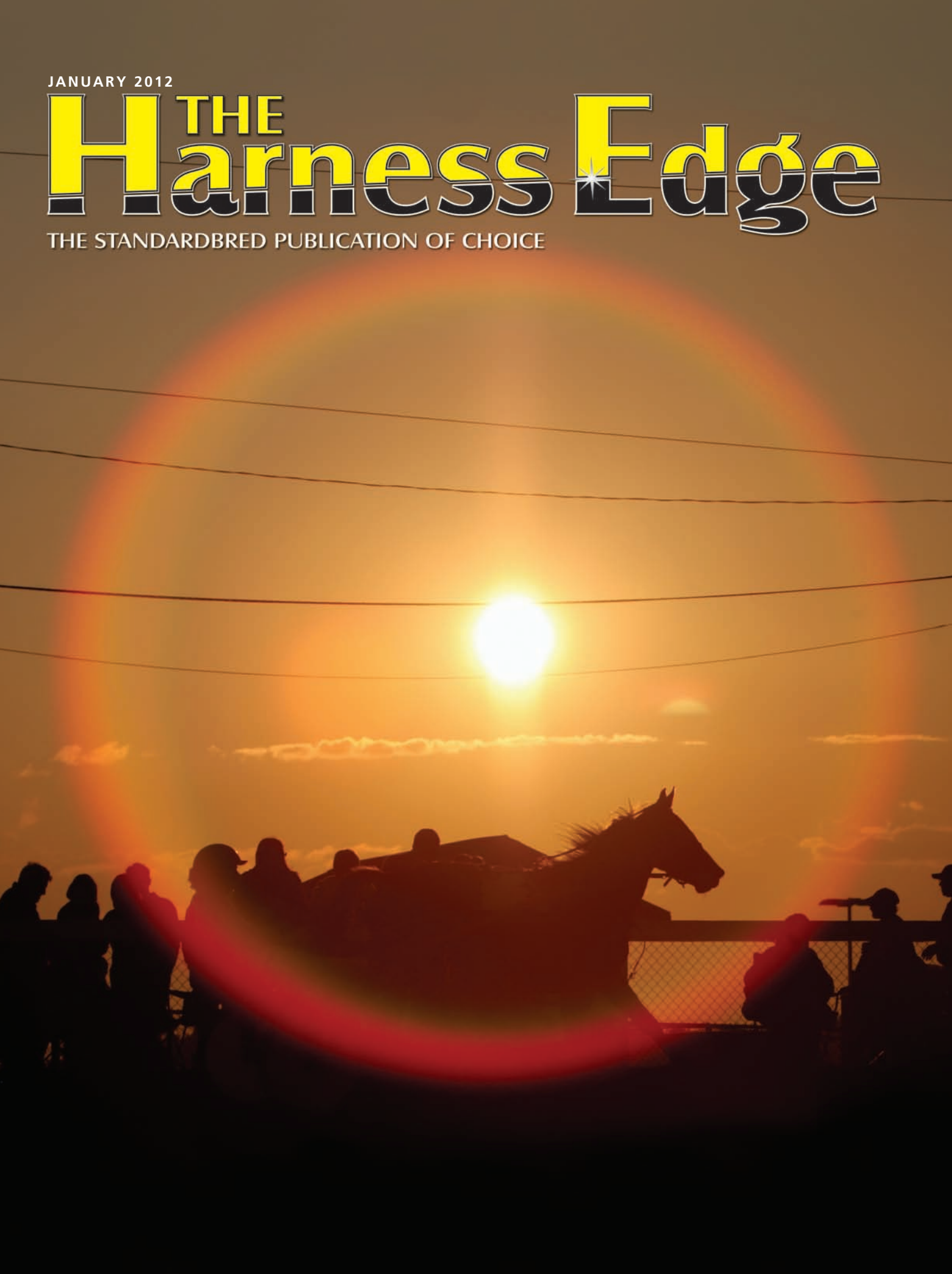


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THE RESUME...

- \$1 million Meadowlands Pace (over Tell All)
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- James Dancer Memorial (1:52.3h at Freehold)
- Second in Cane Pace and Little Brown Jug elimination (1:51.4)
- International Stallion Stake winner at two (1:51.4)
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Comes To Ontario...



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nd Lynx

p,2,1:51.4, 3,1:48.3-1:52.3h (\$1,746,956)
Real Artist – Luxury Class – Jate Lobell

THE FAMILY

- Half-brother to Southwind Lark p,1:51f (\$194,323).
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Dan Noble's Driving On

Dan Noble, who won more races than any other driver in North America in 2011, is the latest star from his talented Ohio based family.



Hands On Horse Breeder

It was a banner year for Millstream Farm in 2011 with a Hambletonian Oaks winner among its credits but for owner Claudean Cone it was simply another gratifying chapter in the life she loves.



Sweet Lou Provides Sweet Dreams

Trainer Ron Burke doesn't get too nervous anymore before big races given the number his charges have competed in, but he admits he does feel butterflies before Sweet Lou's outings. "There's something about him that gets to me."



Optimism For Ohio

Joe McLead and his Uncle Billy Walters have brought four class stallions to Sugar Valley Farm in Delaware, Ohio, hoping to be in on the beginning of the resurgence of harness racing and breeding in that once prosperous state.

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Abelated Happy New Year to all of our readers. I hope you all enjoyed a restful and joyful holiday season.

For those of you who follow Ontario racing on simulcast, you may have seen the public service announcements recently created for the Ontario Standardbred Adoption Society.

At this past year's Steve Condren OSAS Golf tournament, several top horsemen took the time to talk to Greg Blanchard about the need for such an organization and some of the reasons why Standardbreds are so wonderful to work with, their versatility and willingness to learn, etc.

"I think it's pure and simple the nature of the animal. Inherently, I think they're a breed that want to satisfy whether it's on the racetrack or in a more hobby type scenario," said trainer Ben Wallace in his interview.

"The breed of the horse is subtle and gentle and they have an innate ability to want to satisfy."

Grand River Raceway's Kelly Spencer and Jeremy Brick, who filmed

these interviews, then took the footage and created several short PSAs and distributed them to the racetracks with the capability to show them. The long version may be viewed through this [link](#).

I'd like to take this chance to thank everyone involved in the project and the tracks, which are showing them as it's one more opportunity to showcase our horses that are waiting to be adopted.

OSAS currently has a number of horses looking for new homes and we are always looking for ways to spread that message and find them permanent loving homes.

It behooves us all to make as many people as possible aware of the program, especially those outside of the harness racing world. For more information on the program, please visit their website through this [link](#).

I have to extend kudos also to the many volunteers who help OSAS and its horses and the two women who are behind it, Joanne Colville and Anita TenBruggencate. Anita was actually the person who established OSAS almost 20 years ago and came back into the fold last year and has been a godsend to the program.

Joanne, who seems to spend half her life on the road taking OSAS horses to events and shows, recently trailered four of OSAS's horses to a forging competition sponsored by System Fencing and reported that many of the farriers and observers commented on how well behaved the Standardbreds were.

One of the reasons most people are involved in this industry is their love of the horse. Through OSAS and the many other similar programs for retired Standardbreds across North America, we are ensuring that love continues beyond their racing and breeding careers.

Good health and good racing to all,



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One of the OSAS horses lending a hoof at the recent forging competition.



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County Fair

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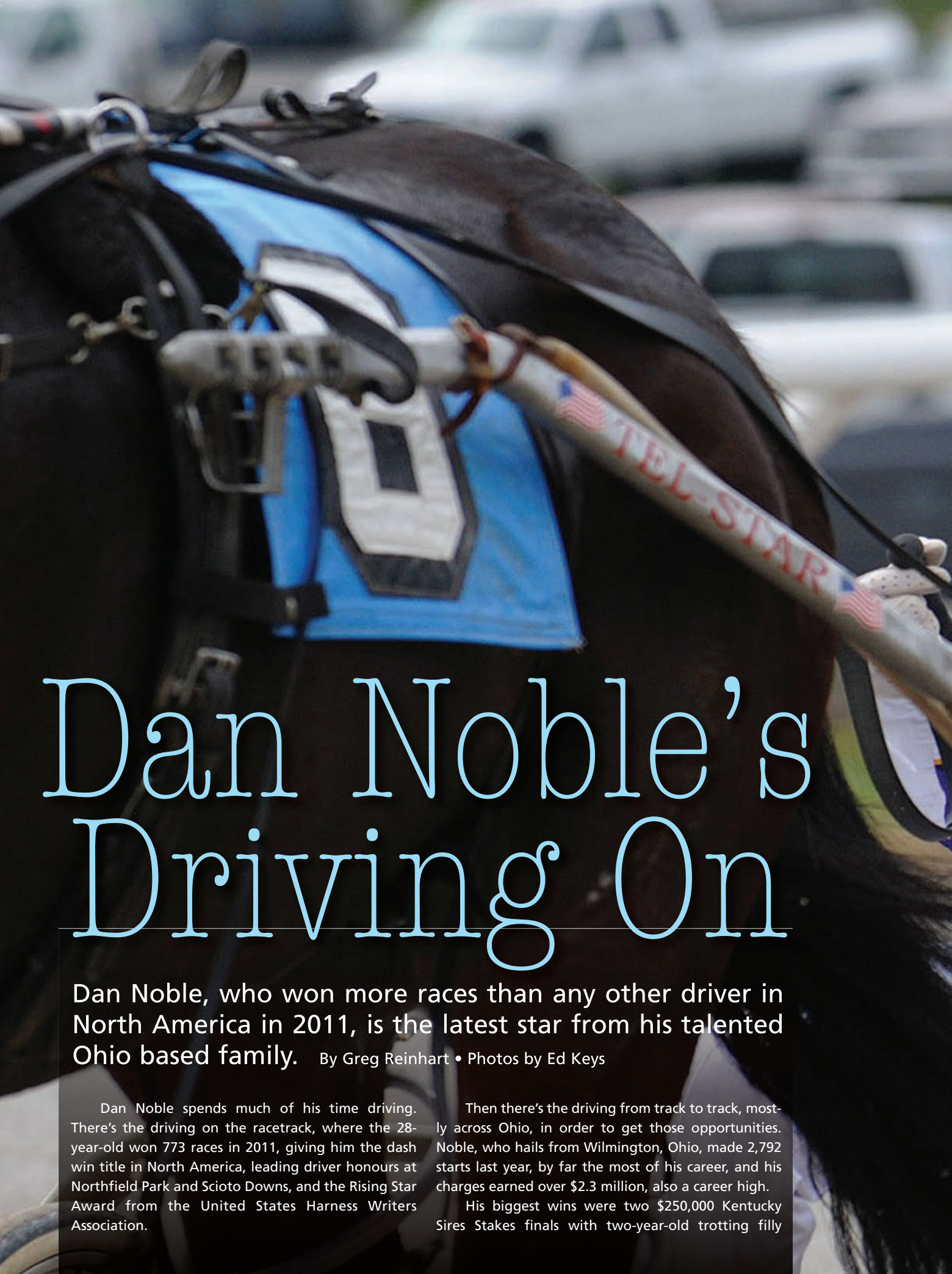
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Dan Noble's Driving On

Dan Noble, who won more races than any other driver in North America in 2011, is the latest star from his talented Ohio based family. By Greg Reinhart • Photos by Ed Keys

Dan Noble spends much of his time driving. There's the driving on the racetrack, where the 28-year-old won 773 races in 2011, giving him the dash win title in North America, leading driver honours at Northfield Park and Scioto Downs, and the Rising Star Award from the United States Harness Writers Association.

Then there's the driving from track to track, mostly across Ohio, in order to get those opportunities. Noble, who hails from Wilmington, Ohio, made 2,792 starts last year, by far the most of his career, and his charges earned over \$2.3 million, also a career high.

His biggest wins were two \$250,000 Kentucky Sires Stakes finals with two-year-old trotting filly



DAN NOBLE'S DRIVING ON

Northern Miss Hall and three-year-old trotting filly Adagio. The former race may be viewed by [clicking here](#) while Adagio's victory may be [watched through this link](#).

"I always wanted to be a driver," Noble offered. "I didn't want to do anything else. There was one point in time in my life, when I was a junior in high school, I thought about being a diesel mechanic. I took some school on that, but the only thing I loved to do was be around the horses.

"It's a big grind, and it's tough on the body," Noble said of his travels. "I'm away from my family all the time. The hours just being on the road traveling; it feels like you don't even have a home anymore.

"You basically feel like you live out of your car. I'd love to get to a point in my life where I don't have to go up and down the highway.

"One thing I didn't mention all last year was that I never realized how much hard work you had to put into it to stay on top to be the dash title winner or just to be in the top five. With the working hours that guys like Tim Tetrick or Dave Palone put in, I have a lot of respect for them."

Dan Noble is part of one of Ohio's most famous harness racing families. His grandfather, Sam, was active in harness racing, and his father is Sam "Chip" Noble, III., a member of the Ohio Harness Racing Hall of Fame and the trainer of horses like Nobleland Sam and Deal Direct.

His father is still training and driving horses in Ohio. In addition to his family, Noble is also close to Dave Miller, a person he calls the standard-bearer for drivers leaving Ohio and going on to success elsewhere.

"(My dad) just taught me how to work hard and to stay it," Dan stated. "A lot of the things I had to teach myself. He would kind of guide you, but he would never really tell you exactly what to do.

"When you did something wrong, he would tell you, and that would be about the only time he would let you know. I worked for 13 years for him and my grandfather before my grandfather



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"I've always looked up to David Miller. I was around him quite a bit when I was younger. He reminds me a lot of my father. I patterned my colours a lot after Dave.

"I was actually going to go with the family colours and my grandfather okayed me to change them. I would have never done it, but he okayed it, so I went with it. I was actually staying with David Miller at the time I ordered them."

Family is still an important part of Noble's life, even though he spends so much time at the track or in his truck. When he does get some free time, spending time with his girlfriend Stephanie and son Braxton is at the top of his list.

"My main priority is my family," Noble said. "I love taking them and just doing some family activities. We like going to the beach. We just came back from Key West. I do like going down and

Dan Noble drove Hare Craft, a winner of \$215,000 to date, to several of his stakes victories last season. The four-year-old son of Yankee Cruiser is now trained by Ontario-based Ryan Maxwell.

just hanging out on a beach to get away from everything.

"(Stephanie and Braxton) pretty much just hang out at home. They go along with me when I'm close nearby home. It's such a drive to Northfield. It's just a struggle because of the hours on the road. My son is going to be two on the 11th (of January), and as a little kid it's pretty tough to take them everywhere."

Noble began driving on a regular basis in 1999 and got his first win with Dr Elbon, a horse owned and trained by his father. His numbers steadily climbed, and in 2003 he had 220 wins. He was still driving into 2004, but then didn't drive

from August of 2004 through June of 2006 as he ran into personal issues that put his career and life at a crossroads.

"I was under a suspension," Noble said. "I had gotten into a little trouble, and I had a lot of things that weren't going right for me. It was right around the time my grandfather passed away.

"I was kind of heading down the wrong path, and I had to go do some things to fix myself. It's paid off. I regret it, but it was a learning experience."

Fortunately, Noble got things turned around and began driving again with instant success. He initially drove in Ohio but then moved to the Chicago-area tracks in 2008 and early in 2009.

He returned to Ohio after that and won 313 races in 2010, prior to his personal best 2011 campaign. He's stated his desire to try and win another dash title in 2012, although there will be some changes to his schedule.

"I know it's going to be a grind again," Noble said. "I've got a guy now that's going to help me do some of the driving. That way I'm not worn down as much.

"I let everybody know; I'll be more than willing to go anywhere anytime, just give me a call. I'll do what I can to make sure I'm there.

"I'm going to start trying to go back (to The Meadows) again during their afternoon cards, which I think are Monday through Wednesday, and go to Northfield at night.

"What I'm starting to do now for Fridays and Saturdays is head to Buffalo. There's a friend of mine that lives down here at home, and his brother actually owns about 25 horses that race up there.

"They tried to get me to go up last year when Chris Page was driving for Kenny Holliday, but I told them I didn't want to leave home when things were going good.

"I just came back from Florida and spoke to the brother and since we're shutting down Saturdays here at home, I told him I needed somewhere else to go to fill another day in. They're going for better money, so I figured I'd give it a shot."

Talking to people he drives for is a big part of Noble's regiment as well. In fact, he says it's the major reason for his success.

"The number one key I honestly believe is staying in contact with your owners and trainers," Noble said. "I'm constantly on the phone. When I'm traveling up and down the highway, I feel like I never get rid of phone.

"I probably talk to 50 to 75 different people a day. I don't get to talk to him a whole lot, but I try to stay pretty close to Virgil Morgan, Jr. I didn't get to do much driving for Ron Potter this year, but Ron Potter and I are pretty close. We talk a lot. There are some other trainers that aren't as big as those stables, but I do stay close in contact with them."

Ron Potter, who trained last year's Little Brown Jug winner Big Bad John, also had a horse in the race back in 2010 named Docs Yankee. Noble drove the horse, and they finished third in their elimination and sixth in the final, giving Noble a taste of Ohio's biggest race.

Even though Noble didn't drive in the Little Brown Jug last year, he had a great deal of success during the week at the Delaware County Fair, including winning seven races on September 20.

"It was a real privilege to drive that horse in the Jug," Noble recalled. "That was always somewhat of a dream I had as a little kid. Even if I didn't have anything that was fast enough to win it or be in the top three, I just always thought it would be a privilege to drive in it.

"For me, it's about like a Super Bowl to drive (at the Delaware County Fair). You only get to do it once a year, and I get really excited when Delaware comes up. You have a different feeling than at any other track because of the crowd and it's Delaware."

Even though things are going well

for Noble in Ohio, he has an eye on the slots situation in Ohio. If the state can get them put in and purses begin to go up, it's likely he will continue to call the Buckeye State his home, but if not, he'll try and follow in the footsteps of Dave Miller and make his way east.

"I've always wanted to go somewhere else," Noble stated. "I just haven't quite had the opportunities to go anywhere.

"I went to Illinois for three years, but there wasn't much different in being there and being in Ohio, so I ended up coming back home. I want to make a move one day. I'm just not sure when.

"If they do get slots (in Ohio), I'll stay here as my home base, just as everybody else has, but if things really don't change here in the state, I'm going to look towards Dover or head out east."

Regardless of where he ends up, with his life in order, with the backing of his family and friends, and with the willingness he has to make himself available to drive, Dan Noble is definitely a star on the rise. 🐾

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p, 2, 1:53.3; 3, 1:48.4; 1:48f (\$2,640,532)
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- 12 victories under 1:50
- Winner of the Meadowlands Pace, Breeders Crown, Franklin Memorial & the Classic Final
- Retired with a record of 26-10-4 in 52 lifetime starts
- His first crop yearlings sell this fall & they look the part!

3

Federal Flex

Muscles Yankee – Scully FBI – S J's Photo
2, 1:56.1s; 3, 1:53.3 (\$840,643)
Fee: \$5,000

- Winner of the \$718,000 Valley Victory & \$333,200 Goodtimes Trot
- The second foal of multiple stakes winner Scully FBI 1:54 (\$557,668)
- His first crop yearlings will highlight the sales this fall!

5

Ponder

The Panderosa – Empty Feeling – Abercrombie
p, 2, 1:58.1h; 3, 1:53f; 1:48.1 – 1:49h (\$1,686,134)
Fee: \$4,000

- 1:49 World Record holder on a half-mile track
- Major victories include the Canadian Pacing Derby, US Pacing Championship & Molson Canadian Pace
- Paced to 8 sub 1:50 victories
- Leading performers from his first 2 crops include In Deep Thought p, 2, 1:53.1f; 3, 1:52f' 11 (\$275,643), Bolt The Duer p, 2, 1:51' 11 (\$214,058) & Caviart Key p, 2, 1:53.1' 11 (\$191,073)

7

Up The Credit – New for 2012

Western Terror – Cantbuymehappiness – Pacific Rocket
p, 2, 1:51.4s; 3, 1:49s' 11 (\$1,161,643)
Fee: \$5,000

- Victories include the \$1,500,000 North America Cup, Simcoe Stakes, Somebeachsomewhere Stakes & Meadowlands Pace Consolation
- Lifetime mark came in his dominant victory in the Somebeachsomewhere Stakes, where he closed with a brilliant 26-second final quarter
- Retired with a record of 10 wins, 4 seconds, and 2 thirds in 26 lifetime starts

2

Camluck

Cam Fella – Lucky Lady – Striking Image
p, 3, 1:52.4f; T1:48.4 (\$1,003,260)
Fee: \$12,500

- Has sired the winners of over \$189 million
- His offspring have averaged over \$115,000 per starter
- Has sired 23 winners of over \$1,000,000

4

Holiday Road

Yankee Glide – Jambo – Tagliabue
2, 1:54; 3, 1:52.4 – '10 (\$462,200)
Fee: \$4,500

- Winner of the \$523,600 Peter Haughton Memorial in a stakes record time of 1:54, one full second faster than the previous record held by Donato Hanover & Muscle Hill
- The full brother to Breeders Crown winner & leading sire Ken Warkentin 2, 1:55.3; 3, 1:52.3 (\$1,066,946)
- Standing his 2nd season in 2012

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Santanna Blue Chip

Art Major – Mmissus Hanover – Matt's Scooter
p, 2, 1:51.3 (\$1,633,643)
Fee: \$4,000

- The richest 2-year-old ever by Art Major
- Won the \$731,700 Governor's Cup & the \$650,000 Breeders Crown at 2
- Finished 3rd in the \$1,000,000 Metro Pace
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8

Stonebridge Regal

Artsplace – Lady Joanna – Barberry Spur
p, 3, 1:49.3s; 1:48.1 (\$1,065,578)
Fee: \$4,000

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- His first crop included OSS winners Regal Attitude p, 2, 1:55.2f' 11 (\$67,750) & Regally Blonde p, 2, 1:56.2h' 11 (\$43,650)

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Big Jim – New for 2012

Western Ideal – Bold Pink – Big Towner
p, 2, 1:49.1s' 10 (\$1,544,580)
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