



Mark Frostad

Born: Jan. 19, 1949 in Brantford, Ontario, Canada

Record at Keeneland

Total wins: 48

Stakes wins: 7

First Grade 1 Win:

1996 Philip H. Iselin Handicap with Smart Strike.

First Graded Stakes Win:

1996 Salvator Mile (G3) with Smart Strike.

First Stakes Win:

1994 Heresy Breeders' Cup with Bruce's Mill.

First Career Win:

April 5, 1991, at Greenwood with Minjan. (According to Equineline, he had 2 winners from 13 starters in 1977.)

- Stable won 18 races and earned \$1,865,067 in 2012; highlights were victories by Stars to Shine in the Ontario Matron (G3-Can) and by Irish Mission in the Woodbine Oaks and the Breeders' Stakes.
- Inducted into the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame in 2011, following his father, George.
- Has won three Sovereign Awards as the leading trainer in Canada – 1997, 1999 and 2000.
- Trained two-time Canadian Horse of the Year Chief Bearhart (1997-'98), who also won the 1997 Eclipse Award as champion turf male.
- Sovereign Award winners – Grand Adventure (2010 turf colt); Eye of the Leopard (2009 3-year-old colt; Catch the Thrill (2006 2-year-old filly); Soaring Free (Horse of the Year and male turf horse) and Eye of the Sphinx (3-year-old filly), both 2004; Soaring Free (2003 sprinter); Portcullus (2002 male turf horse); Dancethruthedawn (3-year-old filly) and Mountain Angel (older female), both 2001; Quiet Resolve (Horse of the Year and turf male) and Catch the Ring (3-year-old filly), both 2000; 3-year-old colts, Cryptocloser (1997) Victor Cooley (1996) and Bruce's Mill (1994); 2-year-old fillies Hello Seattle (1999) and Silken Cat (1995); and turf filly Colorful Vices (1998).
- **Breeders' Cup win:** 1997 Breeders' Cup Turf (G1) with Chief Bearhart.
- Stable won 21 races in 2011 and earned \$1,588,208.
- Saddled four winners of the Queen's Plate – 2009, Eye of the Leopard; 2001, Dancethruthedawn; 2000, Scatter the Gold; and 1997, Victor Cooley.
- Became private trainer for Sam-Son Farm in 1994, now the farm's primary trainer.
- Served as president of the Canadian Thoroughbred Horse Society four times and as trustee of the Ontario Jockey Club.
- Member, Board of Directors of Woodbine Entertainment.
- Other graded winners include Desert Waves, Always a Classic, Strut the Stage and French Beret.

Background:

Mark Frostad worked around horses while he was growing up on his family's Bo-Teek Farms. "My dad had 40 or 50 mares and stallions," he said. "Working with the horses is in my blood." George Frostad was inducted into the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame in the "Builder" category in 1999 and was also the former chief steward of the Jockey Club of Canada.

When Mark headed off to Princeton to college, obtaining a bachelor's degree in English and European Literature, and later earning an M.B.A. at the University of Western Ontario, not many people expected that he'd make training Thoroughbreds his profession.

Initially he pursued a business career before opening his own bloodstock agency. It appeared his life's work had been charted, but in 1989, he took out his first trainer's license.