Arlene & Jules Siegel	165	115	366	3,948,713
Steve Stewart	140	106	329	3,752,043

**Leaders Of The Week**

*Ranked by wins for Dec. 4-10 from results at major North American pari-mutuel tracks.*

**Drivers**

**Starts**

**W-P-S**

Bruce Aldrich Jr.	84	17-7-15
Dave Palone	42	15-4-4
Ronnie Wrenn Jr.	58	14-6-6
Jim DeVaux	73	12-17-9
Billy Dobson	38	11-4-4
Corey Callahan	93	11-17-13
Mike Wilder	63	11-8-6
Stephane Bouchard	43	11-6-6
Aaron Merriman	98	10-17-12
Allan Davis	50	10-7-6
Casey Leonard	54	10-9-6
Jim Pantaleano	50	10-8-3
Josh Sutton	56	10-6-4
Shawn McDonough	33	10-0-5
Yannick Gingras	38	10-5-6
Jason Bartlett	45	9-8-4
Keith Kash Jr.	47	9-6-4
Luke Plano	24	9-3-6
Trace Tetrick	58	9-10-4
Trevor Henry	30	9-3-3

**Trainers**

**Wins**

Ron Burke	21
Rene Allard	8
Mark Ford	6
Wayne Givens	6
Charles Stewart	5
Gary McDonald	5
James Coughlin	5
Bruce Saunders	4
Colin Johnson	4
Gary Messenger	4
Joe Cirasuola	4
Joseph Hundertpfund Jr.	4
Keith Kash Jr.	4
Les Givens	4
Liberio Pacheco	4
Marvin Raber	4
Mike Watson	4
Perry Smith	4
Randy Bickmore	4
Robert Lounsbury	4
Roy Murphy Jr.	4
Sam Schillaci	4
Scott Di Domenico	4
Thomas Richardson	4
Tim Maier	4