**H. Allen Jerkens**

Jerkens won the Eclipse Award for Outstanding Trainer in 1973. The New York Turf Writers Association honored him as the Outstanding Trainer in 1957, 1962, 1973, 1992 and 1994 and the National Turf Writers Association honored him with the Mr. Fitz Award (named for Sunny Jim Fitzsimmons) as the person who most “typifies the spirit of racing.

Jerkens saddled his first winner at Aqueduct Racetrack—Populace on July 4, 1950—and his first stakes win at Jamaica Race Course—War Command. He was the youngest trainer to be inducted in to the Horse Racing Hall of Fame. His horses defeated two of Horse Racing’s Greatest legends: Secretariat two times and Kelso three times. He never trained the best horses—only one is in the Hall of Fame—but his record and honors reflect his legendary skills as a trainer.

Jerkens was the leading trainer at 14 meets in New York. Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lucas said of him: “He was a horseman’s horseman. “No frills, old school, as they call it nowadays. Very thorough. Always to be considered, whether it was the third race on a Wednesday or a Grade 1 on a Saturday. [He was] so generous with his information.  He shared his knowledge with so many people, so many young guys. They don’t make them like that anymore. He was special.”

Past Performance

Number of Starts 20,976

Number of Wins 3,859

Earnings $103,754,915