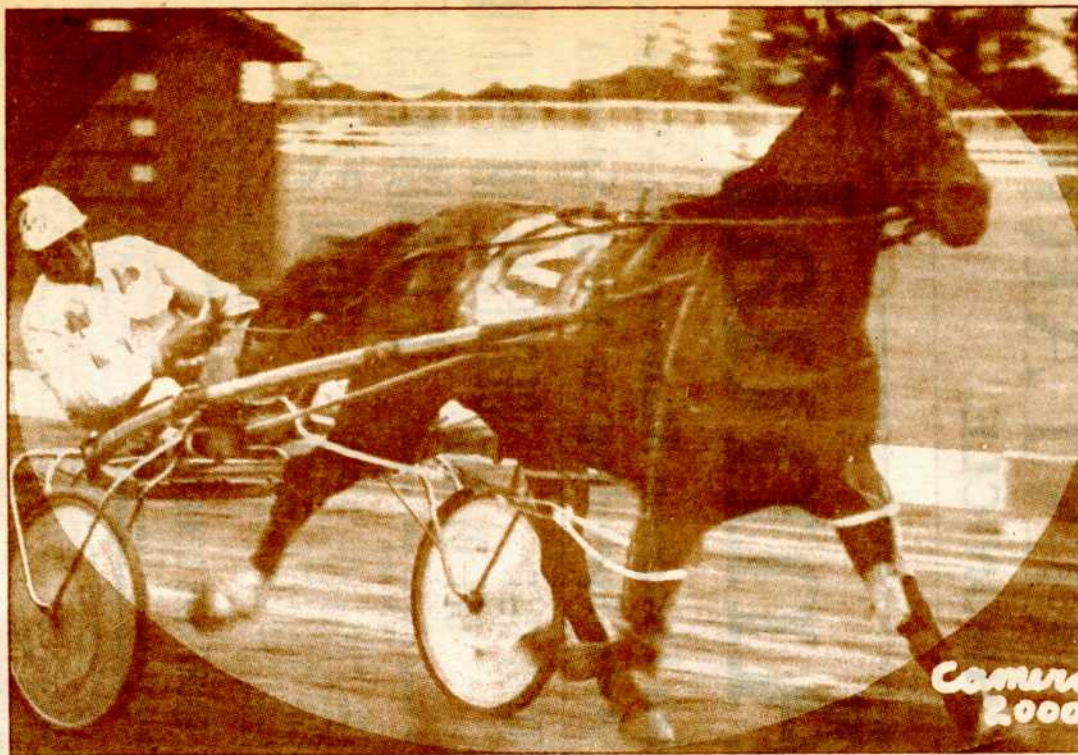


# LaRush loved horses & harness driving



This is Guy LaRush enjoying his first love, harness racing. The picture was taken at the Quinte Exhibition Raceway on June 11, 1976.

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*LaRush, Guy*

Zebedee — who was not fond of horses — was race secretary at the track. "He'd come right in the office with the horse — he knew I was scared to death of horses. It's just a little office you know."

LaRush's last year was a race against both time and other drivers. Despite this, 1994 was one of his most successful years.

At Kawartha Downs, LaRush was selected top driver by his fellow drivers, and he tied for congeniality with Larry Todd, an article in the Campbellford Examiner after his death reported.

"In less than a full season locally, LaRush won 46 races in 183 starts at Kawartha Downs in 25 days for an incredible .409 UDRS (Universal Driver Ratings System). In Belleville, he won 36 races in 15 racing days," the article says.

If he could choose a crowning moment, Judy believes her husband would tell about driving Kendal Ulli, who is now still racing at 10 years of age.

"He raced her as a two-year old. He won the Rothman Pace at Greenwood with her, and then the Ontario Sire Stakes race a week later. Her earnings then as a two-year-old were a little over \$50,000."

Whenever he went down, he always got back up.

"It never seemed to make him shy of getting back up and trying it again," Judy recalls.

She laughs as she recalls teasing Guy with her son, Peter, when he lost a race. "Guy had a habit — he would never call a horse no good. He always had an excuse."

She and Peter would ask him, "Now, is this excuse number 127 you're using?"

"He always stuck up for the horse."

Havelock farm.

"He drove a lot of horses and basically because he enjoyed his farm life he didn't want to be stabled at the big tracks," Judy explains.

The LaRush family ran public stables on their 50-acre farm.

"When he was done with the horses, he liked to go out on the farm and work around," Judy says. At the stables, LaRush cared for problem horses and lame older horses.

LaRush impressed people off the track as well.

"He was one of the nicest people I ever met," Zebedee says.

LaRush had a sense of humor.