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Dave Vance was brought up in a racing family and learned his early lessons from his father Lester, who with wife Eunice owned a string of horses and trained his own stable. Dave pursued getting his license at a young age and was driving by the mid 1960s.

While always operating a public stable and focusing his driving efforts there, Dave was a longtime top catch driver throughout his career. When the Grand Circuit or New York Sire Stakes were in town, Vance was always sought out by the visiting trainers and usually found himself sitting behind one of the contenders in those races. Whereas Vance did occasionally did go out on the road to drive at some major stake, he always kept the Buffalo-Batavia circuit his home base of operations. Although he had many successful pacers, Dave was always considered a talented trotting man.

In his nearly 40 year harness racing career, Dave Vance amassed 2,894 wins and more than \$9 million in purses, with the bulk of that accomplished on Western New York racetracks.

Dave Vance passed away in December of 2002 after a valiant battle with leukemia.