



MEET HAROLD COLLINS



Harold Collins has been the leading rider in Quarter Horse Racing in Indiana and Kentucky for the last two years. His dedication and positive attitude are two keys to his success.

He first began riding at the age of eight years old. And hard as it may be to believe, he was match racing Quarter Horses at that age. Harold gives credit to his friends in North Carolina, Ronnie and Kathy Oxendine, for being instrumental in his early years on horseback.

Harold began riding professionally at age seventeen for Olin Goff of South Carolina. He rode some Thoroughbreds and did well, but admits that he really enjoyed the speed offered on the back of the sprinting Quarter Horses.

Success came with some recognizable names. Pretty Boy Perry (Mr Jess Perry x Elected, by Raise Your Glass TB) was ridden by Harold in his first two race wins. Harold had the honor of gate-breaking Toast To Dash (Victory Dash x A Toast To Jet, by Raise Your Glass TB.) He also won several races on Deltas First Dash (First Down Dash x Sudden Fame, by Tiny's Gay), a AAA full brother to Dash Ta Fame.

A few of Harold's many accomplishments that stand out to him are winning the New Mexican Spring Futurity and the Zia Futurity on the same horse, Mark My Dial (Make My Mark x Dial One For Ryon, by Ronas Ryon.)

He also rode Miss Jess Perry si107 (Mr Jess Perry x My Lady Amber, by First Down Dash) to the Hoosier Classic win at Indiana Downs and Stakes wins in Michigan. Harold said he, "always looked forward to riding her."

"Fastest Horses on the Track"



"All Quarter Horses All The Time July 3rd at Indiana Downs"

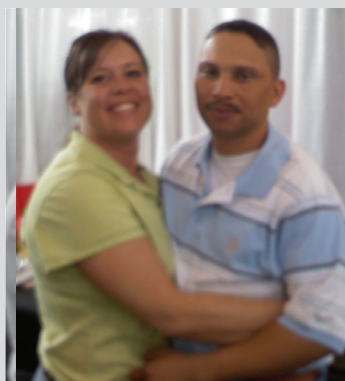
One of the most memorable races of Harold's career to date was when he rode GCH Byallmeans Magic (Magic Dozen x Byallmeans Precious, by Easy Jet) as a three year old to her first win. (She was a non-winner at two and Open Allowance.) They day lighted the field to run a 110 Speed Index and set a new track record at Ruidoso for the 330yd (16.40) that is still standing. Heza Bold Man (Heza Fast Man x Last Episode, by Bold Episode) was in the field of those they outran and he had already won over \$300,000.

Harold and his fiance, Christina Neal, call Indiana home. With Indiana's great (Quarter) horse racing programs and purses, it is no surprise. The couple will be married on July 24th and plan on staying in Indiana.

During the "off season," Harold can still be found match racing in LA, FL, GA, SC and NC and he also enjoys breaking the young horses to ride.

Future plans keep the couple involved in the horse business. Harold carries a Trainer's license and someday may choose to let someone else cross the finish line with one of his horses. Until then look for Harold in the Winner's Circle.

VIEW FROM A JOCKEY'S "OTHER HALF"



Christina Neal met her soon to be husband, Harold Collins, through the horse business. She has been riding horses since she was four years old and has been a huge fan of Thoroughbred racing for as long as she can remember. (She jokes and adds, "until Harold converted me to the Quarter Horses.")

Their days begin as early as 4am when Harold is at one of the two Indiana tracks riding. Christina spends most of her time at the track with him when she is not at her full-time job.

She says their love for the horses makes it easy to work as a team. She owns two 2 year old that will race this year. I wonder who will jockey for her?