



Ronny Werner

Born: Dec. 19, 1959 in San Antonio, TX

Record at Keeneland

Total wins: 29

Stakes wins: 1

First Grade 1 Win:

2007 Apple Blossom Handicap
with Ermine.

First Graded Stakes Win:

2001 Bashford Manor Stakes
at Churchill with Lunar Bounty.

First (Thoroughbred) Stakes Win:

1999 Clever Trevor Stakes
at Remington Park with Native Diablo.

First (Thoroughbred) Career Win:

1986 (per Equineline).

- Stable won 32 races during 2012 and earned \$830,205.
- Stable won 40 races in 2011 and earned \$1,286,948.
- Won 2010 Honorable Miss (G2) at Saratoga with Secret Gypsy and 2008 Saratoga Special (G2) with Run Away and Hide.
- Finished in the Top 10 at Churchill's 2008 fall meet and in the Top 10 at the 2012 Ellis Park meet.
- Won Apple Blossom Handicap (G1) in 2007 with Ermine.
- Won four races with four starters at Fair Grounds on Dec. 1, 2007, including Steve's Double in the Tenacious Handicap. He also won both halves of the Daily Double plus the winner of the fourth race.
- Won three stakes in 2005 with Flying Glitter, including the Monmouth Breeders' Cup Oaks (G3).
- Trained City Street, who set a track record at Churchill Downs in 2001 and equaled one at Keeneland.
- Saddled five winners from seven starters during the 2001 Keeneland spring meet, including four 2-year-olds, all first-time starters.
- Other graded stakes winners include Badge of Silver, Flying Glitter, Kingship, Most Feared, Awesome Humor, Steve's Double, Run Away and Hide and Secret Gypsy.

Background:

Ronny Werner has successfully made the transition from Quarter Horses to Thoroughbreds, a process he began in earnest in 1998. Others who followed that route with great results have included D. Wayne Lukas and Bob Baffert.

His father, H.C. "Bubba" Werner Jr., formerly trained Quarter Horses and among the big races he won were the Ruidoso Futurity in 1978 with Gentlemens Feature and the 1974 Ruidoso Derby with Azure Teen. He now pinhooks and rehabilitates horses from his base in Stonewall, Texas.

During the summers, Ronny groomed horses for his father at Ruidoso beginning at age 12. He also galloped and broke horses before attending college on rodeo scholarships. He had been state champion bareback rider in high school.

His events were bull riding, bareback riding and bull dogging, and he went to nationals in all three. "I rode bulls until I was 37," he said. "I still get itchy to ride them in the spring. Now I'm itching for other things, like winning the Kentucky Derby."

He served as his father's assistant in 1980 and obtained his first license in 1981, training his own string of Quarter Horses when he was 21. He continued in that endeavor for 15 years.