

Paul Martin

Paul Martin is a true horseman. A native of the Muncie, Ind. area, Martin started barrel racing in the 1970's. He found success with horses such as Hoosier Fame, A Lot of Gamble and The Money Roll, all of which went on to be nationally ranked in futurities and money won as well as professional rodeos.

Martin's passion in barrel racing led him to Quarter Horse racing icon Sterlie Bertram. Martin bought Heza Rocket Bar as a barrel horse, but after realizing he wasn't what they were looking for, he explored the option of racing through Trainer Bill Jackson, who in turn, taught Martin to train and run horses.

Martin's first experience at the track was a good one, winning three in a row at Beulah Park in Ohio and three on the county fair circuit with Heza Rocket Bar. This horse was the start of stable expansion into racing based out of Indiana. He won many races in the 1980s and 1990s with his first stakes win recorded at the Indiana State Fairgrounds with Miss Vanajet. Since 2000, Martin has 76 wins and more than \$2 million in purse earnings. The multiple stakes winning trainer has been ranked twice among the nation's top 100 trainers in the past three years. Some of the standouts in recent years that don the pink and blue stable colors include WH Design by Dash, winner of \$435,972 and former Indiana Horse of the Year, HH CJ Shake, winner of more than 403,000, and a trio of \$100,000-plus winners WH Johnnie Boy Red, HH Kentucky Krome and Jess Z Bob. All five of these top contenders for Martin were purchased out of the QHRAI Speed Sale.

Martin is ranked among the top 10 all-time leading trainers with 64 wins and more than \$1.8 million in purses at Horseshoe Indianapolis. He has won 13 stakes races and his standout star, WH Design by Dash, remains among the top five all-time leading Indiana sired Quarter Horses heading into the 2022 racing season.

Martin and his entire family, including daughter Shawna and son Tyler, are all involved in Quarter Horse racing, either as trainers or owners.
