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RODNEY JENKINS



Rodney Jenkins dominated the American show ring in the 1960s, '70s and through most of the '80s, and retired as the winningest rider in the history of U.S. show jumping. He grew up in the saddle and soon earned recognition as a “natural horseman” who could ride just about any horse and get it to perform at its best.

Rodney accumulated more than 70 grand prix victories in his illustrious career, and his longevity is what separates him from many other great equestrians. Always a favorite competitor in Harrisburg, Rodney won the Harrisburg Grand Prix on four occasions: with Idle Dice in 1971 and 1972, with Number One Spy in 1974 and aboard Icey Paws in 1977.

He won many of the country’s most prestigious Grand Prix classes multiple times. He won the American Gold Cup five times, Presidents Cup three times and the National Horse Show

Grand Prix three times. His long list of equine super-stars also included Gustavus, Playback, Aerobic, Coastline, Czar and The Natural.

Although Rodney rode primarily in U.S. events, he did excel internationally as well. He finished 8th in the 1974 World Championships at Hickstead on Idle Dice and 6th in the 1980 World Cup Final at Baltimore on Third Man. In all, he rode on sixteen Nations’ Cup teams between 1973-1987, helping his team win ten of them.

After three decades in the ring, Rodney had his best year ever in 1987, when he won the American Grandprix Association’s Rider of the Year award and won two Silver Medals at the Pan American Games on Czar in Indianapolis. Rodney also received the 1987 AHSA Horseman of the Year award.

We are proud to congratulate Rodney on his induction into the Pennsylvania National Horse Show Hall of Fame.