

## FUTURE STAR CANDIDATES

### ZACHARY MULLINS

23-year-old Zachary Mullins had a year to remember in 2023, both on the training side and on the driving side. This season the Nova Scotia resident set a career high in both wins (24) and earnings (\$31,901) in the bike, and did similar as a trainer, also setting career highs in both wins (15) and earnings (\$20,290).

Zachary's most notable driving victory this season came on November 12th at Northside Downs, when he guided nine-year-old gelding Revenant to a five-length victory in the \$5,000 Governor Cup Series Final. Mullins has improved statistically every season since he began training, in 2018, and driving, in 2020.

<b>TRAINING</b>	<b>STARTS</b>	<b>1sts</b>	<b>2nds</b>	<b>3rds</b>	<b>Earnings</b>	<b>UTRS</b>
	<b>103</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>\$20,290</b>	<b>0.310</b>

<b>DRIVING</b>	<b>STARTS</b>	<b>1sts</b>	<b>2nds</b>	<b>3rds</b>	<b>Earnings</b>	<b>UDRS</b>
	<b>139</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>\$31,901</b>	<b>0.306</b>

## DESIREE JONES

Training horses since 2017, Desiree Jones has not only watched her statistical output increase every year since then, but she's also watched the number of horses in her stable grow in size as well. The 30-year-old enjoyed a career year in 2023, reaching highs in starts (189), wins (23) and total earnings (\$578,957).

Her stable, consisting of a plethora of young trotters, was headlined by rookie Top Mast, who had three wins in ten starts, while totalling \$153,246 in earnings. The son of Walner won a leg of the Millard Farms series for two-year-old trotting colts on August 3rd, and finished second by half-a-length in the \$75,000 final. His richest payday in his rookie campaign was a 4th place finish in the \$1 million Mohawk Million, which netted him \$72,000.

Jones trains in Ontario, but extends her craft to Florida in the wintertime, where she develops her charges, and prepares them for their upcoming campaigns. This is the first time she is up for this award.

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	<b>189</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>\$578,957</b>	<b>0.238</b>

## **CASSIDY SCHNEIDER**

For the second year in a row, 21-year-old Cassidy Schneider finds herself as a nominee for the Future Star Award. She fell short of becoming a finalist a year ago, but looks to change that this time around. Following in her father's footsteps in training horses, Cassidy set career highs in 2022, and is having another strong campaign in 2023. In 567 starts, the young trainer has accumulated 74 wins, with earnings of \$475,032.

Doing the bulk of her racing across B-tracks in Ontario, Schneider led Hanover Raceway in wins (9) and earnings (\$27,230) in 2023. In addition to that, she currently sits comfortably atop the trainer standings at Western Fair, with 47 wins and \$300,253 in earnings.

Cassidy has done things the hard way, grinding out yet another successful year with lower priced talent. One of her richest performers in 2023 is homebred Hollys Treasure (\$35,032), and her biggest purse cheque (for a victory) was \$4,500, which Big Lady J accomplished twice in January in London.

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	<b>567</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>\$475,032</b>	<b>0.244</b>