



## DALE ROMANS

**Born:** August 14, 1966 in Louisville, Ky.

**Residence:** Louisville, Ky.

**Family:** Wife Tammy, daughter Bailey, and son Jacob.

**Breeders' Cup victories:** Juvenile Fillies Turf – Tapitsfly (2009).

Kentucky-based Dale Romans has won numerous training titles at Churchill Downs, Keeneland and Turfway Park over the years and has seen his stable grow to national stature through the addition of several major clients and their outstanding horses.



He learned the training business at the knee of his late father, Jerry Romans. The younger Romans took out his first trainer's license at age 18. During the winter of 1986, Romans worked as an assistant to the legendary Hall of Fame trainer Woody Stephens at Hialeah Park.

Romans saddled his first winner – Miss Mandy – at Turfway on Feb. 15, 1987.

The trainer scored his first Breeders' Cup victory by saddling Juvenile Fillies Turf winner Tapitsfly for longtime client Frank L. Jones Jr. Tapitsfly was one of six graded stakes winners for Romans during 2009, the others being Swift Temper, winner of three graded races on the year; Hull, Eaton's Gift, Thorn Song and Quiet Temper

Two of his most impressive trainees – Roses in May and Kitten's Joy, both owned by Ken and Sarah Ramsey – made 2004 and 2005 especially good for the trainer. Kitten's Joy finished second to Better Talk Now in the 2004 Breeders' Cup Turf and Roses in May was runner-up to eventual Horse of the Year Ghostzapper in that year's Breeders' Cup Classic.

In 2005, Roses in May came back to run second in the Donn Handicap before winning the Dubai World Cup. He was retired later that year and now stands at stud in Japan. As a 3-year-old in 2004, Kitten's Joy captured the Palm Beach Stakes and the Secretariat Stakes and Joe Hirsch Turf Classic, both Grade I events. Kitten's Joy was retired in 2005, too, and now stands stud at Ramsey Farm.

The trainer has more than 100 horses in training primarily at Churchill Downs and his 100-stall Liberty Lane training facility in Goshen, Ky., not far from Louisville. Typically, he has divisions at various times of the year at Keeneland, Palm Meadows Training Center, Gulfstream Park, Saratoga Race Course and Belmont Park.

Romans' preparation of Sharp Humor for the 2006 Kentucky Derby was a focal point of the documentary film, "The First Saturday in May." Romans' lone Kentucky Derby starter, Sharp Humor, finished 19th in 2006.

The trainer's purse earnings for 2009 totaled \$5,186,678, good for 18th among North American conditioners.