

2021 INDUCTEE

Gilles **BARRIEAU**

Athlete - Harness Racing

The Barrieau name is synonymous with harness racing in the Maritimes; it all started when his grandfather Leonard began racing, closely followed by his uncles Ruffin and Marcel. Gilles followed in their footsteps and is now credited for winning numerous races and awards related to harness racing over an impressive 40-year journey. His accomplishments include winning every major race in Atlantic Canada, including the Walter Dale in Fredericton, the Provincial Cup in Saint John, the Johnny Conroy in Truro, and the Governors Plate in Summerside. With over 4,500 races won, he clearly demonstrated his desire to be the best at his sport. He also won the most prestigious race in the Maritimes: The Gold Cup and Saucer, in 1997, 2000, 2002 and 2017. Furthermore, he won the Canadian National Driving Championship in 2007, earning him the right to represent Canada at the World Driving Championship in Australia and New Zealand where he finished third. He won the O'Brien award twice for horsemanship, which recognizes athletes demonstrating multidisciplinary excellence in both driving and training. Since 2005, he has annually ranked in the top 10 drivers in Canada. Gilles has earned esteem in the horse racing community and continues to do so today.

