



### Wayne Catalano

**Born:** July 24, 1956 in New Orleans, LA

#### Record at Keeneland

**Total wins:** 37

**Stakes wins:** 1

#### First Grade 1 Win:

Dreaming of Anna in 2006 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies.

#### First Graded Stakes Win:

1990 Hawthorne Budweiser Breeders' Cup Handicap (G3) with Cuzzy Bear.

#### First Stakes Win:

1986 Ruffian Handicap at Sportsman's Park with Croupier Lady.

#### First Career Win:

Aug. 11, 1983, with Dreamin' of You at Arlington Park.

- In 2012, the stable won 129 races and earned \$4,318,669; highlights included Stephanie's Kitten's win in the Lake Placid (G2) and Sacristy winning the Old Hat (G3).
- Trainer of two Eclipse Award winners – She Be Wild (2009) and Dreaming of Anna (2006), both champion 2-year-old fillies.
- **Breeders' Cup wins:** 2011 Juvenile Fillies Turf (G2) with Stephanie's Kitten; 2009 Juvenile Fillies (G1) with She Be Wild; and 2006 Juvenile Fillies (G1) with Dreaming of Anna.
- Stable won 96 races and earned \$3,035,260 in 2011; highlights were Stephanie's Kitten winning the Darley Alcibiades (G1) at Keeneland and the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf (G2).
- Won 2,000th race on Feb. 24, 2010, at Hawthorne with Dunscombe in the third race.
- Leading trainer at Arlington Park 10 times (2000, 2002-2003, 2005-2010, 2012). Broke his own record for number of victories set in 2007 during the 2010 meet, with 75.
- Ranks second all-time on the list of winning trainers at Arlington with 908 victories (through 2012).
- Finished in Top 10 in 2012 at the Keeneland and Churchill spring and fall meets and at Gulfstream Park.
- Ranked second during Keeneland's 2010 fall meet with nine wins, one behind Ken McPeck.
- Leader at Sportsman's Park twice - 1988-1989, and at Hawthorne three times – 1987, 1989 and 2005.
- Formerly stabled year-round in Chicago but recently opened a private barn at Keeneland.
- Trained Crypto Star, winner of the 1997 Louisiana Derby (G3) and Arkansas Derby (G2).
- Won 1,545 races in eight years as a jockey, and his mounts earned \$7.7 million.
- Finished second to Steve Cauthen in the 1977 jockey standings by number of wins.
- Rode at least one winner for 41 consecutive days in 1977, breaking Cauthen's record of 38 days.
- Other graded stakes include Sacristy, Crypto Star, Fight for Ally, Injustice, Lewis Michael, Dreaming of Liz, Dixie Band and Major Gain.

#### Background:

Catalano grew up in the Ninth Ward in New Orleans and was introduced to Hall of Fame trainer Jack Van Berg by one of his uncles, Jack Links, when he was 15. He "learned the game from the ground up," he says of his experience cleaning stalls and tack, hot-walking and grooming.

One of his fellow grooms in Van Berg's barn was Frank Brothers, who worked his way up through the ranks to become a trainer. Catalano's dream at the time was to ride the horses he rubbed.

He began exercising horses and became a jockey when he turned 18. He won his first race on May 20, 1974, at Churchill Downs on a horse trained by Van Berg named Hellfire.

An eight-year career in the saddle ensued during which he won 1,792 races before chronic knee problems forced him to give it up. Among his noteworthy accomplishments were finishing second among North American riders in 1977 in races won with 349 and winning at least one race a day for a span of 41 consecutive days.

He rode first call for Van Berg at Hazel Park and Detroit and told the *Midwest Thoroughbred*: "Big horses didn't come through Michigan very often. Best I rode were Batonnier for Harry Trotsek and Stole the Show for Bill Harp."

"The Cat" remained associated with Van Berg's operation after his riding career ended. "I always knew I wanted to become a trainer after I gave up riding." Not only did Van Berg teach him how to ride but also how to condition a racehorse.