

O'Brien Award of Horsemanship Candidates

Lindsey Kerr

Lindsey Kerr is enjoying a breakout season in 2025, smashing her previous bests with career highs in starts (419), wins (82), earnings (\$539,049) and UTRS (.374). Primarily competing across Ontario's B-tracks, the London, ON resident captured the leading trainer title at Hiawatha Horse Park and is positioned to do the same at her home track at The Raceway at Western Fair District, where she sits comfortably atop the standings. Year after year, Kerr continues to put together strong, dependable campaigns, consistently proving herself as one of the province's most reliable trainers.

Lindsey Kerr	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings	UTRS
Training	419	82	92	71	\$539,049	0.374

Kevin Benn

Kevin Benn remains one of the most underrated horsemen in harness racing. Despite sending out just 78 starters — his lightest workload in six years — the Napanee, ON resident shattered his personal-best seasonal earnings with \$770,298 and posted the second-highest UTRS of his career (.346). His skill with young horses was once again front-and-centre, led by standout three-year-old trotting filly Stormont Beautiful, a major player in her division. The daughter of Resolve–Stormont Fried captured an OSS Gold leg and finished second in three premier events: the \$300,000 OSS Super Final, the \$375,000 Elegance Final and the \$910,365 Breeders Crown Final. Stormont Beautiful (\$500,154) was one of two six-figure earners under Benn's exclusive care in 2025, joined by rookie pacing filly Sangria Summer (\$108,677), further underscoring his knack for developing young talent.

Kevin Benn	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings	UTRS
Training	78	12	21	10	\$770,298	0.346

Jamie Gray

Jamie Gray delivered his strongest season since 2008, surpassing \$770,000 in earnings and posting a standout .473 UTRS while managing a deep and versatile Alberta-based stable. His operation enjoyed consistent provincial success throughout the year, with Dali Dancer, Custard Dolce, Ruler of Dragons, and B A Dragon all making their mark across Alberta stakes programs.

Mayhem N Madness and Ruler of Dragons each captured divisions of the Norm Kennedy Memorial, while B A Dragon capped the campaign with an ABSS Super Final victory. Gray also continued to excel in the sulky, notching at least 30 driving wins for the ninth straight season — which was impressive considering it was his lowest driving output in quite some time. Balancing roles as trainer, blacksmith, and President of the Alberta Standardbred Horse Association, he remains a model of dedication, versatility, and exemplifies true horsemanship.

Jamie Gray	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings	UTRS
Training	104	35	19	11	\$643,385	0.473

Carl Jamieson

Carl Jamieson put together his strongest campaign in more than a decade, climbing back over the \$1-million mark in seasonal training earnings for the first time since 2014, while finishing the year with a crisp .364 UTRS and 32 victories. His success was driven by a sharp crop of young horses, headlined by rookie pacer Tilthecowscomehome, who led the barn with \$378,102 earned in a quietly outstanding freshman season that included victories in the Tompkins-Geers and Nassagaweya at Woodbine Mohawk Park, along with a runner-up finish in the \$227,000 Battle of Waterloo at Grand River Raceway. Jamieson also developed a solid pair of sophomore pacing colts in Out Of Ice and Fifth And Five, both consistent Grassroots performers, with Fifth And Five later stepping up to the Gold level to win a leg and finish second in the \$300,000 OSS Super Final. Paquet, poised to be the barn's stable star, kicked off his four-year-old campaign by sweeping the Canadian Sired Graduate Series before an injury halted his season after capturing the final. With multiple youngsters stepping forward and a return to a seven-figure season, the Hall of Famer has firmly re-established himself as a contender for his second O'Brien Award for Horsemanship — which would be his first since 2006.

Carl Jamieson	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings	UTRS
Training	151	32	27	24	\$1,144,886	0.364

Dr. Ian Moore

Developing pacing colts has long been a hallmark of Dr. Ian Moore's career, and 2025 was no exception. His stable was led by undefeated rookie Beau Jangles, the Cattlewash–Mrs Major Hill colt who won all 12 of his starts – all of which were on Canadian soil – including the \$1,000,000 Metro Pace, \$959,000 Breeders Crown Final, \$227,000 Battle of Waterloo, and a complete sweep of the Ontario Sires Stakes program capped by the \$300,000 Super Final. Three-year-old Prince Hal Hanover also delivered a breakout season, winning eight of 21 starts and earning \$1,142,023, highlighted by victories in the \$527,397 Adios Pace, \$898,630 Meadowlands Pace, and \$410,959 Milstein Pace. Together, they powered Moore to a career-best \$3,794,816 in 2025 earnings. A two-time O'Brien Award winner for Horsemanship (2015, 2022), 'Doc' strengthened his case for a third when he stepped in as an on-track veterinarian at Flamboro Downs on short notice to prevent race cancellations — a clear reflection of the care and commitment that define his true admiration for not only this sport, but for everyone else involved in it as well.

Ian Moore	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings	UTRS
Training	223	47	41	22	\$3,794,816	0.345