



Charles LoPresti

Born: Sept. 21, 1957 in Brooklyn, NY

Record at Keeneland

Total wins: 42

Stakes wins: 9

First Grade 1 Win:

2010 Forego at Saratoga
with Here Comes Ben.

First Graded Stakes Win:

2009 Northern Dancer (G3)
at Churchill with Successful Dan.

First Stakes Win:

Mariuka in the 1996 Bryan Station Stakes
at Keeneland.

First Career Win:

July 25, 1993 at Arlington Park
with Competitive Edge.

- Earnings in 2012 were \$3,572,132.
- Trainer of 2012 Horse of the Year Wise Dan, who was also voted champion older male and champion turf male. He is the first horse to win all three categories since John Henry in 1981.
- **Breeders' Cup win:** 2012 Breeders' Cup Mile with Wise Dan.
- Wise Dan won four other graded races in 2012 -- the Shadwell Turf Mile (G1), the Woodbine Mile (G1-Can), the Fourstardave Handicap (G2) and the Ben Ali (G3). In addition, the stable's Successful Dan won the Alysheba (G2).
- Stable won 19 races and earned \$2,337,000 in 2011; highlights included wins in the Clark (G1) by Wise Dan and Woodbine Mile (Can-1) with Turallure.
- Two-time winner of the Fayette (G3) at Keeneland – 2011 with Wise Dan and 2010 with Successful Dan.
- Has trained Wise Dan to 10 stakes victories, including graded wins on dirt, turf and Polytrack.
- Won first Grade 1 race with his first Grade 1 starter when Here Comes Ben won the 2010 Forego at Saratoga on Sept. 4.
- Won with six of his 10 starters during the 2010 Keeneland fall meet, including two graded stakes victories.
- Won first stakes at Keeneland in a division of the 1996 Bryan Station with Mariuka.
- Owns 200-acre Forest Lane Farm in Fayette County near Lexington with his wife, Amy.

Background:

Growing up in Smithtown, NY, on the northeastern side of Long Island, his earliest association with horses came with pleasure horses owned by an uncle. He then worked at a hunter/jumper show barn on eastern Long Island after graduating from high school.

LoPresti answered an advertisement in a trade publication for a job with a Thoroughbred farm in Virginia. But the prospective employer instead recommended him for a position with trainer Joe Cantey at Belmont Park, who is best known as the conditioner of 1980 Belmont (G1) winner Temperence Hill. He worked with Cantey for about two years before taking a job at Domino Stud in Kentucky in 1978, where he met his wife-to-be, Amy Featherstone. Domino at that time was managed by Ted Carr, whom he then joined at Allen Paulsen's Brookside Farm for about six years as assistant manager.

LoPresti left Brookside to develop 200-acred Forest Lane Farm, located in eastern Fayette County, with Amy. She handles the breaking and training of 25-30 yearlings each year as well as lay-ups at the farm, and he handles the racing string at Keeneland where he's based year-round.

After leaving Brookside, LoPresti also trained for Calumet Farm, getting horses ready for at-the-track trainers such as Bill Mott and Frankie Brothers.

One of the lay-ups sent to Forest Lane was a horse named Competitive Edge, owned by Bob Lewis. He won his first race at Arlington with Competitive Edge in 1993.