



Todd Pletcher

Born: June 26, 1967, Dallas, Texas

Residence: Garden City, N.Y.

Family: wife Tracy, children Payton, Kyle and Hannah

Education: Graduated from the University of Arizona in 1989 with a bachelor's degree in Animal Science.

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Breeders' Cup record: 137-10-13-14 | \$17,678,030

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- **Eclipse Awards: Champion Trainer** (2004–2007, 2010, 2013 and 2014); **Champion Older Mare** (Ashado, 2005 and Fleet Indian, 2005); **Champion Older Male** (Left Bank, 2002 and Lawyer Ron, 2007); **Champion Turf Male** (English Channel, 2007); **Champion Sprinter** (Speightstown, 2004); **Champion 3-Year-Old Filly** (Ashado, 2004; Wait a While, 2006, and Rags to Riches, 2007); **Champion 2-Year-Old** (Uncle Mo, 2010 and Shanghai Bobby, 2012).
 - Pletcher ranks fifth among all Breeders' Cup winning trainers, adding to his totals in 2018 when Bulletin won the Juvenile Turf Sprint. It was his first Breeders' Cup win since 2015 when Stopchargingmaria pulled the upset in the Distaff and Liam's Map won the Dirt Mile.. ... His best year at the Breeders' Cup came in 2010 when he won three Breeders' Cup races: the Juvenile with eventual champion Uncle Mo, the Juvenile Turf (G1) with Pluck, and the Juvenile Fillies Turf (G1) with More Than Real.
 - Pletcher's other Breeders' Cup winners are English Channel (2007 Turf (G1)), Ashado (2004 Distaff) and Speightstown (2004 Sprint).
 - Accomplished something only his mentor and former boss, D. Wayne Lukas, had when he won two legs of the Triple Crown in 2017 with two different horses. He earned his second Kentucky Derby victory with Always Dreaming and third Belmont Stakes with Tapwrit.
 - Pletcher has led the nation in earnings nine times, including 2011-2015.
 - He surpassed his mentor, D. Wayne Lukas, on the all-time earnings list among North

American trainers when Jack Milton rallied from off a hot pace to take the 2014 Poker Stakes (G3) at Belmont Park. The win gave him \$268,512,294 in career earnings compared with Lukas' monetary tally of \$268,467,262 ... He became the first trainer in history to surpass \$300 million in career earnings when Azar finished second in the Pilgrim Stakes (G3) at Belmont Sept. 26, 2015.

- Pletcher's 2013 campaign was highlighted by his third Triple Crown victory when Palace Malice captured the Belmont Stakes ... Palace Malice also won the Jim Dandy Stakes (G2) ... Pletcher's other Triple Crown wins came from the filly Rags to Riches in the 2007 Belmont Stakes and Super Saver in the 2010 Kentucky Derby.
- He became just the 10th trainer to win at least 4,000 races March 18, 2016 when Eagle Scout won the fifth race at Gulfstream Park.
- Pletcher collected the 3,000 win of his career on Feb. 11, 2012 when Spring Hill Farm won the third race at Gulfstream Park.
- Had to withdraw the early Kentucky Derby favorite in 2010 and 2011 with Eskendereya and Uncle Mo, respectively.
- Pletcher started 2008 by collecting his 2,000th career win on Jan. 13 with On the Virg and finished the year as the second-leading trainer, behind Steve Asmussen, with 208 wins from 1,090 starts and \$13,571,546 in earnings.
- In 2007, Pletcher trainee Lawyer Ron broke the track record set by Pletcher's first Eclipse Award winner, Left Bank, when he captured the Whitney in a final time of 1:46.64. Previously, also in the Whitney, Left Bank had equaled the Saratoga track record of 1:47 set by Tri Jet in 1974.
- Pletcher shattered his own record from 2006 when he ended the year with \$28,576,097 in earnings. In 2006, his stable earned \$26,820,243. He surpassed D. Wayne Lukas' record of 92 stakes victories in a year Oct. 15, 2006, when Scat Daddy won the Champagne (G1), and he finished that year with 100 stakes wins out 416 starters. He also broke Lukas' record of 53 graded stakes victories in a year with 57 victories.
- With 47 individual stakes winners in 2005, Pletcher became the first trainer to crack \$20 million in purse earnings with \$20,867,842.
- While in college, Pletcher spent his summers working with trainers Henry Moreno, D. Wayne Lukas and Charlie Whittingham; he went to work as an assistant for Lukas two weeks after his college graduation.
- After seven years with Lukas, Pletcher opened his own public stable with seven horses in December 1995 at Hialeah and won his first race in February 1996 at Gulfstream Park with Majestic Number. Among his early success stories was Jersey Girl, who won seven consecutive races before being injured, including three Grade 1 stakes: the Acorn, the Mother Goose and the Test.
- Pletcher grew up in the racing business, helping his father, Jake (J.J.) Pletcher, who trained Thoroughbreds and Quarter Horses throughout the Midwest and California. Jake

Pletcher continues to work with Thoroughbreds at a training center in Ocala, Florida.

- Pletcher employs four assistant trainers – Tristan Barry, Ginny DePasquale, Anthony Sciametta and Byron Hughes II ... Former Pletcher assistants who have gone on to train on their own include Michael McCarthy, George Weaver, Michelle Nihei, Seth Benzel and Michael Dilger.