Jonathan Ahle

STARTS 1 2 3 **Earnings** Jan. 2024 - Dec. 2024 391 37 45 33 \$503,605 Jan. 2023 - Dec. 2023 231 23 19 23 \$361,095

Birthdate: 1997-02-01 **Birthplace:** East Brunswick, NJ

Residence: Manchester, NJ **Age:** 27 **Height:** 5'10" **Weight:** 145

Johnathan Ahle enjoyed the best season of his young career in 2024, finishing in the Top 10 at the Meadowlands with 37 wins. Overall, Ahle won a career high 373 races and \$3,389,189, and passed the \$7M mark. Ahle also cracked the Top 10 at Harrah's Philadelphia with 52 wins.

After starting out in the amateur driving ranks, Jonathan Ahle created a buzz in a breakout season in 2023 winning 311 races and \$3,009,638 in purses.

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.



Ahle 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.

"In 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

STARTS 1 2 3 Earnings Jan. 2024 – Dec. 2024 71 2 4 10 \$47,447 Jan. 2023 - Dec. 2023 78 5 7 12 \$70,225

Birthdate: 1998-07-08 **Birthplace:** Portland, ME

Residence: Cumberland, ME Age: 26 Height: 6'0" Weight: 150

In 2024, Matthew Athearn limited his appearances at the Meadowlands to just 71 starts, yet he still enjoyed one of his best seasons ever with 276 wins and \$3,256,995.

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-seaon 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

STARTS 2 3 1 **Earnings** Jan. 2024 – Dec. 2024 317 34 34 41 \$397,459 Jan. 2023 - Dec. 2023 282 28 33 \$366,277 36 Jan. 2022 - Dec. 2022 129 7 15 \$108,553

Birthdate: 2003-01-22 **Birthplace:** Howell, NJ

Residence: Wilton, NJ Age: 22 Height: 5'10" Weight: 160

Brett Beckwith was voted the sport's Rising Star in 2024. Beckwith posted the best season of his young career with 608 wins (third in North America) and \$6,271,414, along with a .334 UDRS. He won driving titles at Saratoga Harness and Plainridge where he tied for the top spot. Beckwith also made a strong impact at the Meadowlands and Freehold, and finished third during the winter meet at Batavia Downs.

In 2023 he 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.



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 an awful lot when I was younger." All that changed, however, after a visit to The Meadowlands.

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.

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.

Anibal Borjas

STARTS 1 2 3 **Earnings** \$378,656 Jan. 2024 – Dec. 2024 359 30 42 29 Jan. 2023 - Dec. 2023 182 21 26 \$273,880 20

Birthdate: 1982-10-08 Birthplace: Guatemala

Residence: Trenton, NJ Age: 42 Height: 5'5" Weight: 165

Anibal Borjas ramped up his sulky appearances at the Meadowlands in 2024. Overall, Borjas won 28 races and \$443,567.

The 42-year-old Guatemala native has worked for trainer Tony Alagna since the conditioner opened his public stable in 2009. Borjas scored his first pari-mutuel victory in his first attempt, on July 17, 2023 at Pocono Downs. Anibal (pronounced A-knee-ball) sat patiently in the two-hole guiding the 3-year-old filly Mint Julep Hanover (Stay Hungry) and pulled in late stretch to brush by the leading Eazy Hunting (Huntsville) in :28.2 to prevail by a head in 1:55.3.



"I was very excited and happy and I couldn't believe that I could win," Anibal related. "I really didn't believe it at first, and then Marcus Miller (driving Eazy Hunting) told me congratulations. It was very emotional for me, and I was crying a little bit, because years ago, back in Guatemala, I would have never dreamed that something like this was possible, and at the time, I had no knowledge of harness racing. So, this win, for me, really was a dream come true."

Besides Anibal and his family, there was no one happier than Tony, who made the two-hour trek to the Poconos for his friend's official debut behind the gate. "I met Anibal when I was out here running Erv's (Miller) barn years ago," Tony revealed. "When I opened up my own barn in 2009, he came with me, and has gone right up the ladder. He started out as a caretaker, and moved up to being a trainer, and the last few years he's really shown that he wants to learn more in the industry and has been my go-to guy for just about everything."

"Anibal is one of those guys who is at the barn all day, every day, and looks at things, and figures out a way to make it work," Tony explained. "We wanted to have a training strip and jog track inside our main track here at the farm, and one day, Anibal just got on the grater and carved out what we needed. When our regular trackman showed up, he said that Anibal had done a great job with setting those up for us. That's the kind of person he is."

"He always had the knack for horses and when he showed interest in wanting to get his qualifying license, I supported him," Tony confirmed. "I started letting him qualify some horses and he did really well, he had such a desire to learn. Eventually I put him on some 2-year-olds and did a great job for us. And I figured what better place to learn than at the Meadowlands, where you have the best driving colony in North America?"

Braxten Boyd

STARTS 1 2 3 **Earnings** Jan. 2024 – Dec. 2024 359 30 42 29 \$378,656 Jan. 2023 - Dec. 2023 182 21 26 \$273,880 20

Birthdate: 2000-03-08 **Birthplace:** Hillsdale, MI

Residence: Jonesville, MI
Height: 5'9"

Age: 24
Weight: 150

Braxton Boyd continued to make a strong impact among the top young drivers at the Meadowlands in 2024 with 30 wins in East Rutherford, NJ. Overall, Boyd's numbers kept on rising in a career best season with 337 wins and \$4,321,788. Boyd won the driving title at Tioga Downs with 114 wins and \$999,607.

Overall in 2023, 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 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

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.



Tyler Buter

STARTS 1 2 3 Earnings Jan. 2024 – Dec. 2024 70 9 9 5 \$121,139 Jan. 2023 – Dec. 2023 54 4 9 9 \$90,559

Birthdate: 1985-10-28 **Birthplace:** Ardian, MI

Residence: Milford, PA
Height: 5'10"

Age: 39
Weight: 150

Tyler Buter posted the second best season of his career in 2024, winning 342 races and \$6,479,627, and was just shy of 4,800 career wins and the \$67M going into 2025. Buter finished fourth at Pocono Downs with 212 wins \$2,698,160, and he also cracked the Top Ten at Yonkers Raceway.

Buter was involved in a serious accident at Yonkers Raceway on Friday, November 17, 2023. He fractured ribs and his collarbone and also suffered a fracture to his T12 vertebrae.

A 39-year-old Michigan native with deep family ties to the sport, Buter started his career in 2002 and made his first appearance in the winner's circle at the Gladwin County Fair in the Wolverine State. He moved east in 2010 and has been a regular face in the driving colony at Yonkers since then.





Corey Callahan

	STARTS	1	2	3	Earnings
Jan. 2024 – Dec. 2024	149	14	17	13	\$351,319
Jan. 2023 - Dec. 2023	335	36	34	37	\$488,303
Meadowlands Career	6,864	882	826	834	\$15,946,539

Birthdate: 1978-04-21 **Birthplace:** Easton, MD

Height: 5'10" Weight: 160 Residence: Middletown, DE Age: 47

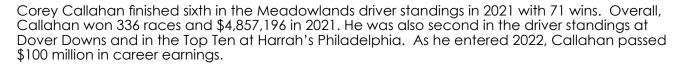
Corey Callahan made fewer appearances at the Meadowlands in 2024, yet overall he enjoyed a strong season with 351 wins and \$5,150,346. Callahan also passed \$115M and was less than 100 away from 8,000 career wins. He finished second at Dover Downs and Harrington Raceway, and fifth at Harrah's Philadelphia.

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.

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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 \$85 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 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.



Brad Chisholm

STARTS 1 2 3 Earnings Jan. 2024 – Dec. 2024 128 11 12 13 \$134,888

Birthdate: 1997-11-07 **Birthplace:** Freehold, NJ

Height: 6'1" Weight: 187
Residence: Freehold, NJ Age: 28

Brad Chisholm competed in his first season at the Meadowlands in 2024. Overall, Chisholm won 46 races and \$493,078. Chisholm left Australia and the stables of Andy Gath to travel overseas and is currently in the United States working for top trainer Richard "Nifty" Norman.

Chisholm actually drove 178 winners Down Under, moved to the U.S. in March, last year and started working for Richard "Nifty" Norman on April 1.

"It's been great," Chisholm said. "Nifty's been awesome. As the driving opportunities have grown for me in recent times, we make it work. I live on the farm and I'm here every morning and we'll make a plan if I've got drives somewhere. We know four days advance.



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"Moving here was on my mind for a long time. I was born here, so I've got dual citizenship, which is a massive help. I can come and go whenever I like, but it's home here now. I'm sure I'll be here quite a while, apart from the occasional trip back home to see family.

"I'm not the best at organizing things, so it was really my dad [Kevin], who told me to just do it and helped me pull it all together." Brad's parents, Kevin and Alison, have enjoyed plenty of success in training ranks Down Under and had a stint in the U.S. when Brad was born.

Dexter Dunn

	STARTS	1	2	3	Earnings
Jan. 2024 – Dec. 2024	576	98	78	87	\$5,929,310
Jan. 2022 - Dec. 2022	613	117	88	69	\$4,305,325
Jan. 2021 - Dec. 2021	879	166	116	109	\$5,451,748

Birthdate: 1989-09-01 **Birthplace:** Christchurch, New Zealand

Height: 5'10" Weight: 150 Residence: Allentown, NJ Age: 35



Dexter Dunn went on another monster mission in 2024 and was voted Driver of the Year for the fifth time in six seasons in the USA. Dunn finished second at the Meadowlands with 98 wins and led the way in purses with a hefty \$5,929,310. Overall, Dunn won 304 races and a career high \$16,645,453, with a .347 UDRS. He also passed the \$80M mark. He won a record six Breeders Crowns and five were Dan Patch Award winners, including Horse of the Year Twin B Joe Fresh. Dunn also won five times on Fall Final Four/FanDuel Night and had the best seat in the house behind eight of twelve Dan Patch champions.

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.

After his fourth year of fulltime driving here, he had four Driver of the Year awards. 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.

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 \$5,4541,758. Overall, Dunn won 424 races and a career best \$12,916,775.

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.

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

STARTS 2 3 **Earnings** Jan. 2024 – Dec. 2024 **57** 422 **78** 60 \$3,057,152 597 Jan. 2023 - Dec. 2023 123 112 70 \$3.218.413 **Meadowlands Career** 16,524 2,432 2,291 2,141 \$67,305,348

Birthdate: 1979-08-04 Birthplace: Greenfield Park, Quebec

Height: 5'5" Weight: 150 Residence: Allentown, NJ Age: 45



In 2024, Yannick Gingras won his first Hambletonian with the favorite Karl. That son of Tactical Landing made it back-to-back million dollar seasons and will return to race in 2025. Gingras finished fifth at the Meadowlands with 78 wins and third in money earnings with \$3,057,152. Overall, Gingras won 410 races and \$14,587,018 (second in North America), with a .342 UDRS. He passed 9,000 career wins and the \$245M mark, ranking him fourth all-time. Aside from the Hambletonian, his major wins at The Big M included the Hambletonian Maturity with Chapercraz, Jerry Silverman Memorial with Caviart Belle, Vincennes in a track record 1:49.4 with Lexus Kody, International Stallion Stake division in a world record of 1:48.3 with Looksgoodinloulou, Breeders Crown elimination in a track record of 1:48.4 with Looksgoodinloulou, and a Breeders Crown in a stakes record of 1:50.4 with Call Me Goo.

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.

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.

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 Tatter-salls 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 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. 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.

Vincent Ginsberg

STARTS 1 2 3 **Earnings** Jan. 2024 – Dec. 2024 219 17 16 15 \$202,364 Jan. 2023 - Dec. 2023 211 10 16 \$178.071 25 Jan. 2022 - Dec. 2022 170 10 7 22 \$144,899

Birthdate: 1988-11-21 **Birthplace:** Freehold, NJ

Height: 5'8" Weight: 170 Residence: Bethlehem, PA Age: 36

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."



Mark Herschberger

STARTS 1 2 3 Earnings Jan. 2024 – Dec. 2024 195 21 18 24 \$224,388

Birthdate: 1995-04-11 **Birthplace:** Champagne, Illinois

Height: 6'3" Weight: 160
Residence: Colts Neck, NJ Age: 30



Mark Herschberger joined the new wave of young drivers at the Meadowlands in 2024. Overall, Herschberger racked up career highs of 103 wins and \$686,966. He also finished fifth at Freehold Raceway with 56 wins.

On June 1, Herschberger won his fourth race at The Meadowlands, driving the Ron Burke-trained Canigetalouploup (49-1) to a nose win in a career-best 1:50.1. Coming out on top at "The Mecca of Harness Racing" is always special, but the circumstances surrounding this particular victory made it more so. Herschberger, didn't find out he was driving the 3-year-old filly until around 4 p.m. on the afternoon of the race in a text from Meadowlands associate judge Jim Grow.

According to Herschberger, Grow's text said he needed to make a driver change on Canigetalouploup, and when Grow called Burke to find out who he wanted, Ronnie said: "Put the Herschberger kid up." This was a surreal moment for Herschberger, who is only in his second full year of driving horses.

"It made me feel very good, actually," Herschberger said. "I don't know, words can't really describe it. I was floored when I found out [Burke] asked for me." When asked why he chose Herschberger, Burke said with a laugh, "I recognized his name." Burke went on to say that "[Herschberger] did a great job," and he would consider using him again in similar circumstances.

As a horseman just starting out, Herschberger has taken every opportunity, when presented, to learn from the top drivers at The Meadowlands. "Guys like Dexter Dunn, Andrew McCarthy, even my uncle, Andy Miller, I pay attention to all those guys, even just the way they hold their hands or hold their whip," Herschberger said. "Just the smallest things I try to pay attention to and take something from them and I feel like that's helped me because, to tell you the truth, I haven't had a coach to teach me how to drive and how to read a race program."

Despite the fact that he didn't realize how much he loved harness racing until about seven years ago while working for his uncle, Erv Miller, he grew up around horses, just not always standardbreds. Herschberger currently works for trainer Andrew Harris and helps out, when he can, trainers Paul Jessop and Laurie Molnar, dad and stepmom of his fiancé, Brittany Jessop.

"I love it," Herschberger said. "I love my job and being around the horses on a daily basis. Growing up as a young kid, I would go to my grandpa's house, he had a 40-to-50 horse breeding farm, and I would help him break yearlings and jog horses. (Driving) is always something I wanted to do. I guess I just never had the push to go out and try it until about six years ago when Erv kind of took me under his wing.

Justin Irvine

STARTS 1 2 3 Earnings Jan. 2024 – Dec. 2024 104 9 6 8 \$101,931

Birthdate: 2001-12-02 Birthplace: Cuyahoga Falls, OH

Height: 5'8" Weight: 160
Residence: Aurora, OH Age: 23



In the Fall of 2024, Justine Irvine ventured from his roots in Ohio to make an immediate impact at the Meadowlands. Overall, the young gun enjoyed his best season so far with 304 wins and \$2,667,602. He finished fourth at Northfield Park with 255 wins. Notably, he was the driver behind Southwind Amazon, the 14-year-old horse that set the record for the most wins in modern day harness racing with 138 trip to the charmed circle.

Growing up at Northfield Park, Irvine comes from a deep-rooted harness racing background, surrounded by horses his entire life. His passion for the sport was evident from a young age, and he won his first race at just 14 years old at the Goshen Fair. Now, as one of the top drivers in the standings at Northfield, the son of noted reinsman Don Irvine has built a reputation for his skill and dedication. He was encouraged by his peers to expand his horizons, prompting the shift to New Jersey for the time being.

"The guys at Northfield, they kind of pushed me," said Irvine. "Ronnie Wrenn and Aaron Merriman, they're the top two guys there every

year...Ronnie came out here and won a Breeders Crown, and by no means is that an easy feat, he was like, 'I think it's a good shot. You don't really drive a lot on a mile or any bigger tracks than a half. If you want to get some exposure and experience, I think it would be a great spot to try it for the winter.'"

A fourth-generation horseman whose father Don is in the Ohio Hall of Fame and many in his family compete on the track or own, one would certainly say that harness racing is in his roots.

Andrew McCarthy

	STARTS	1	2	3	Earnings
Jan. 2024 – Dec. 2024	521	82	5 1	54	\$2,869,923
Jan. 2023 - Dec. 2023	587	85	67	67	\$2,553,355
Jan. 2022 - Dec. 2022	520	54	42	60	\$2,088, 999

Birthdate: 1982-02-24 **Birthplace:** Baturst, Australia

Height: 5'8" Weight: 160 Residence: Swedesboro, NJ Age: 43

Andrew McCarthy finished fourth at the Meadowlands with 82 wins and \$2,869,923 in 2024. Overall, McCarthy won 214 races and \$7,734,952 (eleventh in North America). His major wins at The Big M included a Stanley Dancer Memorial division and Breeders Crown with Dan Patch Award winner Sig Sauer, and Shady Daisy with Rocket Deo. He also drove Oakwood Ardan IR, the winningest horse at the Meadowlands in 2024 with nine tallies.

In 2023, 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.

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 fifth Breeders Crown. 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 Continentalvictory 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 milliondollar races in 2020 as he catch-drove Venerate to a post ten score in the Mohawk Million for Team Orange Crush. He passed the \$6 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.

Todd McCarthy

STARTS 2 3 **Earnings** 78 Jan. 2024 – Dec. 2024 593 86 88 \$2,981,526 Jan. 2023 - Dec. 2023 502 56 64 55 \$2,272,700 Jan. 2022 - Dec. 2022 656 93 93 **72** \$3,195,771

Birthdate: 1993-02-24 **Birthplace:** Baturst, Australia

Height: 5'10" **Weight:** 149 **Residence:** Swedesboro, NJ **Age:** 32

Todd McCarthy finished third at the Meadowlands with 86 wins and \$2,981,526 in 2024. Overall, McCarthy won 236 races and a career high \$9,655,757 (seventh in North America). He drove Captain Albano to back-to-back Dan Patch Awards. His major wins came in the Adios, Max C. Hempt Memorial, Little Brown Jug, Matron and Progress Pace. That son of Captaintreacherous will return to race in 2025.

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 Ham-

bletonian 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.



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. 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. 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.

McCarthy's father, John, is a highly regarded trainer in Australia and brothers Luke and Andy are top drivers. 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. PlayMeadowlands.com

Andy Miller

STARTS 2 3 **Earnings** Jan. 2024 – Dec. 2024 422 42 40 57 \$1,189,682 298 Jan. 2023 - Dec. 2023 28 34 43 \$568,659 **Meadowlands Career** 14,332 1,611 1,7,28 1,680 \$12,199,785

Birthdate: 1968-09-07 **Birthplace:** Mattoon, IL

Height: 5'8" Weight: 160 Residence: Millstone, NJ Age: 56

Andy Miller maintained Top Ten status at the Meadowlands in 2024 with 42 wins and \$1,189,682. Overall, Miller won 150 races and \$3,369,006, and passed the \$144M mark in career earnings. The Team Orange Crush standouts included French Wine, Secret Agent Man, My Degenerate and Kevlar CCL. Miller also drove Papis Pistol, Maximus Miki and Ruthless Hanover on a regular basis.

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.

Miller finished 2022 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. 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.

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.

David Miller

STARTS 2 3 **Earnings** Jan. 2024 – Dec. 2024 664 106 108 94 \$3,105,970 Jan. 2023 - Dec. 2023 734 112 91 \$3,158,413 121 **Meadowlands Career** 24,622 3,284 3,169 3,238 \$92,591,173

Birthdate: 1964-12-10 Birthplace: Columbus, OH

Height: 5'9" **Weight:** 167 **Residence:** Cream Ridge, NJ **Age:** 60

21 years after tying Luc Ouellette for the Big M dash title, Dave Miller won his second driving title at the Meadowlands in 2024 with 106 wins and finished second in purses with \$3,105,970. Overall, Miller won 348 races and \$10,010,639, with a .325 UDRS. The sport's leading active money winning driver was just shy of \$292M. His top performers included It's Academic, Elista Hanover, Dr. John R. Steele Memorial winner M-M's Dream, Monserrate, Rodeo Drive Deo, Tom Horn, Cheers Hanover, Canigeta-louploup, T C I and Ken Hanover.

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.



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.

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.

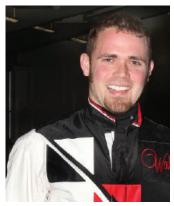
A native of Columbus, Ohio, Miller comes from a harness racing family - his father Donny and grandfather Clyde both had public stables. Miller first started driving in 1981, but it wasn't until 1988 that his career began to soar when he steered 153 horses to the winner's circle, six more wins than he 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

STARTS 1 2 3 Earnings 22 Jan. 2024 – Dec. 2024 152 10 9 \$137,648 Jan. 2023 - Dec. 2023 281 20 35 28 \$482,658 Jan. 2022 - 2022 85 4 11 8 \$160,965

Birthdate: 1989-05-06 Birthplace: Olney, IL

Height: 5'9" Weight: 150
Residence: Stroudsburg, PA Age: 35



Marcus Miller limited his appearances at the Meadowlands in 2024, yet overall, he won 236 races and \$3,785,084. Miller was a Top Ten driver at Pocono Downs with 49 wins.

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.

Overall, Miller won 303 races and \$4,380,507 in 2021.

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.

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.

Marcus grew up in Sherman, Illinois and studied Marketing at Eastern Illinois University. Marcus married Sara Balagna in February of 2014.

T.J. Miller

STARTS 1 2 3 **Earnings** Jan. 2024 – Dec. 2024 312 23 25 24 \$285,105 Jan. 2023 - Dec. 2023 276 26 24 19 \$279,298 Jan. 2022 - Dec. 2022 206 11 22 13 \$201,341

Birthdate: 1998-01-19 **Birthplace:** Hindsdale, IL

Residence: Millstone Township, NJ**Age:** 27 **Height:** 5'11" **Weight:** 170

Tyler Miller's young career continue on a positive trajectory in 2024, winning a career high 249 races and \$1,840,686, while maintaining a steady presence at the Meadowlands. Miller finished second in the Freehold driver standings with 116 wins.

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.

Patrick Ryder

STARTS 1 3 2 **Earnings** Jan. 2024 – Dec. 2024 225 12 18 26 \$230,833 Jan. 2023 - Dec. 2023 89 2 9 10 \$144,965

Birthdate: 1994-07-09 **Birthplace:** New Brunswick, NJ

Residence: Bordentown, NJ Age: 31 Height: 6'3 " Weight: 165

Patrick Ryder posted the best season of his young driving career in 2024. Overall, Ryder won 59 races and \$825,905.

The son of prominent New Jersey-based trainer Chris Ryder, has been in the harness game all of his life.

"I've always loved animals, and as a kid I was outside 24/7," Patrick offered. "I loved fishing and hunting, and I always liked the horses, but being so close to it with my dad training, I guess I didn't jump into it right away or was as involved as I could have been, even though I spent a lot of time at the barn during school breaks. I had good friends in the business who were other trainers or driver's kids, such as Jesse and Keith Pierce, Ronnie's (driver Pierce) kids, and Jack Pelling (trainer Brett's son). Ronnie was like a second father to me, and I really looked up to him as a driver."



After graduating from Allentown High School, Patrick attended the University of Vermont with his sights set on obtaining an undergraduate degree in biology. "I fell in love with Snowboarding, and worked at snowboarding shops, and participated on teams, and spent a year in Vermont before transferring to Rutgers, where I got a degree in economics," Patrick stated.

"Once I came back to New Jersey, I started getting more involved with the horses, and I fell right into it; it was natural for me because I had worked for dad in the barn off and on over the years before I decided to pursue it full time. I stopped working in the snowboarding industry and groomed for a few years and I liked the track work and felt I was better on than off the track, so I sequed into becoming a second trainer."

"I simply love racing," he said. "There's nothing like winning a race, especially when the horse does it really well, and the horse is a good horse. And, to race with my father and our family's support is such a blessing. We have family who are watching us race back in New Zealand, while my wife's family watches us from their home in Poland. I realize how blessed and fortunate I am to be in this position," Patrick concluded. "To have a father who gave me direction and to be raised around horses—it's just a passion that is also a labor of love."

Newton "Yogi" Sheridan

3 **STARTS** 1 2 **Earnings** Jan. 2024 – Dec. 2024 175 25 20 26 \$239,245 Jan. 2023 - Dec. 2023 123 14 14 17 \$161,252

Birthdate: 1978-04-27 **Birthplace:** Bridgeton, NJ

Residence: Manchester, NJ Age: 47
Height: 5'9" Weight: 200

Yogi Sheridan was voted the 2024 Amateur Driver of the Year by USHWA. Overall, Sheridan enjoyed his best season to date winning 78 races and \$587,366.

When Sheridan was informed that he was chosen as the United States Harness Writers Association Amateur Driver of the Year, he got emotional and thanked God and his family — his wife, Nickeya, and four children, Naeem, Mekhi, Khalani, and Khalia — for being his support system.

Sheridan is a second-generation horseman and has been around harness racing from the time he could walk. Sheridan's love of the game came from his father, Melvin, and although the senior Sheridan died when Yogi was in the first grade, a lasting impression was made on Yogi and his three older brothers, Nathaniel, Mark and MJ.

Unlike many of the amateur drivers that Yogi races against, harness racing is his sole profession. He has a small stable of four that he trains, one of which he owns. He also owns a piece of both Yayas Hot Spot N and Muscle Factory A with partners Team Tritton Inc.



The Trittons — Shane and his wife, Lauren — moved to the U.S. from Australia in 2020 and last year were looking to get Yayas Hot Spot N into some amateur races.

"We've had him since he was 2 years old and he's 14 now," Shane said of Yayas Hot Spot N. "Yogi was a pretty accomplished driver... so, we kind of sussed him out and asked if he'd be willing to drive a few of our horses if we had anything that fit. And after a while, we realized he's a good driver. One of the main things we love about him is that he cares a lot about the horses, and he listens and he tries to help with improving them, and lets you know what you can do to help them, which, you know, is a big thing for a driver, let alone an amateur driver."

Steve Smith

STARTS 1 2 3 **Earnings** 17 Jan. 2024 – Dec. 2024 167 19 \$129,830 Jan. 2023 - Dec. 2023 256 11 21 21 \$195,493 Jan. 2022 - Dec. 2022 202 13 19 23 \$249,062

Birthdate: 1961-08-15 **Birthplace:** Boston, MA

Residence: Freehold, NJ Age: 54
Height: 5'10" Weight: 158

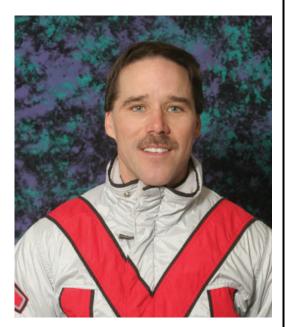
Steve Smith won 66 races and \$1,226,460 in 2024, and passed the \$42M mark in career earnings.

In 2023, Steve Smith won 65 races and \$929,771 and reached 4,489 career wins.

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.

Jordan Stratton

STARTS 1 3 2 **Earnings** Jan. 2024 – Dec. 2024 379 51 49 40 \$979,704 Jan. 2023 – Dec. 2023 384 49 37 39 \$1,056,588

Birthdate: 1987-06-30 **Birthplace:** Ottawa, Ohio

Residence: Montgomery, NY Age: 38 Height: 6'1" Weight: 180

Jordan Stratton finished eighth at the Meadowlands with 51 wins and \$979,704. Overall, Stratton won 280 races and \$6,530,628, and was just shy of the \$103M mark in career earnings. He finished fifth at Yonkers Raceway with 155 wins.

Stratton has won more than 5,600 races. His top win last year came with Voukefalas in the Graduate Series Final in July at The Meadowlands. He also made it back-to-back wins in the Gold Cup & Saucer with Covered Bridge at Red Shores Charlottetown.

Stratton was the leading driver in wins at Yonkers in 2021 and finished second in 2022.

Stratton received the 2009 Rising Star Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association in 2009.

Stratton's decision to pursue a career in racing can be traced back to 2001, when he was the groom for two-time Ohio Sire Stakes champion Noble Cam, trained by his father, David.



One of Stratton's early memorable moments came in 2006 when he drove Noble Cam to victory at Monticello Raceway in an amateur event.

Stratton's younger brother Cory also drives and trains.

Tim Tetrick

STARTS Earnings Jan. 2024 – Dec. 2024 379 49 \$1,689,465 420 \$3.097.202 Jan. 2023 - Dec. 2023 64 53 57 \$55,259,142 **Meadowlands Career** 10.131 2.108 1.999 1.880

Birthdate: 1981-11-22 **Birthplace:** Flora, IL

Height: 5'9" Weight: 150

Residence: Woolwich Twp., NJ Age: 43



Tim Tetrick slipped out of the Top Ten at the Meadowlands in 2024, yet the Hall of Famer maintained his foothold in the upper echelon of the sport winning 482 races and \$8,907,625. Tetrick also passed 14,000 career wins (seventh all time) and the \$278M mark (third all time). He was leading driver at Harrah's Philadelphia for the third straight year with 177 wins and a .382 UDRS. He also led the driver standings at Dover Downs with 182 wins and \$2.2M. Tetrick's top performers included Soiree Hanover, Security Protected, Special Way, Mirage Hanover, Geocentric, St Pauli Girl, Asteroid, Paulina Hanover, Fallout, Faze and Sugar Man.

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 Hambo Day, Tetrick scored a 28-1 post ten upset in the Hambo Oaks with Heaven Hanover, finished second in the Hambletonian with Oh Well and equaled 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 Hambletonian Oaks from post ten with

\$255 million in career purse earnings, ranking him third all-time in that category. He won the Hambletonian Oaks from post ten with Fashion Schooner and a Stanley Dancer Memorial division with Rebuff. Tetrick sparked a Hambletonian Day triple for trainer Jim Campbell winning the Continentalvictory from post ten with 21-1 longshot MIsswalner Fashion. His other top horses were Lyons Sentinel, Abuckabett 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 earnings 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 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 Sou 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 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.

Scott Zeron

1 3 STARTS **Earnings** Jan. 2024 - Dec. 2024 444 67 48 \$2,981,419 **78** Jan. 2023 - Dec. 2023 527 63 67 \$2,550,603 Meadowlands Career 5.103 617 607 609 \$20,210,2801

Birthdate: 1989-11-22 **Birthplace:** Oakville, Ontario

Height: 5'7" Weight: 150
Residence: Edgewater, NJ Age: 35

Scott Zeron finished sixth at the Meadowlands with 67 wins and \$2,981,419 in 2024. Overall, Zeron won 200 races and \$9,878,074, his second highest purse total for a single season. He was also just shy of the \$112M mark in career earnings. Zeron's top performers included Tactical Mounds, Sarasota Hanover, Dame Good Time, Silver Label, It's My Show, Captain Luke, Dan Patch Award winner Allegiant, Fly By, R Charm, Unreasonable, Maximus Mearas S, Beach Rules and Periculum.

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 Continentalvictory 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.



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.

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. 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.

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 20106 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.

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.

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.

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.