



### Tom Amoss

**Born:** Nov. 17, 1961 in New Orleans, LA

#### Record at Keeneland

**Total wins:** 79

**Stakes wins:** 8

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#### First Grade 1 Win:

1990 Apple Blossom Handicap  
with Heritage of Gold.

#### First Graded Stakes Win:

1990 New Orleans Handicap (G3)  
with Festive.

#### First Stakes Win:

Fire the Shot in the 1988 Gator Handicap  
at Louisiana Downs.

#### First Career Win:

March 24, 1987 with Prize Dream  
at Sportsman's Park.

- Earnings in 2012 were \$4,865,308 while winning at a 27% rate; highlight was the win by Sum of the Parts in the Stoll Keenon Ogden Phoenix Stakes (G3) at Keeneland.
- Two-time leading trainer at Indiana Downs, 2012 and 2011.
- Two-time leading trainer at Hoosier Park, 2012 and 2010.
- Finished second in the 2012 Churchill spring and the 2011-2012 Fair Grounds meet standings; in 2010, finished in Top 5 at Fair Grounds and Churchill spring meets; in the Top 5 at the 2009 Churchill spring, Hoosier Park and Indiana Downs meets.
- Ranked 20th by earnings in 2011 with \$4,078,648 and ninth by wins with 163 (31% win rate); highlight was the victory by Shared Property in the Arlington-Washington Futurity (G3).
- Won 300th race at Churchill Downs on May 14, 2009.
- Won 2,000th race of his career on April 29, 2008, with Cat Splendor at Churchill Downs.
- Two-time leading trainer at Churchill Downs, spring of 2008 and spring of 2002 (in a tie).
- Leading trainer at the inaugural 2007 Presque Isle Downs meet.
- Leading trainer at Fair Grounds nine times.
- Leading trainer at Kentucky Downs in 2002.
- Trained millionaire Heritage of Gold, who won the Apple Blossom (G1) and Go For Wand (G1) in 2000.
- Won 1,000th race on Feb. 28, 2000, at Fair Grounds.
- Inducted into the Fair Grounds Hall of Fame in 1998.
- Leading trainer at Ellis Park in 1996.
- Saddled the 1-2-3 finishers in three stakes at Louisiana Downs – 1990 Old South Handicap, 1994 Spanish Moss Handicap and 1995 Barksdale Handicap.
- Racing analyst for ESPN and TVG.
- Other graded stakes winners include Backtalk, Baghdaria, Williams News, Rush Bay, Marastani and Sky Blue Pink.

#### Background:

Graduated from Louisiana State University with a marketing degree in 1983. While still in high school, Amoss started hot-walking for Hall of Fame trainer Jack Van Berg's stable. He and Albert Stall, also now a trainer, were childhood friends and college roommates. While attending LSU and then after graduating, he worked for former trainer Frankie Brothers. A short stint as a veterinary assistant was followed by two years as Larry Robideaux's assistant and a year with John Parisella in New York as his assistant.

"I incorporated a little from each of them," Amoss said of those experiences. By 1987, he had a small string of horses.