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### ***Ronnie Wrenn, Jr. & Brian Brown take Kaltenbach Honors***

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Trainer Brian Brown captured his first Kaltenbach training title in 2018, sending 104 youngsters postward in the 2018 Ohio Sires Stakes (OSS) finals and consolations.

Brown's hefty assortment of 2- and 3-year-old pacers and trotters—which he conditions at Delaware, OH during the spring and summer months and in south Florida during the wintertime—earned \$1,075,850 from 18 wins, 20 seconds and ten third-place finishes. It was fitting for Brown, who was the runner-up to 2017 Kaltenbach winning trainer Chris Beaver.

This year, it was New Jersey-based trainer Ronnie Burke who finished second among all OSS conditioners, with \$953,150 in earnings from 78 starters with 11 wins, 13 seconds and 12 thirds. Chris Beaver was third in the OSS training standings, with 65 starters who finished first ten times, along with 9 second-place and 14 third-place finishers who earned \$491,250.

Urbana, OH-based trainer Kimberly Daily finished fourth with \$283,450 earned in OSS events from 38 starters, seven winners, three second-place finishers and seven third-place check getters. Canadian conditioners Jason McGinnis and Robert McIntosh were fifth and six respectively in the OSS final trainers' tally. McGinnis sent 25 horses postward with seven wins, four seconds and a trio of thirds for earnings of \$259,100, while McIntosh had four wins and one second in five starts for earnings of \$207,500.

Sixteen trainers had OSS contestants who posted earnings of \$100,000 or more with six conditioners training winners who earned \$200,000 or higher.

Ronnie Wrenn, Jr., captured the 2018 Kaltenbach Award for leading driving in OSS competition for the second time in his career, having earned the honor in 2015. Wrenn, Jr., notched \$987,500 in OSS earnings from steering 96 starters to 21 wins, 16 seconds and 12 third-place finishes.

North America's leading driver and record setter Aaron Merriman finished second with 19 wins, 15 seconds and 16 thirds in 99 starts with earnings of \$963,900 for his efforts. Last year's Kaltenbach winner, Chris Page, finished third this year with 16 wins, 18 seconds and ten thirds from 93 starters who earned \$937,100 in OSS events.

Danny Noble picked up fourth place honors in the OSS driver standings, with 15 wins, five seconds and 11 thirds from 67 starters who earned \$523,750, while Tony Hall's mounts earned \$437,700 from six wins, three seconds and two thirds in 46 tries. Ryan Stahl was the only other driver to pilot the winners of more than \$400,00 with \$433,950 earned from seven wins, eight seconds and eight thirds in 60 starts.

Of the 73 drivers who participated in the 2018 OSS events, 60 garnered at least one check with 17 driving the winners of \$100,000 or more, while a full 12 drove horses who earned \$200,000 or more.

In the 30 years the Kaltenbachs have been awarded, David Miller leads all drivers with seven trophies. In the training ranks, Virgil Morgan, Jr., has captured the title six times. Only two horsemen have won the Kaltenbachs in both the training and driving categories—Sam "Chip" Noble, III and Dave Rankin.

The Jerry Kaltenbach Memorial Trophies were established in 1988—named in honor of one of the Ohio Sires Stakes founding fathers—and are awarded annually to the driver and trainer who have earned the most dollars competing in OSS events.



Ronnie Wrenn, Jr. in action



Brian Brown

## Kaltenbach Memorial Award Winners 1988 -2018

<b>Driver</b>	<b>Earnings</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Earnings</b>
Ronnie Wrenn, Jr.	\$987,500	<b>2018</b>	Brian Brown	\$1,075,850
Chris Page	\$849,100	<b>2017</b>	Chris Beaver	\$782,200
Chris Page	\$1,482,300	<b>2016</b>	Jim Dailey	\$908,300
Ronnie Wrenn, Jr.	\$858,350	<b>2015</b>	Martin Wollam	\$490,500
Chris Page	\$743,650	<b>2014</b>	Ron Burke	\$428,750
Dan Noble	416,500	<b>2013</b>	Jim Dailey	319,850
Kayne Kauffman	204,268	<b>2012</b>	Martin Wollam	205,413
Ryan Stahl	300,532	<b>2011</b>	Martin Wollam	149,997
Ryan Stahl	219,647	<b>2010</b>	Jim Arledge Jr.	160,240
Dan Noble	238,173	<b>2009</b>	Jim Dailey	247,380
Sam Noble III	255,500	<b>2008</b>	Jim Dailey	205,400
Ryan Stahl	383,311	<b>2007</b>	Michael Medors	209,025
Brett Miller	584,800	<b>2006</b>	Virgil Morgan Jr.	332,700
Brett Miller	667,800	<b>2005</b>	Virgil Morgan Jr.	416,600
Brett Miller	629,140	<b>2004</b>	Virgil Morgan Jr.	310,255
David Hawk	399,011	<b>2003</b>	Virgil Morgan Jr.	318,167
Brett Miller	565,802	<b>2002</b>	Michael Medors	315,369
David Hawk	655,600	<b>2001</b>	Michael Medors	283,225
David Hawk	643,650	<b>2000</b>	Virgil Morgan Jr.	266,225
David Hawk	459,100	<b>1999</b>	Virgil Morgan Jr.	213,495
David Miller	543,869	<b>1998</b>	Sam Noble III	174,257
David Miller	463,002	<b>1997</b>	Jeff Cox	138,597
David Miller	401,277	<b>1996</b>	Jim Arledge Jr.	140,437
David Miller	466,335	<b>1995</b>	Tom Brinkerhoff	162,605
David Miller	537,739	<b>1994</b>	Ron Potter	132,431
David Miller	339,179	<b>1993</b>	Sam Noble III	164,139
David Miller	288,852	<b>1992</b>	Doug Hinklin	194,168
Ray Paver Jr.	293,334	<b>1991</b>	Debbie Paver	154,726
Dave Rankin	264,384	<b>1990</b>	Dave Rankin	172,972
Sam Noble III	223,955	<b>1989</b>	Steve Brannan	156,136
Joe Adamsky	185,303	<b>1988</b>	Beth Dailey	135,230