Johnathan Ahle is one of the bright young stars of the sport in New Jersey, while showcasing his talent at The Big M and Freehold Raceway. In 2023, Ahle posted the best season of his career, winning 311 races and $3,099,638 in purses.

After starting out in the amateur driving ranks, Jonathan Ahle created a buzz in a breakout season in 2023.

Ahle was given the opportunity to drive in amateur races a few years ago after taking a job cleaning stalls and feed tubs with the Shaun Vallee stable as a teenager then working his way up to jogging horses.

“It was working out real well for me in the amateurs and I had a lot of success, so I figured why not take a shot and make some money while I’m doing it and see what happens,” said Ahle, who now works for Noel Daley as he pursues a professional driving career.

In the case of Ahle, the 26-year-old has rapidly climbed the ladder of success in a rather different way, but appears on track for a big career. “I worked for Shaun Vallee for seven or eight years,” said Ahle of his experience in the horse business. “It was a small stable, and I did pretty much everything to help out.”

It was Vallee’s guidance that first led to Ahle’s appearance on the racetrack in public view. “He encouraged me to enter the amateur events,” Ahle said. Unlike most of the amateur drivers, Ahle was young enough to consider the experience and join the ranks of the professionals. That’s what he chose to do.

“Last August [2022] I decided to stop racing in the amateurs,” Ahle said. The decision put him on the list of catch drivers to be called upon, and after driving more than 600 horses in 2022, he broke the 2,300 mark with his drives in 2023.

Asked about the rapid acceleration of his career, Ahle said, “It’s been better than I could have expected.”
Matthew Athearn continued to make inroads at The Big M as part of a new contingent of talented young drivers. Overall, Athearn posted a career best season in 2023, winning 256 races and $3,260,634.

A regular on the Maine circuit, Athearn has also made the most of his driving appearances at Saratoga and Plainridge Park. In a late-season appearance at Freehold Raceway he made his presence known when he steered Brickyard King to victory and placed second with Uncontrolled. One week later, on December 15, he returned to the half-mile oval in New Jersey where he won for the 1,000th time in his young career. His winning mount was once again Brickyard King for owner/trainer Ray Baynes.

Athearn is a harness racing lifer. As a third-generation participant, he’s been involved with horses since jogging them by himself by age 9. I grew up in it. “Both of my parents are in it and my grandfather [Edward Rohr – “Bamps”] is the one who used to take me to the races when I was barely old enough to walk. My grandfather brought my mom Gretchen Athearn and my aunt Heidi Rohr Nickerson into the business and it blossomed from there. My dad [Mark] worked for a lot of people like Roy Estes and Donnie Richards for a long time. That’s really how he got introduced. No one on his side of the family was involved before him.”

“I started out working with difficult horses, wondering, ‘How am I ever going to do well?’” said Athearn. “As it turns out, learning to drive that way was a huge help for me. When they would win, it was really gratifying because it took a lot of hours and dedication to help them move forward. But it was really satisfying to see the end results of all that work. I think that’s the biggest thing, is how much you can learn from a horse that isn’t necessarily easy to drive. I give a lot of credit to my parents. They started me out with horses that were tough to drive. I had to learn to drive them first. When you start out driving the easy ones, it doesn’t always help you to learn as quickly.

“I would say the first year I had 100 wins (2018) was the moment things really began to take off for me. I had won two Sires Stakes finals in Maine, and things really started to come together for me. I do set goals myself. Every year, I try to do better than the previous one.

“You have to keep very level-headed in racing. You can’t get too high or too low or it will affect how you race. It’s about staying right in the middle. I’m by far – and people around me all know it – the hardest person on myself. That’s why I try do my best to keep a level head. But when I do win a couple, it does make me feel really good. I think that’s been the biggest challenge for me, being able to understand there are things out of my control. I always seem to blame myself, even if it’s not my fault. I’m trying to teach myself to not do that.”
Brett Beckwith not only made a strong impact at The Big M in 2023, he also enjoyed the best season of his rising star career with an impressive record of 2,675 – 453-352-350 $4,408,037. Beckwith finished second in the Saratoga Harness driver standings with 227 wins and $2,136,214 in purses. He was runner up (51-50 votes) for USHWA’s Rising Star Award.

Beckwith followed up his first $1 million season in 2021 with $2,253,385 in purse earnings in 2022, to go along with 231 wins. Beckwith campaigned at Saratoga Harness and Freehold Raceway, and with more regularity at The Meadowlands.

A fourth-generation participant, Beckwith can still vividly recall the moment, the one when he knew he was going to join the ranks of standardbred racing. Horse racing is deeply rooted in his DNA – his father Mark is a successful driver, and his mother Melissa is an accomplished trainer – but for the young man from Jersey City, NJ, the desire to carry on the family tradition wasn’t always on his radar. Far from it, in fact. “My mom and dad have been in the business for almost their whole life and the association to horse racing goes back generations and generations. But, honestly, I wasn’t ever really into it awful lot when I was younger.” All that changed, however, after a visit to The Meadowlands.

Standing railside with his grandfather, Jerry Silverman (inducted into the Harness Hall of Fame in 2019), Beckwith found himself fascinated by what he was seeing on the racetrack, but also by a particular expression he noticed.

On May 16, 2019, taking part in North American Amateur Drivers Association trotting event at Yonkers Raceway, the then 16-year-old driver sat behind Dark Pool, a veteran trotting son of Cantab Hall. The $8,000 race, a non-wagering affair, saw Beckwith and Dark Pool get away third before the duo grabbed the lead. Ahead by five lengths at the stretch call, the gelding — a $135,000 purchase at the 2014 Standardbred Horse Sale Company’s auction in Harrisburg, PA — sailed past the wire an eight-length winner in 1:56. It was impressive on its own merits, even more so considering it was Beckwith’s third drive after having had only 19 qualifiers of experience. He also bested a trio of former National Amateur Driver of the Year winners in the process. Dark Pool was trained by family friend Paul Fusco, who called upon the young reinsman after he had piloted the bay to a second-place finish two weeks prior.

Posting four wins, four seconds and a pair of thirds from 25 starts in 2019, his rookie season, his performance was impressive beyond just solid numbers. A winning attitude, in and out of the sulky, immediately caught the attention of horsepeople. Beckwith was, and still very much is, cognizant of maintaining an even keel when it comes to his career, one that is now in high gear. “I’m very happy with the opportunities that have come my way, for sure. I wish I could have capitalized on a couple more of them.

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Not only did Braxton Boyd’s young career continue to take off in 2023, the Michigan native joined the new wave of young gun drivers making their presence felt at The Big M. Overall, Boyd won over 250 races for the third year in a row and banked close to $4 million in purses for the second straight season.

Boyd scored 11 times at The Big M from October 20 through November 18, including a four-winner night on Oct. 28. “I felt pretty good about it. You know, you’ve got to have a little horsepower, and then try to drive smart and be aggressive.”

Meadowlands fans caught on quickly. Ten of Boyd’s winners came at odds of 5-1 or less, with the exception being the 27-1 action on a Ron Burke trainee named Copperfield in a Kindergarten preliminary leg. “He raced well,” said Boyd. “I couldn’t believe he was that long, to be honest with you.”

Boyd also mentioned the night he won four. “Going into the card, I thought I could have a good night,” said Boyd. “But anytime you win four, it surprises you a little bit.”

Boyd has found most of his success at Pocono Downs where he finished fifth in 2023 with 174 wins and $2,111,741.

Boyd became enamored by the racing game a few years after being introduced to golf, when he watched his dad pull off a slick move to win a race. “I remember falling in love with one certain horse [Cagey Attack] that really just hooked me into the business,” Boyd said. “He was a horse that would come from behind. I’ll never forget, he was 10 lengths off at the top of the stretch on a five-eighths track, and there was about a space just as big as the bike, and he shot up that space the entire time and just barely won with my dad.

“That right there hooked me right in. That was one of the most exhilarating moments ever. I was probably 7 or 8. I started jogging when I was with my dad, and the first time I jogged a horse by myself was when I was 10, and it was Cagey Attack.”

One of Boyd’s first hands-on experiences with harness racing came as a pre-teen, when his dad let him announce some fair races at age 8. After a few years, Brett felt he was ready for pari-mutuel action and got him behind the mike of the now defunct Jackson Harness Raceway, where Brett served as track announcer.
Corey Callahan remained in the Top Ten at The Big M in 2023, and overall he won 308 races and $4,348,031.

Callahan finished sixth again in the Meadowlands driver standings in 2022 with 68 wins. Overall, Callahan won 388 races and $5,722,398. He passed 7,000 career wins and $105 million in career earnings. He finished second at Dover Downs with 122 wins and fourth at Harrah’s Philadelphia with 127 wins.

Corey Callahan finished sixth again in the Meadowlands driver standings in 2021 with 71 wins. Overall, Callahan won 336 races and $4,857,196 in 2021. He was also second in the driver standings at Dover Downs and in the Top Ten at Harrah’s Philadelphia. As he entered 2022, Callahan passed $100 million in career earnings.

Callahan maintained his constant presence among the sport’s elite drivers and Top 10 status at the Meadowlands in 2018, passing the 300-wins mark for the eleventh straight season and $6 million plateau for the tenth year in a row. Callahan was also closing on 6,000 career wins and $70 million.

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 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. Heading into the Fall of 2016, he was on the verge of 5,000 career wins and $70 million.

Callahan often donates to industry organizations like the Standardbred Retirement Foundation, Horse Lovers United and local SPCA groups, and was a nominee for the 2012 Rising Star Award. 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.
Dexter Dunn finished fourth in The Big M driver standings in 2023, and overall he won 214 races and his $10,834,427 in purse earnings ranked him fourth in North America to go with a .302 UDRS. Dunn drove Dan Patch Award winner Jiggy Jog S to her second straight win in a Breeders Crown, and Dunn scored additional upsets in that series with Gem Quality and My Girl EJ. Dunn also won a pair of FanDuel Championships with Jiggy Jog S and Twin B Joe Fresh.

Dexter Dunn relocated to North America from his native New Zealand after dominating the Down Under competition. After his fourth year of fulltime driving here, he has four Driver of the Year awards. And this year was the best of them all in terms of the major money earned by the horses he drives, as he won over $15 million during 2022. Dunn gained the high-profile seat behind Proximity Award winner Bulldog Hanover and made the most of that plum situation, winning 11 of 12 starts behind the supersonic pacer, and, of course, setting the all-time speed standard for harness racing with his 1:45.4 victory in the W.R. Haughton Memorial on Meadowlands Pace night. "The Bulldog" was one of four Breeders Crown winners that Dunn guided, joining Bella Bellini, Ecurie D DK, and Jiggy Jog S, becoming only the fifth driver to twice win four Breeders Crowns in the same year. In all, Dunn won a staggering 59 races with a purse of $100,000 or more. No one could match those credentials during the past season.

In 2022, Dunn led the way at The Big M with $4.3 million and finished second in wins with 117. Overall, he won 308 races and led North America with $15,197,579. Dunn became the fourth member of the $15 million club. He also became the fifth driver to post a third straight money title, and he joined five other drivers to have both the Trotter and Pacer of the Year.

Three years in America and three straight Driver of the Year titles for Dexter Dunn. Dunn led all drivers at the Meadowlands in 2021 with 166 wins and $5,454,175. Overall, Dunn won 424 races and a career best $12,916,775. Dunn drove Dan Patch Award winners Niki Hill, Bella Bellini and Manchego. Bella Bellini gave Dunn his first Hambletonian Oaks. In all, Dunn won $100,000 races with 15 different horses.

Two seasons in the US and two Driver of the Year titles. The Dexter Dunn rocketship continued to soar in 2020. The New Zealand native followed up a $12 million season in 2019 by leading North America with over $11 million in 2020. Dunn also led all drivers at the Meadowlands in 2020 with 131 wins and $3,037,371. He led the way with a sparkling .329 UDRS. Dunn also won four Breeders Crowns and four times on Fall Final Four/TVG Finals Night. His top horses included Manchego, Bettor’s Wish, Party Girl Hill, Fire Start Hanover, Kissin In The Sand and Always A Miki. Amigo Volo captured the $444,000 Kentucky Futurity in 1:51. Dunn also pulled a 50-1 upset with Major Occasion A in the Dorothy Haughton Memorial.

In ranking his greatest moments of 2020 Dunn topped the charts with the ever-present Bettor’s Wish’s performance in the TVG at The Meadowlands in November, the final start of his racing career. In spite of Party Girl Hill’s only defeat in the Breeders Crown the driver cited both Breeders Crown nights and the TVG Finals performances as third best on his greatest moments list of 2020. Other winners for Dunn on TVG Night included Kissin In The Sand and the aforementioned Bettor’s Wish. Dunn also captured the Governor’s Cup with the 2-year-old colt Always A Miki for his fourth stakes win on November 21.

Dunn won his first two Breeders Crowns in 2019 with Amigo Volo and Manchego.
Yannick Gingras

Yannick Gingras won his second straight driving title at The Big M in 2023 with 123 wins and $3,218,413 in purse earnings. Gingras overall statistics for the season were 1,915 – 411-327-262 .355, $15,165,027, giving him the North America money title. He also won a pair of Breeders Crown with Dan Patch Award winners Karl and Bythemissal.

Yannick Gingras was inducted into the Harness Racing Hall of Fame in 2022. Gingras was leading driver at the Meadowlands in 2022 with 136 wins and $3,269,599 in purse earnings. The Big M standout finished third in North America with $12,523,674 (366 wins). He also passed 8,000 career victories and the $215 million mark in career purse earnings, moving into fourth all-time in that category. Gingras won his third Meadowlands Pace with Beach Glass in 1:47.2. That 3-year-old also captured the Cane Pace, the Hempt and Progress Pace, and finished second in the North America and Adios in a $1 million season. Gingras also drove the great trotting mare Atlanta, who retied at age seven with $3.5 million.

Yannick Gingras had another successful season in 2021 and was elected to the Harness Racing Hall of Fame. Gingras won 315 races and $11,263,053, which ranked him third in earnings. He also finished second at the Meadowlands with 117 wins and $3,468,499. Gingras drove the incomparable Atlanta to a world record of 1:49 in the Allerage Farms. He guided This Is The Plan to a world record of 1:47.3 in the Battle Of Lake Erie. The Yannick Gingras-Ron Burke combo also won their third Little Brown Jug in seven years with Lou’s Pearlman. In 2021, Gingras became only the sixth driver in history to pass $200 million and on January 15, 2022 scored career win 8,000.

After leading the sport in earnings for four consecutive years, 2014-17, Yannick Gingras finished second in 2018 and 2019, and third in 2020. Gingras won four races on the 2020 Hambletonian Day card to capture the Championship Meet driving title with 86 wins and $2,539,384. Gingras moved into sixth on the all time money list, passing $191 million. He drove his second Horse of the Year, Tall Dark Stranger, the sport’s leading money winner in 2020 with $1.3 million. That son of Bettor’s Delight gave Gingras his second Meadowlands Pace in a gutsy 1:47.2, and first North America Cup when he romped in 1:48.2. His 1:47.2 clocking in the Tattersalls was his fourth sub 1:50 win in 2020. Gingras won his sixth Hambletonian Oaks with Sorella, finished second in the $1 million Hambletonian Final with Ready For Moni, and captured the Cane Pace with Tall Dark Stranger in 1:47.1. Gingras pulled Breeders Crown upsets with Peaky Sneaky and Summa Cum Laude, the latter in the first ever Crown deadheat for win. Gingras is third in the series among active drivers with 25 trophies. He also won the Maple Leaf Trot with Atlanta.

Gingras was back on top of the Meadowlands driver standings during the 2018-19 meet with 155 wins and $3,025,962, vaulting him over the $50 million mark at The Big M. Eighth on the all-time money list just past $182 million and with over 7,000 wins, the two-time Driver of the Year scored his fifth Meadowlands driving title. Gingras guided Atlanta to the fastest trotting mile in track history with a 1:49.1 clocking in a Graduate Series Final. Gingras won a pair of Breeders Crowns with Tall Dark Stranger and Warrawee Ubeaut. He also enjoyed a banner TVG Night, winning the TVG Open Pace with Always A Prince, and the Three Diamonds with JK First Lady in a track record of 1:49.2. Gingras earned checks in all eight stakes on the card, good for $768,467 in purses.

In 2018 he moved into eighth on the all-time money list with $168 million and was closing in on 7,000 career wins. Gingras and Hannelore Hanover equaled a track record of 1:50.2 in a leg of the Miss Versatility. Gingras also won a Stanley Dancer Memorial division with Wolfgang, the Graduate Final and Hambletonian Maturity with Ariana G, the Shady Daisy with Youaremycandygit in stakes record 1:48.2, the Peter Haughton Memorial with Don’t Let’em in a track record 1:51.4, his fifth straight Hambletonian Oaks with Manchego in a stakes record 1:50, a Breeders Crown with world champion Warrawee Ubeaut, and the Goldsmith Maid with Sonnet Grace.

For the second time in his career, 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.
In 2023, Vincent Ginsburg won 108 races and $783,676.

Overall, Vincent Ginsberg won 77 races and $615,211 in purse earnings in 2022.

Vinnie Ginsberg was a Top 25 player at the Meadowlands in 2021. Overall, Ginsberg won 87 races and $934,395, and also passed the $10 million mark in career earnings.

Ginsberg maintained his Top 10 presence during the 2020 Fall Meet at the Meadowlands, while holding down third in the driver standings at Freehold Raceway. He also passed $9.6 million in career purse earnings during 2020.

Ginsberg enjoyed his best campaign ever at the Meadowlands cracking the Top 10 during the 2018-19 meet with 49 wins and $648,374 in purses. Ginsberg also passed the $8 million mark in 2019.

Ginsberg passed the $7 million career mark in 2018 and continued to make inroads at the Meadowlands. 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 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.”
In 2023, Mark MacDonald won 77 races and $2,001,534, and he passed the $100 million plateau in career earnings.

Mark MacDonald maintained his Top Ten status at the Meadowlands in 2022 with 41 wins and $804,573 in purse earnings. Overall, MacDonald won 115 races and $3,536,644. He passed 6,500 career wins and $100 million in career purse earnings. MacDonald kicked off Hambletonian Day with a 1:47.3 mile, driving Billy Clyde to victory in the opener. He drove another Ray Schnittker trainee, King Of The North, and that millionaire romped in his Breeders Crown in a record 1:50.3 and banked $592,470 in 2022.

In 2021, Mark MacDonald ramped up into the Top Ten at the Meadowlands with 46 wins and $1,550,456 in earnings. His star performer was Dan Patch Award winning freshman trotter King Of The North. Now a 2022 Hambletonian prospect from the standout first crop of Walner, the colt swept the New Jersey Sires Stakes series, and also won the Peter Haughton Memorial and William Wellwood Memorial. The Ray Schnittker trainee won six of ten starts and $578,915. Overall, MacDonald won 141 races and $3,960,941. He also passed $97 million in career earnings.

MacDonald was a regular presence at the Meadowlands in 2020, notching 18 wins from 197 starts and $451,659. MacDonald won a $250,000 Graduate Final with Hurrikane Emperor in 1:47. 2020 was another comeback for MacDonald, who was injured in July of 2019 at Saratoga Raceway. He suffered a fractured shoulder, which required surgery and months of rehab.

MacDonald finished 2020 with 6,277 career wins, and has amassed $93,382,481 despite being sidelined by serious racing injuries.

MacDonald broke into the sport as a 16-year-old trainer and was in the winner’s circle for the first time on May 13, 1995, at Charlottetown with the pacing stallion Dusty Lane Time. Two years later he took a stable of seven to Windsor Raceway and began his career as a trainer-driver. After the 1999 season, MacDonald decided to give up his stable and concentrate on a career as a catch-driver. He won driving titles at Windsor (2000 and 2002) and Western Fair Raceway (2003) before relocating to Flamboro Downs and, eventually, the Woodbine Entertainment Group circuit of Mohawk and Woodbine.

In 2005, his 695 wins led to him receiving the O’Brien Award as the top driver in Canada and United States Harness Writers’ Rising Star Award. He broke his own personal best for wins with 745 in 2006, and captured his first WEG driving titles that year. At season’s end, he earned his second straight O’Brien Award as the leading reinsman in Canada, was back in the headlines in 2009-10 as the regular driver of the top pacing colt Sportswriter. In 2009 the colt was the Dan Patch and O’Brien Award champion, led all 2-year-old pacing males in earnings, and set a world record with his 1:49.2 score in the Metro final. MacDonald drove Sportswriter to victory in the 2010 North America Cup final, and was the top driver by earnings in 2010 at Mohawk with $3,444,440.
In 2023, Andrew McCarthy finished third in The Big M driver standings with 85 wins and $2,553,355. Overall, McCarthy won 229 races and $6,689,270, and passed the $75 million mark in career earnings. His top horses included NJSS champions Sig Sauer and Buy A Round, KYSS champion I Did It Myway and Goldsmith Maid winner Pizzelle.

Andrew McCarthy finished seventh in The Big M driver standings in 2022 with 54 wins and $2,088,999 in purse earnings. Overall, McCarthy won 270 races and landed in the sport’s Top Ten with $7,844,452. He passed 3,000 career wins and $68 million in career purse earnings. He also finished fifth at Harrah’s Philadelphia with 123 wins. His top horses included Dan Patch Award winner Volume Eight, Abuckabett Hanover, Cuatro De Julio, I Did It Myway, Grace Hill, Instagram Model, Jujubee, Queen Of Success and Keg Stand.

McCarthy maintained his rise to the upper echelon of the sport in 2021, finishing fourth in the Meadowlands driver standings with 101 wins and $3,051,781. McCarthy drove Dan Patch Award winning sophomore trotter Jujubee, who gave McCarthy his first Breeders Crown. He also drove Simcoe and Tattersalls winner Abuckabett Hanover. McCarthy enjoyed the best season of his career winning 315 races and $8,722,473. He also passed the $60 million mark.

Andrew McCarthy continued to rank among the top drivers at the Meadowlands in 2020, finishing tied for third with 63 wins and $2,195,487. He also finished third during the Championship Meet with 46 wins and $1,743,649. McCarthy reached the top of the harness racing mountain by capturing the $1 million Hambletonian Final with the filly Ramona Hill in a stakes record equaling 1:50.1. It capped off an epic five-win day for McCarthy, who also won with Angers Bayama in 1:48.3, the Shady Daisy with Reflect With Me in 1:48.3, the Continental victory with Caviart Eva in 1:53.3, and the Jim Doherty Memorial with Darlene Hanover in 1:55.1. He was also second in Cane Pace with Capt Midnight. On Meadowlands Pace Night, he won the Mistletoe Shalee with Reflect With Me in 1:49. McCarthy won both million-dollar races in 2020 as he catch-drove Venerate to a post ten score in the Mohawk Million for Team Orange Crush. He passed the $2 million for the fourth straight season and the $52 million mark in career earnings in 2020.

McCarthy enjoyed his best season ever at the Meadowlands during the 2018-19 meet, finishing fifth in the driver standings with 74 wins and $1,868,397. McCarthy also passed $7 million for the first time in 2019. McCarthy also won his first four Breeders Crowns, all upsets with Ramona Hill, Reflect With Me, Caviart Ally and Dancin Lou. Caviart Ally played dragon slayer when she turned the tables on arch-rival Shartin N on three straight late-season occasions in the Allerage Farms, Breeders Crown and TVG Mares Pace.

The Andrew McCarthy breakout party continued in full swing with a Top 5 finish at the Meadowlands during the 2017-18 meet with 60 wins and well over $1 million. McCarthy also made it five seasons in a row past 200 wins and his second straight $5 million year. His major win at the Meadowlands came with Muscle Diamond in the Vincennes Trot on Hambletonian Day. His star pacing mare Caviart Ally won the Milton Stakes in 1:48.3 at Mohawk and finished a close second to Shartin N in the Breeders Crown at Pocono Downs.

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.

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 to the largest stables downunder.
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Todd McCarthy maintained a Top Ten status at The Big M in 2023, and overall won 206 races and $7,117,953. His top horses included FanDuel champion Allywag Hanover, Vincennes winner Lovedbythemasses, 1:47.2 performer Taurasi and Governor’s Cup winner Captain Luke.

Todd McCarthy catapulted off a stellar first full season in North America with his first $9 million year in 2022. Among his 273 wins, no doubt the biggest of McCarthy’s young career came in the $1 million Hambletonian when he guided Cool Papa Bell to the biggest upset in the 97-year history of the classic. The Jim Campbell trainee rallied to a 1:51.3 score at 52-1. McCarthy had already blown up the toteboard at 50-1 earlier in the card with Kobe’s Gigi in the Lady Liberty.

On Meadowlands Pace Night 2022, McCarthy was second in three stakes, with Boudoir Hanover in the Mistletoe Shalee, Amazing Dream N in the Dorothy Haughton Memorial and Rockyroad Hanover in the Bulldog Hanover 1:45.4 world record William Haughton Memorial. McCarthy and Allywag Hanover upset Bulldog Hanover with a perfect trip in the Allerage Farms at The Red Mile in 1:46. He won the TVG Mares Pace with Grace Hill in 1:48.3 and finished second in the TVG Open Pace with Tattoo Artist. He was also runner up in the Governor’s Cup and Breeders Crown with Combustion. McCarthy won his first Breeders Crown with Dan Patch Award winner Pebble Beach and he finished second in the Breeders Crown Open Trot with Amigo Volo.

Todd McCarthy completed his first full year in North America in 2021. Todd was voted the sport’s Rising Star Award winner and drove Dan Patch Award winning FFA pacer Allywag Hanover. That world champion four-year-old son of Captaintreacherous won the Canadian Pacing Derby, TVG Final, Allerage Farms, and divisions of the William Haughton Memorial and Sam McKee Memorial. He also took a mark of 1:46.4 and banked $942,000. Todd finished just ahead of his brother Andrew at the Meadowlands in third with 110 wins and $2,477,891. Overall, he won 336 races and $7,454,501 in 2021.

McCarthy followed his well-known older brother Andrew McCarthy to America in 2020 and made an immediate impact at The Meadowlands, finishing second in the Fall meet standings with 42 wins and $836,397. Todd also showed his poised in Grand Circuit action with the prolific filly Anoka Hanover, who finished off her freshman season with seven straight wins, including divisions of the Bluegrass and International Stallion Stakes. Trained by Noel Daley, the daughter of Donato Hanover capped off 2020 with major wins in the $252,340 Kindergarten Classic and the $451,800 Goldsmith Maid.

McCarthy’s father, John, is a highly regarded trainer in Australia and brothers Luke and Andy are top drivers. Luke spent part of 2009 in North America and is best remembered for driving Muscle Hill to victory in the World Trotting Derby. Todd’s accomplishments Down Under included winning the 2016 Australasian Young Drivers Championship and multiple New South Wales state and metropolitan premiership driving titles. He represented Australia at the 2019 World Driving Championship and counts the Inter Dominion as his top victory.
In 2023, Andy Miller spearheaded Team Orange Crush with Grand Circuit stars like Breeders Crown winner Max Contract and Hambletonian finalist French Wine. French Wine was the season’s fastest 3YO trotting colt, upsetting Tactical Approach in a KYSS division in 1:50 flat. Overall, Miller won 135 races and $3,553,941, passed 10,000 career wins and $140 million.

Andy Miller finished just outside the Top Ten in the driver standings at the Meadowlands in 2022 with 36 wins and $708,963. Miller finished the year with 131 wins and $3,121,723 in purse earnings. He also passed $137 million in career purse earnings and was closing in on 10,000 career wins. On Meadowlands Pace Night, “The Orange Crush” won the Mistletoe Shalee with Max Contract, who equaled the stakes record of 1:48.3. That 3-year-old Huntsville filly came back to win the Shady Daisy in 1:49.3 on Hambletonian Day.

Once again, Andy Miller ranked in the Top Ten at the Meadowlands in 2021 with 37 wins and $844,783, while working with his wife Julie and grooming his son Tyler with more sulky seat time in the Team Orange Crush combo. Andy drove the undefeated seven-for-seven Date Night, a two-year-old trotting filly by Bar Hopping, who took a mark in the Bluegrass of 1:50.4, just a fifth off a world record. Overall, Andy won 151 races and $3,359,223, and passed $134 million in 2021.

Miller maintained a Top 10 status at the Meadowlands in 2020 and passed the $130 million mark in career earnings. Their biggest win came in the Mohawk Million with Venerate, who rallied from post ten in 1:53.2 for catch-driver Andrew McCarthy.

Miller made it back-to-back third-place finishes in the Meadowlands driver standing during the 2018-19 meet with 83 wins and $1,286,307. Miller also passed the $125 million mark in career earnings. He teamed up with his wife Julie Miller to post a world record 1:50.1 with the four-year-old trotter Eurobond and put a mark of 1:47.3 on the four-year-old pacer Hayden Hanover.

Miller finished third in the Meadowlands driver standings with 73 wins and well over $1 million during the 2017-18 meet. His star three-year-old trotter Met’s Hall overcame post eight to finish a hard-charging second in the Hambletonian Final. The consistent son of Cantab Hall compiled a $1 million season in 2018.

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. Andy 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.

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.

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.
In 2023, Dave Miller finished second in The Big M driver standings with 112 wins and $3,158,413 in purse earnings. On Pace Night, Miller drove M-M’s Dream to a post nine 12-1 upset in the E.T Gerry, Jr. Hambletonian Maturity, and overcame post nine again with 31-1 shocker Charlie May in the William R. Haughton Memorial in 1:47.1. On Hambo Day, M-M’s Dream beat Jiggy Jog S again in the Dr. John R. Steele Memorial in 1:50 and Dan Patch Award winner It’s Academic won the John Cashman Memorial in 1:51.2 from, you guessed it, post nine. Overall, Miller won 348 races and $10,960,925, became the sixth driver in history to reach 14,000 career wins and passed $281 million as the richest active driver in the sport.

Hall of Famer Dave Miller continued to play a prominent role in the driver colony at the Meadowlands in 2022, maintaining Top Ten status with 48 wins and $2,143,802 in purse earnings. Overall, Miller finished fifth in North America with $9,853,048 in purse earnings (346 wins). By year’s end, as the richest active harness driver, Miller was just shy of $271 million in career purse earnings, and The Buckeye was closing in on 14,000 career wins. 2021 Horse of the Year Test Of Faith set a world record of 1:47 in the Dorothy Haughton Memorial. She was voted a Dan Patch Award winner as the sport’s top Older Female Pacer. Miller won his 30th Breeders Crown with 52-1 upsetter Ammo. He was also second in the 3-Year-Old Colt Trot with Double Deceiver. His other top horses included When Dovescry, Venerable, Tattoo Artist, Night Hawk, Mambacita, Its Academic and Workin Ona Mystery.

The Dave Miller Hall of Fame career was in full flight in 2021. The Buckeye drove three Dan Patch Award winners, Test Of Faith, Perfect Sting and Venerable. Test Of Faith ranked third on the sport’s earnings list with $1,069,739. That sophomore filly pacer was voted Horse of the Year. She won a Breeders Crown, Empire Breeders Classic, Glen Garnsey and New York Sires Stakes Final. Perfect Sting was the sport’s leading money winner with $1,273,847. That sophomore son of Always B Miki won his second straight Breeders Crown. Venerable was fourth in earnings with $1,039,966. That two-year-old daughter of Walner won the Mohawk Million, Jim Doherty Memorial, Peaceful Way and New Jersey Sires Stakes Final.

Miller added new chapters to his Hall of Fame legacy in 2020 by passing 13,000 career wins (fourth all time) and the $250 million career milestone (second all time and currently the richest active driver). Miller reached a well-deserved career highlight in 2014 with his induction into Harness Racing’s Hall of Fame. “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.

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.

Miller has guided many divisional standouts, including 2000 Trotting Horse of the Year Magician and 2007 Older Pacer of the Year Mister Big. One of his greatest horses was 2003 Horse of the Year No Pan Intended, whom he guided to victories in the Triple Crown of Pacing and the Breeders Crown.
In 2023, Marcus Miller was more active at The Big M than in 2022. Overall, Miller won 250 races and $4,357,032, and he passed the $58 million mark in career earnings.

Marcus Miller curtailed his activity at the Meadowlands in 2022. Overall, Miller posted one of his best seasons ever, winning 307 races and $5,222,219 in purse earnings. He passed 4,000 career wins and $53 million in career purse earnings.


Miller maintained his steady Top 10 presence at the Meadowlands in 2020 with 41 wins and $622,297. Miller was also sixth in the driver standings at Pocono Downs and just outside the Top 10 at Harrah’s Philadelphia. He passed the $3 million mark for the seventh consecutive season and the $44 million career plateau.

For the third consecutive season, Miller landed in the Top Ten at the Meadowlands with 54 wins and $950,039.

Miller remained a top ten driver at the Meadowlands during the 2017-18 meet with 34 wins. Miller finished first in a deadheat in a Kindergarten Classic Final with Michelon’s Filly. In 2018, Miller passed 3,000 career wins and $35 million. It was also the fourth season in a row he passed the $4 million mark.

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.

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.

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 24th.

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.


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.

Tyler Miller continued to gain traction at The Big M and beyond in 2023. Overall, Miller won 188 races and $1,519,320.

Tyler Miller posted his first $1 million season in 2022 with 101 wins.

In any profession that takes place in the public arena, an offspring trying to follow in their famous parents’ footsteps usually has advantages and disadvantages, such as the pressure of living up to their predecessors’ accomplishments. Harness racing driver Tyler Miller, however, feels it’s a one-way street void of potholes. “I really only think it helps me,” Miller said. “I guess the pressure of my mom and dad being my mom and my dad just fuels my fire even more and makes me try to be as good as them, if not better.”

That in itself is a lofty goal as Tyler’s dad is Andy Miller. And then there is his mom, Julie Miller, and his uncle Erv Miller.

Tyler had always helped around the barn on weekends and in the summer. But around age 14, when he would attend a Hambletonian or Meadowlands Pace, is when Miller started to realize his dad was a cut above in his profession. “When they had the autograph sessions at The Meadowlands, you’d just see these huge lines of people waiting to get autographs from all the drivers racing that day, and you’re like ‘Well one of the people they’re waiting to get an autograph from is my dad,’” Tyler recalled. “That was pretty cool to see and realize what was actually going on.”

Julie’s desire for Tyler to graduate college was no joke, of course, and for four years he put horses on hold except for when he came home in the summer. “I would come back if they needed help, the ride was only 30 minutes away,” Miller said. “But if I went to school, I wanted to make sure I got the full experience of college and live those four years to the fullest. Then I would come back and go to work. “When I got my degree, I realized that horses were what I wanted to do and I dove right in. My parents gave me a lot of freedom and let me decide what I wanted to do with my career and how I wanted to pursue my life. I chose harness racing and that’s what I’m sticking to.”

Tyler admits that maybe his last name “helps a little” in making his way, but Andy and Julie are letting him do it on his own. Miller refuses to use their names to help himself get drives. “I’ve kind of been earning my own way,” he said. “I guess it helps because they are my parents and they’ve been around the business forever but for the most part I’m just trying to earn my own way and make my own name for myself.”

“I try to learn something from anybody I can,” he said. “Driving at The Meadowlands is one of the best colony of drivers there is. I try to take something from them, and everywhere else I drive at.” Sounds like a guy who truly is making his own way.
In 2023, Steve Smith won 65 races and $929,771, reached 4,489 career wins and passed $41 million.

Smith completed the 2022 season with 4,424 career wins and passed the $40 million mark in career purse earnings. Smith has been a regular on the Meadowlands-Freehold circuit for decades and has driven in over 40,000 races.

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How did you get started in harness racing? When I was in high school, I had a baseball coach that had a few horses racing at Rockingham and Foxboro. I used to go to the races with him once in a while and on the weekends, he would go to the barn at Foxboro to see his horses and I would tag along, and that’s how I got the bug hooked into me.

What was your best moment in harness racing? Winning the Valley Victory with Garden Spot (2002, Meadowlands), because I actually owned the horse myself.

Which is the best horse you’ve ever driven? Shady Character. I bought him, broke him, trained him and drove him some.

Do you have a driving style? Oh yeah. I’m a patient off the pace driver. I’m a closer, really. It fits in with the fact that I do something, which is rarer now, I’m a driver-trainer. Unfortunately, if I overdrive one, I’m the guy that has to go down and look at them in the barn the next morning; not a catch-driver. The horses’ longevity in their careers is more important to me than any one particular race. Over the years that has affected my catch-driving career because people have had that in the back of their heads. They don’t think I can leave, but when I have to, I do. I don’t ever want to put a horse in a bad spot where they can get hurt for a few weeks.

My girlfriend (Karen Garland) runs the barn and is responsible for everything. When I say I have a barn, I’m meaning I own a lot of horses. The horses Karen has, I probably own a part of all of them. A lot of these catch drivers, they might own one or two, but a large majority that I drive are mine. I’m a guy that came into the business backwards and started late, and the only person in my family who’s in it. I never drove a horse until I graduated college. For someone that started that way and never had big owners to drive for, to grind out 5,000 wins, I’m hoping I can get there, I think that’s pretty good.

Favorite horse ever in your barn: Forest Vic A – He was an import that came over as a 7-year-old with $65,000 on his card and he made $1 million racing at Yonkers on Saturday nights. He took his lifetime mark in the last start of his life at The Meadowlands – 1:50 flat.
Tim Tetrick

Tim Tetrick continued to build on his Hall of Fame legacy in 2023. Tetrick finished sixth at The Big M with 64 wins and $3,097,202. Overall, The Bionic Man won 529 races and $14,123,127 (second in North America), and he passed the $269 million in career earnings, which places him third all-time. Tetrick won his sixth Meadowlands Pace with unanimous Horse of the Year Confederate. On Hambletonian Day, Tetrick scored a 28-1 post ten upset in the Hambo Oaks with Heaven Hanover, finished second in the Harnessian with Oh Well and equalized the Cane Pace stakes record of 1:47.3 with Confederate. That sophomore son of Sweet Lou reeled off 11 straight wins, including a Breeders Crown, led the season with earnings of $1,633,854 and became the fastest three year old in history with a 1:46.1 world record. Tetrick also drove Dan Patch Award winning freshman filly trotter Soiree Hanover.

Tim Tetrick posted another Top Five season at the Meadowlands in 2022 with 77 wins and was second in purse earnings with $3,411,454. Overall, Tetrick finished second in North America with $14,536,063 in purse earnings and won 574 races. The Bionic Man passed 13,000 career wins and $255 million in career purse earnings, ranking him third all-time in that category. He won the Harnessian from post ten with Fashion Schooner and a Stanley Dancer Memorial division with Rebuff. He finished second in the Meadowlands Pace and Cane Pace with Mad Max Hanover. He was also runner up in the Peter Haughton Memorial with NJSS champion Oh Well. Tetrick sparked a Hambletonian Day triple for trainer Jim Campbell winning the Continental victory from post ten with 21-1 longshot Missawanner Fashion. His other top horses were Lyons Sentinel, Abuckabetti Hanover, Lovedbythemasses and Treacherous Dragon, who won a Dan Patch Award for the sport’s top Three Year Old Female Pacer. Tetrick also won the driving titles at Harrah’s Philadelphia (258 wins) and Dover Downs (142 wins).

Tim Tetrick enjoyed another strong season at the Meadowlands with a Top Five finish. Tetrick had 95 wins at The Big M and was second in purses with $4,091,471. The Hall of Famer drove Dan Patch Award winner Lyons Sentinel and won a Breeders Crown with 2022 Hambletonian prospect Rebuff. In 2021, won 658 races (ranked second), was the sport’s leading money winner with $12,917,113, and The Bionic Man also passed 12,000 career wins (seventh all-time) and $240 million (third all-time).

In 2020 Tetrick was third in North America in wins with 511 and second in money earnings with $9,944,144. On Hambletonian Day, he guided Shartin N to her third straight ($177,100) Lady Liberty in 1:48.2. Tetrick also won a $500,000 Breeders Crown with 8-1 upsetter Next Level Stuff in 1:52.

Tetrick remained a prominent figure at the Meadowlands during the 2018-19 meet. By far the leading money winner in the sport again in 2019 with over $10 million, Tetrick passed the 11,000 career wins plateau. He drove Horse of the Year candidate Shartin N to numerous major stakes wins, including the Lady Liberty in a world record of 1:46.4 while on a long winning streak. That outstanding pacing mare also won the Golden Girls on Pace Night. Tetrick added a 23-1 upset in the Hambletonian Maturity with Crystal Fashion and won the Mistletoe Shalee with Stonebridge Soul. He also rallied Green Mandalish S to a 1:50.3 Hambletonian elimination tally. Fittingly, Tetrick was honored as a 2020 nominee to the Harness Racing Hall of Fame.

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 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.

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.

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”.

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Tim Tetrick
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2023 was the Year of The Money Man. Scott Zeron captured his first Driver of the Year award. Zeron finished fifth at The Big M with 78 wins and $2,550,603. Overall, he won 215 races and $10,063,089, and passed the $100 million in career earnings. Zeron scored his third Hambletonian with post ten -12-1 upsetter Tactical Approach in 1:50.3. He also equaled the Lady Liberty stakes record of 1:47.3 with Silver Label and lit up the board at 23-1 from post ten in the Continental victory with Tactical Mounds. The Dan Patch Award winning Tactical Approach also followed up a Kentucky Futurity victory in 1:52 with a post ten score in a Breeders Crown in 1:51.2. Zeron also won the North America Cup and Little Brown Jug with It’s My Show, and the Jugette with Ucandotit Blue Chip.

Once again, Scott Zeron finished eighth in the Meadowlands driver standings in 2022 with 50 wins and $1,543,440 in purse earnings. Overall, Zeron won 144 races and $4,779,023 in purse earnings. He passed 4,200 career wins and $91 million in career purse earnings. While recovering from a racing injury, Zeron had a chance to shine as a racing commentator on Hambletonian Day. He drove Dan Patch Award winner Treacherous Dragon to his sixth Breeders Crown victory in 1:49.1. Zeron also rallied El Rey to win the Governor’s Cup in 1:49.2.

Scott Zeron finished eighth in the Meadowlands driver standings in 2021 with 65 wins and $2,650,174. The Money Man won a Breeders Crown at The Big M with Dan Patch Award winning freshman pacer Monte Miki, who was also an upset winner of the Metro Pace. Zeron scored an additional Breeders Crown trophy with Rocknificent in the Fillies and Mares Pace. Zeron also guided her to a Red Mile track record of 1:48.

In 2020 Zeron engineered the biggest upset in Breeders Crown history when he rallied Sandbetweenmytoes to upset heavy favorite Tall Dark Stranger in 1:48.3 at Hoosier Park and paid $409.80 to win. He won a $142,250 Stanley Dancer division with Back Of The Neck in 1:52. On TVG Night, Zeron finished second in the $451,800 Goldsmith Maid with Flawless Country, and was also runner up in the $150,000 TVG Mares Pace with Peaky Sneaky. He passed the $5 million mark for the tenth consecutive season and $78 million career mark in 2020.

Despite making only 224 starts at the Meadowlands during the 2018-19 meet, Scott Zeron earned just over $1 million in East Rutherford, NJ, good for a hefty $4,893 per start. He won his first North America Cup with Captain Crunch at Woodbine @ Mohawk Park in 1:47.2. On Hambletonian Day, Zeron and Captain Crunch were back to turn the tables on Bettor’s Wish with a 1:48 perfect trip in the Cane Pace.

Zeron continued to make history in 2018 and captured the biggest spotlight in the season’s greatest moment when he won his second $1 million Hambletonian Final in three years with the outstanding filly Atlanta. Trained by his father Rick Zeron, the Chapter Seven filly bounced back from an elimination loss and overcame post seven to beat the boys in 1:50.4. Atlanta would go on to capture the Kentucky Filly Futurity Final enroute a $1 million season.

In 2017, Zeron concentrated 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.

In 2010, Zeron noted 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 Yankees 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, 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.

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 Charlotte Town Driving Park in P.E.I.

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.