**Lucien Laurin**

Laurin won the Eclipse Award for being the Outstanding Trainer of the Year in the United States in 1972. In successive years in the early 1970s he trained two colts—Riva Ridge and Secretariat—who both won Eclipse Awards as the Outstanding 2 year-old and 3 year-old and Horse of the Year. He is the only trainer to accomplish this feat. Laurin won 36 major Stakes races including 6 Triple Crown events.

Jockey Ron Turcotte said of Laurin: "He put a lot of confidence in me. That in turn put a lot of confidence in the horses. How many trainers do you know that really listen to their jocks? I can count them on one hand. He was one of them."

Penny Chenery, owner of Riva Ridge and Secretariat observed: "Lucien was a money trainer. He could really get horses ready for big races."

There are not too many angels in horse racing (except Angel Cordero, Jr.!) Chenery candidly said about Laurin: "He had a terrible temper, that's true. But he was a perfectionist, and if people weren't as precise as him or as hard working, he'd stomp and yell. But he was so loveable. And he wanted a happy barn, with happy people."

Turcotte added: "If he had one fault, it was his temper. But he just hated to lose."

Past Performance

Number of Starts 4,506

Number of Wins 1,161

Earnings $11,972,952