**Frank Whiteley**

Whitely is best remembered as the trainer of the legendary filly Ruffian. However he was also the trainer of other great horses such as Damascus, Forego and Tom Rolfe. He was active as a trainer from 1936 to 1984. While he did not race many horses he was a legend among his colleagues.

Whitely was especially noted for his fastidious care of his horses. Lee Christian, the president of the South Carolina Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association said: “I don't think anyone loved the horses he trained more than Frank did. He had this warm spot in his heart for them that you just don't see that often."

Hall of Fame trainer Shug McGuaghey worked for Whitely and said of him: “He wasn’t easy, but the reason he wasn’t easy was because he was teaching you.”

Damascus was the 1967 Horse of the Year after winning the Preakness Stakes, Belmont Stakes, Travers Stakes, Jockey Club Gold Cup, and Woodward Stakes. Forego was Horse of the Year three times in the 1970s and won eight Eclipse Awards. Tom Rolfe won the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness Stakes in 1965. And, of course, Ruffian—the filly won all her races (10) until she died in her 11th (a match race with Foolish Pleasure).

Past Performance

Number of Starts 2,022

Number of Wins 848

Earnings $8,994,619