

One man's Trash

Reining horse superstar Trashadeous' show-pen accomplishments were chronicled in a 1992 Paint Horse Journal.

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A legend in his own time, Trashadeous' explosive showmanship helped bring recognition to Paint reiners in the 1990s. A November 1992 *Paint Horse Journal* article, titled "Trashadeous," shared the stallion's achievements with readers, saying "the 1987 sorrel overo stallion may be the most widely recognized reining horse of any breed competing today."



Paired with Bill Horn, Trashadeous' explosive style brought popularity to Paints in the reining pen.

The product of Be Aech Enterprise AQHA and Miss White Trash—each National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) legends in their own rights, and future NRHA Hall of Famers—Trashadeous' tale began in May 1987, when he was foaled at Bill Horn's ranch.

Purchased by Mitch and Debbie Zuckerman as a 2-year-old, "Trash" remained in training with Horn, where his enthusiastic personality became apparent.

"He was pretty wild," said Horn in the *Journal* article. "As a 2- and 3-year-old, even up until the Congress, he could do so darn much that I think he scared himself."

Eventually harnessing the stallion's energy, Horn pointed Trash toward the 1990 NRHA Futurity. By the event's third round, the duo had settled into their comfort zone and produced an explosive, crowd-pleasing performance, according to the *Journal* article.

"The crowd was enthusiastic during the entire finals, but downright rowdy throughout Bill Horn's reserve championship ride aboard Trashadeous," recalled *NRHA Reiner* Editor Pat Feuerstein in the *Journal* article. "The

eight was outrageous...the second stop and rollback to the left were exceptional by anybody's standards."

But minor mistakes during the round took their toll on the duo's score—leaving them to claim the NRHA Futurity's reserve championship by a mere ½ point.

"When the judges' score was announced, the crowd booed," Mitch Zuckerman said at the time.


Moving ahead, Trashadeous and Horn earned a string of prestigious NRHA victories, including the 1991 NRHA Derby Championship. The overo stallion battled severe colic later that year, requiring surgery to correct a twisted intestine. This setback caused Trash to miss several fall reining competitions, according to the *Journal* article, but he rebounded in great form and came back to win the 1992 NRHA Open World Championship.

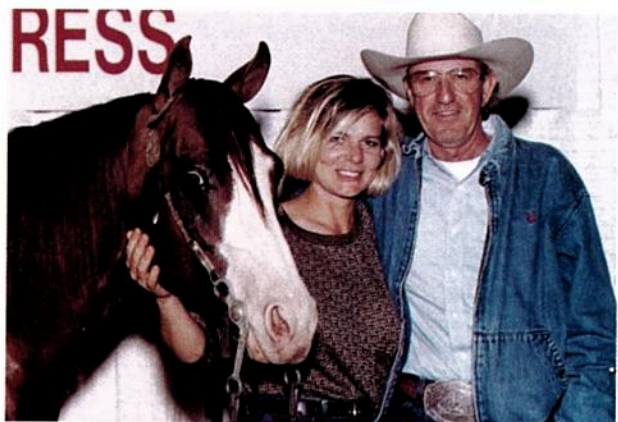
Horn said Trash's pizzazz in the show ring proved that he enjoyed his job.

"He gets so high on himself," he said. "I believe he loves the game."

In his lifetime, Trash earned more than \$131,000 in NRHA competitions. Following in his dam's hoofprints, Trashadeous was admitted to the NRHA Hall of Fame in 1996. His sire entered the Hall of Fame one year later.

Trashadeous first stood at stud in 1993, and has since sired 73 horses. Notable offspring include Tari Trash, 2003 APHA world champion Junior reining horse, as well as Trash Attack and Miss Trashy Lady, champion and reserve champion, respectively, of the 1999 3-Year-Old Reining Challenge at the APHA World Championship Paint Horse Show.

Now owned by Jim Babcock of Valley View, Texas, Trashadeous' breeding career is still going strong at the age of 20. 



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