



Kiaran McLaughlin

Born: Nov. 16, 1960 in Lexington, KY

Record at Keeneland

Total wins: 34

Stakes wins: 9

First Grade 1 Win:

2003 Man o' War with Lunar Sovereign.

First Graded Stakes Win:

1995 Keeneland Breeders' Cup (G3) with Dumaani.

First (U.S.) Stakes Win:

1995 New Castle Handicap at Delaware Park with Grafín.

First Career Win:

Lead the Dance on Dec. 31, 1993, at Jebel Ali.

- Stable won 82 races and earned \$7,019,064 in 2012; highlights included Grade 1 victories by It's Tricky (Ogden Phipps Handicap), Questing (GB) (Coaching Club American Oaks and the Alabama), Alpha (dead heat in Travers), Emcee (Forego) and Dance Card (Gazelle).
- Trainer of 2006 Horse of the Year and champion older male Invador (ARG), champion turf female Lahudood (GB) in 2007, and 3-year-old female Questing (GB) in 2012.
- **Triple Crown wins:** 2006 Belmont (G1) with Jazil.
- **Breeders' Cup wins:** 2007 Filly & Mare Turf (G1) with Lahudood (GB) and the 2006 Classic (G1) with Invador (ARG).
- Scored his 1,000th North American career win on March 16, 2012, at Aqueduct with Que Posse in the eighth race.
- Stable won 96 races and ranked 15th by earnings in 2011 with \$5,281,686; highlights included Grade 1 wins by It's Tricky in the TVG Acorn and TVG Coaching Club American Oaks.
- Leading trainer at Saratoga in 2008.
- Won two Grade 1 races at Keeneland in 2008 – Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup with Alwajeeha and Ashland with Little Belle.
- Won 2007 Emirates Airline Dubai World Cup (G1) with Invador (ARG).
- Won 2007 Hill 'n' Dale Cigar Mile (G1) with Daaher.
- Won 2007 Stephen Foster Handicap (G1) with Flashy Bull.
- Eclipse finalist for leading trainer in 2006 and '07.
- Leading trainer at Nad Al Sheba in Dubai three times – 1994-95, 1995-96 and 2002-03.
- Shipped Dumaani to Japan in 1995 and won the \$1.5 million Keio Hai Spring Cup at odds of 56-1.
- Diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1998, he takes daily medication to combat it and is an active advocate for the disease. He was honored as the MS Champion by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Kentucky-Southeast Indiana chapter at its 2006 Dinner of Champions fundraiser.
- Other graded stakes winners include Allied Forces, Intidab, Volga (IRE), Randaroo, Divine Park, Bending Strings, Seattle Fitz (ARG), Closing Argument, Henny Hughes, Shakespeare and Daaher.

Background:

McLaughlin's career with Thoroughbreds began as a youngster. Although his family had no connection with racing, his best friend, Greg Burchell, was the son of trainer James Burchell, and his first job was as a hotwalker. He attended the University of Kentucky before deciding he was more interested in the racetrack. Moving up to groom, foreman and assistant trainer for Burchell, Mark Casse, John Hennig (later to become his father-in-law), Dave Kassen and Tim Muckler, he received his first big break when he joined the staff of Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas as an assistant trainer in January 1985.

"Working for Wayne was my biggest break," he explains. "His whole philosophy, his work ethic, his organizational skills are second to none."

After spending a short stint (1992 to '93) as a jockey agent for the late Chris Antley, he was approached about becoming a trainer for the Maktoum family in 1993. He spent the next 10 years between Dubai and New York, working for Sheikh Mohammed and Sheikh Hamdan and winning three training titles at Nad Al Sheba.

In 2003, he decided it was time to return to the United States with the blessing of the Maktoum family and set up a public stable.