



D. Wayne Lukas

Born: Sept. 2, 1935 in Antigo, WI

Record at Keeneland

Total wins: 280
Stakes wins: 50

First Grade 1 Win:

1980 Santa Anita Derby with Codex.

First Graded Stakes Win:

1978 American Handicap (G2)
with Effervescing.

First (Thoroughbred) Stakes Win:

Sept. 13, 1974 Foothill Stakes at Pomona
(2nd div.) with Harbor Hauler.

First (Thoroughbred) Career Win:

Harbor Hauler at Del Mar on Sept. 2, 1974.

- Keeneland's all-time leading trainer by stakes victories (50), races won (280) and meets won (16). At the 1989 fall meeting, he set a still-standing record for wins during a meet with 22.
- Stable won 26 races and earned \$2,446,892 in 2012; highlights included wins in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Sprint with Hightail, the Kent (G3) with Optimizer and the Maryland Sprint Handicap (G3) with Hamazing Destiny.
- Inducted into the Racing Hall of Fame in 1999 and the American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame in 2007, becoming the only person to be in both.
- North America's leading money-earning trainer 14 times (1983-1992, 1994-1997). Career earnings a record \$258,389,229 (through 2011). Ranks sixth all-time by wins with 4,633 (through 2011).
- Four-time Eclipse Award winner as leading trainer (1985-1987 and 1994).
- Trainer of a record 24 champions – Althea, Azeri, Boston Harbor, Capote, 1999 Horse of the Year Charismatic, 1990 Horse of the Year Criminal Type, Family Style, Flanders, Folklore, Golden Attraction, Gulch, 1986 Horse of the Year Lady's Secret, Landaluce, Life's Magic, North Sider, Open Mind, Orientate, Sacahuista, Serena's Song, Steinlen (GB), Surfside, Thunder Gulch, Timber Country and Winning Colors.
- **Triple Crown wins:** Kentucky Derby (G1) – 1988, Winning Colors; 1995, Thunder Gulch; 1996, Grindstone; and 1999, Charismatic. Preakness (G1) – 1980, Codex; 1985, Tank's Prospect; 1994, Tabasco Cat; 1995, Timber Country; and 1999, Charismatic. Belmont (G1) – 1994, Tabasco Cat; 1995, Thunder Gulch; 1996, Editor's Note; and 2000, Commendable.
- **Record 19 Breeders' Cup wins:** Juvenile winners (Capote, 1986; Success Express, 1987; Is It True, 1988; Timber Country, 1994; Boston Harbor, 1996); Juvenile Fillies (Twilight Ridge, 1985; Open Mind, 1988; Flanders, 1994; Cash Run, 1999; Folklore, 2005); Juvenile Sprint (Hightail, 2012); Sprint (Gulch, 1988; Orientate, 2002); Ladies' Classic (Life's Magic, 1985; Lady's Secret, 1986; Sacahuista, 1987; Spain, 2000); Mile (Steinlen [GB], 1989); Classic (Cat Thief, 1999)
- Won 4,000th race on May 7, 2001, at Delaware Park with Added Spice.
- In 1995, became the only trainer ever to win all three Triple Crown races in one year with different horses (Thunder Gulch, Kentucky Derby and Belmont, and Timber Country, Preakness).
- Beginning with the 1994 Preakness, he won seven of eight Triple Crown races (1994 Preakness and Belmont with Tabasco Cat; 1995 Kentucky Derby and Belmont with Thunder Gulch and 1995 Preakness with Timber Country; 1996 Derby with Grindstone; 1996 Belmont with Editor's Note).
- Three-time leading Quarter Horse trainer by earnings (1974-1976) and races won (1970, 1974 and 1975) and trainer of 23 Quarter Horse champions.
- Stable won 40 races and earned \$1,864,647 in 2011.
- Leading trainer at Churchill Downs 11 times.
- Leading trainer at Saratoga (six times), Belmont Park (seven times) and Aqueduct. Leading trainer in New York in 1988 and 1989.
- Leading trainer at Oaklawn Park in 2011.
- Received United Thoroughbred Trainers of America's Trainer of the Year Award in 1999.
- Honored by the Thoroughbred Club of America at its 67th annual testimonial dinner in 1998.
- Received John W. Galbreath Award from the University of Louisville's Equine Industry Program in 1998.
- Keynote speaker at the 2004 Racing Hall of Fame induction ceremony.
- Formerly trained for the late Eugene Klein, W.T. Young and Robert Lewis.
- Mentored assistants Todd Pletcher, Kiaran McLaughlin, Dallas Stewart, Mark Hennig, Randy Bradshaw, Mike Maker, George Weaver and Bobby Barnett.
- Other graded stakes include Blush With Pride, Island Whirl, Marfa, Mt. Livermore, Roo Art, Slew City Slew, Stella Madrid, Farma Way, Honour and Glory, Marlin and Stellar Jane.

Background:

Lukas grew up on a 10-acre farm in Wisconsin and gained exposure to horse racing at the Antigo County Fairgrounds, where he raced his pony. After graduating from the University of Wisconsin with a master's degree in education, he coached high school basketball and served as an assistant coach at his alma mater. During the summers, he began racing horses at Park Jefferson in South Dakota.

After moving to California in 1972, he quickly made a name for himself as a trainer of Quarter Horses, conditioning 23 world champions and dominating the sport as he later would Thoroughbred racing.