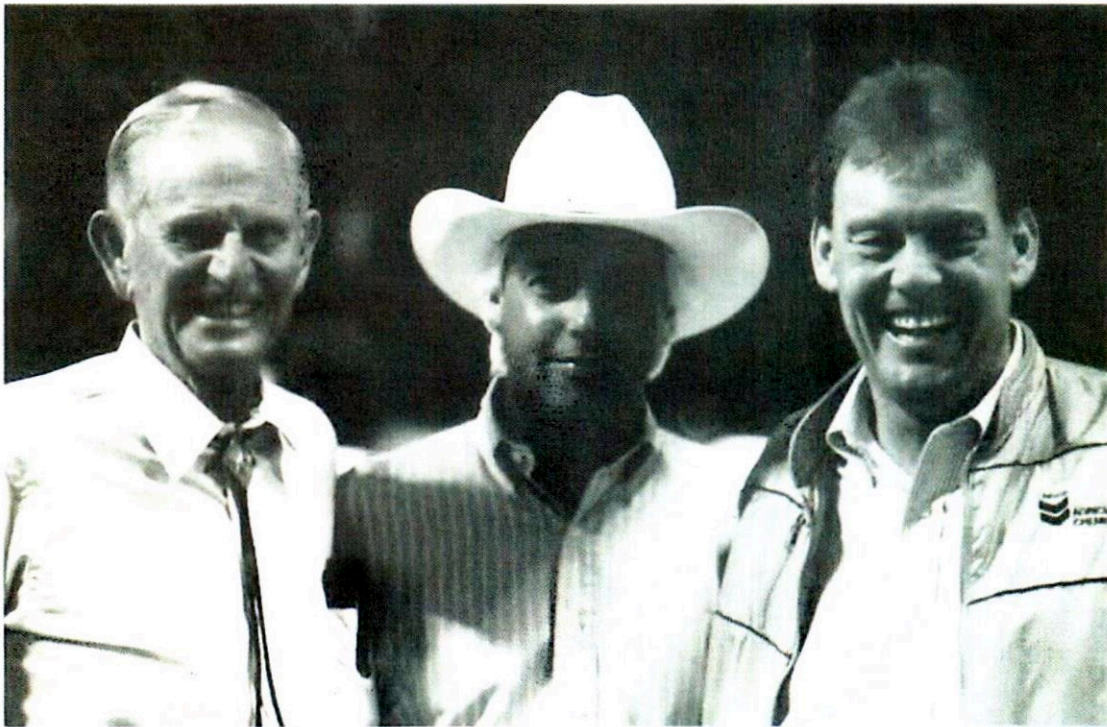


Mike Hastings (September 6, 1949 – March 3, 2013) was an owner and breeder of both quarter horses and thoroughbreds. Horse racing was his passion in life. Quarter horse racing in Mike's family has deep roots in Arizona dating back to his grandfather Van and his father Mack. Van Hastings is known for bringing some of the first racing quarter horses to Arizona. Van was also associated with the famous racer and sire Possum (King). Van's collection of quarter horses, which were passed on to Mack, included one key mare named Can't Catch It. Can't Catch It produced some solid runners for Mack in the 1960s, but most important to the Hastings racing lineage was her last foal, a filly, named Can't Copy. Can't Copy produced two mares, Justincopy and Fast Copy, that would be the foundational pieces for a long line of runners for both Mack and Mike from the mid 1980s until the late 1990s. Fast Copy was an outstanding brood mare and her three foals: Ourautograph, Miss Strikin Jet and AQHA World Champion Heza Fast Man earned just over \$1,200,000 at the racetrack. Mike is in the Arizona Quarter Racing Association Hall of Fame along with his father Mack and their horses: Fast Copy, Ourautograph, and Heza Fast Man. Mike's family would like to extend a big "thank you" to all of those who continue to support horse racing in Arizona and hope that all will enjoy this race today run in his memory.



Winning trainer Bob Baffert is flanked by the owner-breeders of Kindergarten winner Ourautograph, Mack Hastings (left) and his son Mike.