

One Bad Hombre

Inducted 2014

One Bad Hombre was a staple to the Wisconsin racing circuit in the late 1990's, capturing numerous awards. He was purchased in 1996 and first campaigned in Wisconsin by Linda Werkheiser. After receiving back-to-back, Trotter of the Year honors, Linda had sold him to John Faust, who continued to race him for the next two and a half years, and continued his Trotter of the Year ways. His three Trotter of the Year titles ties him for 2nd in the State's rich history. Hombre completed his racing in Wisconsin with hitting the board 61 of 65 starts (94%), coming out victorious in 23 (35%) of those races.

During this span, Hombre had set three different track records. Linda Werkheiser had owned and driven him to records in 1996 at Rice Lake (2:07.2) and in 1997 at Amherst (2:08). Under the ownership of John Faust, Hombre had set the track record in Faust's hometown of Marshfield in 2:06.2 with Pat Wolf in the sulky.

In 1997, Hombre not only raced under harness, but under saddle as well. As Racing Under Saddle (RUS) begin to re-emerge onto the harness racing scene, Hombre was chosen by Linda to be a participant. He competed at Hoosier Park as well as racing against the pacers at Westfield and Amherst. He did this all while being raced under harness the same year en route to his first Trotter of the Year title.

One Bad Hombre was also showcased at the Midwest Horse Fair, not only in the demonstration, but in the prestigious Liberty Presentation. He currently is enjoying retirement, and is still owned by John Faust.

Nominated by Gabe Wand