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PALONE IS HTA DRIVER OF THE YEAR FOR THE SEVENTH TIME

Dave Palone, the 51-year-old Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, native is Harness Tracks of America's Driver of the Year, the formidable achievement that remains the most difficult award in the sport of harness racing to win.

The evidence of the accomplishment is clear in the fact that of the 3,156 drivers who competed for purses in North America in 2013, only six were able to finish in the top 10 in Money Won, Races Won and Universal Driver Rating System (UDRS) in-the-money percentage.

Under the HTA formula, points are awarded on the basis of 25 for first down to one for 25th in the standings in Money Won, Races Won, and UDRS, with a 25-point bonus for finishing in the top 25 in all three categories.

Palone's 2013 Driver of the Year trophy will be presented as part of the United States Harness Writer's 2014 Dan Patch Awards Banquet Night of Champions, on Sunday, February 23, 2014 at Dover Downs in Dover, Delaware.

Here are the complete standings for 2013 for the top 25 drivers in North America:

Leading Drivers	Wins (Rank)	Earnings (Rank)	UDRS (Rank)	Bonus	Total Points
Dave Palone	645 (2T)	\$6,128,869.00 (12)	0.385 (3)	25	85.5
Yannick Gingras	537 (8T)	\$14,231,476.00 (2)	0.367 (8)	25	84.5
Tim Tetrick	582 (5)	\$16,164,822.00 (1)	0.320 (13T)	25	83.5
Brian Sears	507 (12T)	\$13,737,691.00 (3)	0.368 (7)	25	80.5
George Napolitano Jr.	551 (7)	\$6,068,813.00 (14)	0.315 (18)	25	64
George Brennan	450 (14)	\$9,134,699.00 (7)	0.311(20T)	25	61.5
Corey Callahan	619 (4)	\$9,708,323.00 (6)	0.281 (unranked)		42
Ronnie Wrenn Jr.	714 (1)	\$2,480,373.00 (unranked)	0.361 (10)		41
Trevor Henry	529 (10)	\$2,458,956.00 (unranked)	0.392 (2)		40
Ronald Pierce	537 (8T)	\$11,550,300.00 (5)	0.281 (unranked)		38.5
Michael Oosting	511 (11)	\$3,535,283.00 (unranked)	0.373 (5)		36
James Morrill Jr.	343 (unranked)	\$6,116,760.00 (13)	0.383 (4)		35
Bruce Aldrich Jr.	645 (2T)	\$2,764,419.00 (unranked)	0.316 (17)		32.5
Matthew Kakaley	446 (15)	\$7,527,717.00 (8)	0.287 (unranked)		29
David Miller	388 (22)	\$12,230,914.00 (4)	0.268 (unranked)		26
Winston Campbell	321 (unranked)	\$835,983.00 (unranked)	0.416 (1)		25
Aaron Merriman	568 (6)	\$4,165,510.00 (24)	0.292 (unranked)		22
Bruce Ranger	254 (unranked)	\$1,216,733.00 (unranked)	0.369 (6)		20
Jason Bartlett	362 (24)	\$7,136,699.00 (9)	0.260 (unranked)		19
James Marohn Jr.	390 (21)	\$1,762,040.00 (unranked)	0.331 (12)		19
Jody Jamieson	352 (unranked)	\$6,300,192.00 (11)	0.307 (23T)		17
Andy Miller	354 (25)	\$7,122,058.00 (10)	0.254 (unranked)		17
Luke Plano	262 (unranked)	\$765,014.00 (unranked)	0.363 (9)		17
Heath Campbell	202 (unranked)	\$817,779.00 (unranked)	0.349 (11)		15
Chris Page	428 (16)	\$2,478,072.00 (unranked)	0.308 (22)		14



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Dave Palone HTA 2013 Driver of the Year