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Ron Burke & Chris Page take 2020 Kaltenbach Honors

Trainer & driver win Ohio Sires Stakes awards for second straight season

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Trainer Ron Burke and driver Chris Page have captured the 2020 Kaltenbach titles for the second consecutive season.

The Jerry Kaltenbach Memorial Trophies were established in 1988 and are awarded annually to the driver and trainer who have earned the most dollars competing in Ohio Sires Stakes events in a single season.

Trainer Ron Burke captured his third Kaltenbach training title in 2020, sending 95 youngsters postward in the 2020 Ohio Sires Stakes (OSS) legs, Championships, and consolations. His total money earnings from these OSS events were \$1,392,500, surpassing his 2019 totals of \$1,121,50 in OSS earnings.

Burke had captured the 2014 Kaltenbach crown with \$428,750 in OSS earnings and was runner-up in 2018, before winning the 2019 title. This year his impressive assortment of 2- and 3-year-old pacers and trotters scored 20 wins, 19 seconds and six third place finishes in OSS competition.

Finishing in the runner-up spot was conditioner Chris Beaver with \$791,600 in OSS earnings with a 12-12-12 record from 79 starts, while trainer Virgil Morgan, Jr., had a 12-3-1 record in 29 starts, amassing \$508,500 in OSS earnings.

A total of 130 trainers participated in the 2020 OSS events, with eight earning between \$100,000 and \$300,000, and four conditioning the winners of \$360,700 or more. A full 56 trained the winners of \$10,000 to \$100,000, while 34 trainers saw their charges earn between \$2,000 and \$9,999.

Driver Chris Page captured the 2020 Kaltenbach title for the fifth time in seven years and for the second straight season. Page piloted 91 starters who scored 18 wins, 17 seconds and seven third to \$1,179,300 in earnings. Last year he had a 23-9-11 record from 94 starts and \$1,085,100 in earnings.

Brett Miller was second in command for the second straight season, with 16 wins, 14 seconds and eight thirds (\$1,068,600), while Danny Noble garnered a 10-10-8 record (\$764,900) from 55 OSS starts.

Of the 54 drivers who participated in the 2020 OSS events, 44 garnered at least one purse check; 13 notched earnings of \$100,000 or more; ten earned \$200,000 or more; and six earned \$400,000 or better. There were 17 drivers whose OSS purse checks totaled between \$10,000 and \$100,000, while 14 amassed \$9,999 or less.

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.



Chris Page



Ron Burke

Kaltenbach Memorial Award Winners 1988 -2020

Driver	Earnings	Year	Trainer	Earnings
Chris Page	\$1,178,300	2020	Ron Burke	\$1,392,500
Chris Page	\$1,085,100	2019	Ron Burke	\$1,121,850
Ronnie Wrenn, Jr.	\$987,500	2018	Brian Brown	\$1,075,850
Chris Page	\$849,100	2017	Chris Beaver	\$782,200
Chris Page	\$1,482,300	2016	Jim Dailey	\$908,300
Ronnie Wrenn, Jr.	\$858,350	2015	Martin Wollam	\$490,500
Chris Page	\$743,650	2014	Ron Burke	\$428,750
Dan Noble	416,500	2013	Jim Dailey	319,850
Kayne Kauffman	204,268	2012	Martin Wollam	205,413
Ryan Stahl	300,532	2011	Martin Wollam	149,997
Ryan Stahl	219,647	2010	Jim Arledge Jr.	160,240
Dan Noble	238,173	2009	Jim Dailey	247,380
Sam Noble III	255,500	2008	Jim Dailey	205,400
Ryan Stahl	383,311	2007	Michael Medors	209,025
Brett Miller	584,800	2006	Virgil Morgan Jr.	332,700
Brett Miller	667,800	2005	Virgil Morgan Jr.	416,600
Brett Miller	629,140	2004	Virgil Morgan Jr.	310,255
David Hawk	399,011	2003	Virgil Morgan Jr.	318,167
Brett Miller	565,802	2002	Michael Medors	315,369
David Hawk	655,600	2001	Michael Medors	283,225
David Hawk	643,650	2000	Virgil Morgan Jr.	266,225
David Hawk	459,100	1999	Virgil Morgan Jr.	213,495
David Miller	543,869	1998	Sam Noble III	174,257
David Miller	463,002	1997	Jeff Cox	138,597
David Miller	401,277	1996	Jim Arledge Jr.	140,437
David Miller	466,335	1995	Tom Brinkerhoff	162,605
David Miller	537,739	1994	Ron Potter	132,431
David Miller	339,179	1993	Sam Noble III	164,139
David Miller	288,852	1992	Doug Hinklin	194,168
Ray Paver Jr.	293,334	1991	Debbie Paver	154,726
Dave Rankin	264,384	1990	Dave Rankin	172,972
Sam Noble III	223,955	1989	Steve Brannan	156,136
Joe Adamsky	185,303	1988	Beth Dailey	135,230