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Brian Sears grew up in Vernon as his father Jay and Grandfather Gene campaigned there for many years. After scoring his first win with Alicia Blue Chip in 1987, Brian raced at Vernon until 1993. At the end of the 1991 season, Sears received the United States Harness Writers' Rising Star Award. That year also marked the first of three consecutive UDR titles won at Vernon by him.

Sears then moved from Vernon to The Meadows, but Brian's meteoric climb began in 2003 when he relocated to the Meadowlands, and it appears as if his best efforts are still to come.

To date in his career, Brian Sears has scored just under 7,200 wins and \$109 million dollars in purses. The list of champions he has driven and stakes he has won is too extensive to list here in its entirety, but his biggest win was the 2009 Hambletonian with Muscle Hill.

It's interesting to note that although his hometown track, Vernon Downs, has traditionally been known as a bastion for speed, in its entire 54 year history it had never seen a race time break the 1.50 mark until Sears came back home to do it in 2007 with My Little Dragon, stopping the clock in an historic 1.49.4