

# THE EQUINE EXPERT

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Curriculum Vitae

Mike Robbins

The Equine Expert LLC

Expertise ~ Quarter Horse Racing, Thoroughbred Racing and Equine Dentistry

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A Texas native, Mike Robbins is no stranger to horse racing. He knows his way around a track, he knows racehorses and he knows how to train. Mike Robbins won the Champion of Champions Quarter Horse race three times in 10 years, the championship race for Quarter Horses held at Los Alamitos Racecourse in Cypress, California. Mike is now retired from Quarter Horse racing and is working as a short-lister for buyers in the thoroughbred industry.



Growing up in the small West Texas town of Sanderson, Robbins became skilled at breaking horses as a teenager and rodeoed in High School and College. Later he was mentored by the legendary James Chapman, introducing him to Quarter Horse racing. Mike began training for the public in 1978 and enjoyed national success with horse racing greats such as AQHA World Champion Sgt. Pepper Feature, Dashes Dream and Special Leader.

Mike had his first AQHA World Champion, SGT. Pepper Feature, in 1981. SGT. Pepper Feature won 11 straight races to be named 3-year-old champion in that year and as a 4-year-old won the prestigious Champion of Champions. 13 of his 20 wins were stakes races. He was retired to the Kentucky Horse Park, representing the American Quarter Horse Breed, and was buried there after his death in 2003.

Robbins then teamed up with owner Joe Kirk Fulton and captured his 2<sup>nd</sup> AQHA World Championship with Dashes Dream in 1984. Dashes Dream won the All-American Classic, the Los Alamitos Derby, HQHRA Championship, Go Man Go Handicap, and the All-American Derby. In 1991 Robbins campaigned his 3<sup>rd</sup> AQHA World Champion, Special Leader. Mike Robbins is in an elite group of only 4 trainers to have ever won the Champion of Champion title 3 times.

Mike took an 18-year hiatus from racing and changed careers to equine dentistry. Beginning in 1995, he attended Dale Jeffries Equine Dentistry School. This career offered him the opportunity to work with Grande Prix quality Sport horses, hunter-jumpers, dressage, barrel horses, and halter horses; opening up a new world and expanding his horsemanship exponentially.

Robbins closed out his race training career at Los Alamitos Racecourse with a victory in the Grade 2 Southern California Derby in 2021 with A Dash Of Sign. Winning his last start at Los Alamitos, where he spent the majority of his training career was the perfect way to end his tenure in southern California. He trained one more year before retiring at the end of 2022.

Mike is a highly accomplished horse trainer with an illustrious career spanning four decades, training and racing at the top venues in the United States. He has earned top accolades including three World Championships and fifteen Divisional Championships. He was inducted into the Texas Horse Racing Hall of Fame in 2020. The Texas Horse Racing Hall of Fame memorializes horses, jockeys, trainers, and breeders who have significantly influenced and contributed to the history of Quarter Horse and Thoroughbred horse racing in Texas.

Mike is now working in the Thoroughbred industry scouting prospects for owners, investors and trainers as well working as a consultant in a performance horse program. His contribution, development, and growth of the horse racing industry is unmatched, and he continues to be a respected figure in the racing community.

#### **LICENSES AND EDUCATION:**

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- 1968-69 – Attended Southwest Texas Junior College
- 1976-2022 - Quarter Horse Racing License in CA, FL, NM, OK, TX
- 1995 – Equine Dentistry Certificate

#### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:**

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- American Quarter Horse Association
- Texas Quarter Horse Association
- TX Horseman’s Benevolent Protective Association
- AQHA Welfare Commission
- AQHA Racing Commission

**EQUINE EXPERIENCE:**

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- 1976 – 1994 Quarter Horse Racing Trainer
- 1995 - 2011 – Equine Dentistry
- 2012 – 2022 Quarter Horse Racing Trainer
- 2023 Quarter Horse and Thoroughbred Racing/Performance Consultant

**AREA OF EXPERTISE:**

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Quarter Horse Racing  
Thoroughbred Racing  
Equine Dentistry