



Dale Romans

Born: Aug. 14, 1966 in Louisville, KY

Record at Keeneland

Total wins: 104

Stakes wins: 10

First Grade 1 Win:

2004 Whitney Handicap
with Roses in May.

First Graded Stakes Win:

1996 Fall Highweight Handicap (G2)
with Victor Avenue.

First Stakes Win:

1991 Florence Stakes at Turfway Park
with Morning Punch.

First Career Win:

Feb. 15, 1987, at Turfway Park
with Miss Mindy.

- Stable won 125 races in 2012 and earned \$11,834,249 to rank fourth nationally.
- Eclipse Award-winning trainer for 2012.
- Trained 2004 champion turf male Kitten's Joy, winning six graded stakes with him during the year.
- **Triple Crown win:** 2011 Preakness (G1) with Shackelford.
- **Breeders' Cup wins:** 2012 Turf (G1) with Little Mike; 2011 Mile (G1) with longshot Court Vision; and 2009 Juvenile Fillies Turf with Tapitsfly.
- Grade 1 wins at Keeneland --2012 Toyota Blue Grass with Dullahan, 2012 First Lady with Tapitsfly, 2008 Shadwell Turf Mile with Thorn Song, and the 2005 Lane's End Breeders' Futurity with Dawn of War.
- In addition to winning the Breeders' Cup Turf, the Blue Grass and First Lady in 2012, his stable also posted Grade 1 victories in the Just a Game (with Tapitsfly), the Clark and Metropolitan handicaps (Shackelford), the Pacific Classic (Dullahan) and the Arlington Million and Woodford Reserve Turf Classic (Little Mike).
- Voted the Big Sport of Turfdom Award for 2012.
- Won 1,000th race on June 14, 2006, at Churchill Downs with C F O Lite.
- Stable won 87 races in 2011 and earned \$7,690,693 to rank eighth; highlights included Shackelford's victory in the Preakness (G1) as well as other Grade 1 wins in the Humana Distaff (Sassy Image), Just a Game (C.S. Silk), Princess Rooney (Sassy Image), Dixiana Breeders' Futurity (Dullahan) and Breeders' Cup Mile (Court Vision).
- Won 450th race at Churchill Downs in the fall of 2008 to surpass D. Wayne Lukas for second in all-time victories at the track.
- Won the 2012 spring and fall (in a tie) titles at Churchill Downs. Previously won the 2006 spring, 2005 spring and fall, 2003 spring and fall titles, and tied with Bernie Flint (2001 spring), D. Wayne Lukas (2000 spring) and Tom Amoss (1992 spring).
- Won 2005 Dubai World Cup (G1) with Roses in May.
- Finished in the Top 10 in earnings in 2004 with \$7 million.
- Won three consecutive races on Turfway Park's card of Dec. 10, 2003.
- Leading trainer at Turfway Park (1988 winter-spring meet and 2003 holiday meet in a tie).
- Two-time leading trainer at Keeneland – fall of 2001 and 2002.
- Current second vice president of the Kentucky Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association.
- Purchased Miss Mindy, his first winner, for \$1,500 and proceeded to win three in a row with her before she was claimed from him.
- Other graded stakes winners include Paddy O'Prado, Swift Temper, B. A. Valentine, Halory Leigh, Angela's Love, M B Sea, Roza Robata, Sharp Humor, Bright One, Eaton's Gift and Quiet Temper.

Background:

Romans worked for his father, the late trainer Jerry Romans, "from the time I could walk," he said. "I did everything and was his assistant the last couple of years I worked for him."

The Louisville native took out his first trainer's license at age 18. "From the time I was eight, this was about all I ever wanted to do. My Dad thought it would be a good career for me."

Jerry Romans lived long enough to see his son become a success. A trainer on the Kentucky circuit for nearly 35 years, he was the leading trainer at Ellis Park twice and at Turfway Park once. He died in November of 2000.

His father was not his only mentor. During the winter of 1986, Dale went to Florida with the intention of working for Hall of Fame trainer Woody Stephens. He did just that for four months at Hialeah while observing how things were done.

His wife is former jockey Tammy Fox.

Bought a 105-acre farm in Central Kentucky and offered his first consignment of four horses at Keeneland's 2012 September yearling sale under Romans Racing and Sales.

After winning the Big Sport of Turfdom Award, he said: "It's an honor to receive this award and a privilege to work in and promote this industry."