

## JOCKEY PROFILES

### MIKE SMITH (HALL OF FAME-2003)

Birthplace: Roswell, New Mexico

Los Alamitos Stakes Wins (2014-19): Bayakoa S. (GII) – Majestic Heat (2017); Beverly J. Lewis S. – Bendable (2016), Flor de La Mar (2019); E.B. Johnston S. – Ambitious Brew (2015), Soi Phet (2016); Great Lady M.S. (GII)—Doinghardtimeagain (2014); Los Alamitos Futurity (GI) – McKinzie (2017); Los Alamitos Derby (GII)—Shared Belief (2014); Starlet (GI) – Street Fancy (2015)



\*2020 Record: 74-13-12-9, \$1,169,640

\*Career Record: 1982-2020: 5,569 wins, \$329,291,229\*\*

\*Through 6-3

\*\*\*Third all-time

Remains the best money rider of his generation, enhancing his reputation further by completing a 2018 Triple Crown sweep with Justify at Belmont Park. In addition to the Belmont, he also won the Grade I Ogden Phipps with Abel Tasman, who won the 2016 Starlet at Los Alamitos, for Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert..Added another Grade I to his resume Aug. 3 when McKinzie, named for the late Brad McKinzie, a longtime Los Alamitos executive, easily captured the Whitney Stakes at Saratoga...Won the Arkansas Derby earlier this year aboard Omaha Beach, who would have been the Kentucky Derby favorite had he not been sidelined by an entrapped epiglottis...Also had a memorable Belmont Stakes Day in 2017, winning five stakes races, including three Grade I victories with Abel Tasman (Acorn), Songbird (Ogden Phipps) and Mor Spirit (Metropolitan Handicap)...Added two more Breeders' Cup wins to his resume in 2016, increasing his record total to 25 after wins by Tamarkuz in the BC Dirt Mile and Arrogate in the BC Classic...Regular rider of Songbird and won two Grade I events at Saratoga in 2016 for trainer and fellow Hall of Famer Bob Baffert, taking the King's Bishop with Drefong and the Travers with Arrogate Aug. 27...Won one of the two Grade I races offered during the 2015 Winter meet at Los Alamitos, rallying late to score with Street Fancy for trainer Phil D'Amato...Won the Grade I Los Alamitos Futurity – via disqualification – with the Bob Baffert-trained McKinzie in 2017...Won both Grade II events offered during the inaugural Summer Thoroughbred Festival in 2014, scoring with Shared Belief, who also won the Grade I, TVG Pacific Classic the following month at Del Mar, in the Los Alamitos Derby and Doinghardtimeagain in the Great Lady M. Stakes...The all-time winningest rider in Breeders' Cup history with 21 victories, the latest coming with Judy the Beauty in the 2014 Filly and Mare Sprint...Surpassed Jerry Bailey in that category in 2012 when he secured his 17th win with Royal Delta in the Ladies' Classic...First BC win came with Lure in the 1992 Mile at Gulfstream Park...Owns four Triple Crown wins, the latest coming with Palace Malice in the 2013 Belmont Stakes....Won his only Kentucky Derby with 50-1 longshot Giacomo in 2005....First victory in a Triple Crown race came with Prairie Bayou in the 1993 Preakness...Went 16-for-17 aboard 2010 Horse of the Year and all-time female earnings (\$7,304,550) Zenyatta, including an unprecedented three consecutive victories in the Grade I Vanity Handicap at Hollywood Park...Zenyatta was also a three-time winner of the Lady's Secret Stakes – at Santa Anita (2008-2009) and Oak Tree at Hollywood Park (2010) - and the Clement L. Hirsch at Del Mar (2008-2010)...Began riding in Southern California in May, 2001, after some 12 years riding primarily in New York...Spent most of 2005 and 2006 in the East before returning to this coast in 2007... Won 15 riding titles in New York, including seven at Belmont Park...Son of a jockey (George Smith)...Began riding races at age 11 in his native New Mexico and took out his license at age 16 in 1982...Left New Mexico in 1983, riding in Arkansas, Nebraska, Illinois, Kentucky and Minnesota before heading to New York in 1989...First U.S.-based jockey to win a European classic, directing Fourstars Allstar to victory in the 1991 Irish 2000 Guineas at The Curragh...Honored with Eclipse Awards in 1993 and 1994 as champion jockey...Milestones: 3,000th win: Old Chapel (Oct. 2, 1995 at Belmont Park); 4,000th win: Lift Off (June 17, 2001 at Hollywood Park); 5,000th win: Amazombie (April 7, 2012 at Santa Anita)...Inducted into Racing's Hall of Fame in August, 2003...Rode 1994 Horse of the Year Holy Bull in 15 of his 16 starts, including consecutive wins in the Metropolitan Handicap, Dwyer, Haskell, Travers and Woodward in 1994... Has won 28 races worth \$1 million or more...Suffered two serious injuries in 1998, breaking one shoulder and fracturing the other in three places in March at Gulfstream Park, then breaking two vertebrae in a spill in August at Saratoga...Won a then-record 62 stakes races in 1993 and improved on that with 68 stakes wins a year later...Presented George Woolf Memorial Jockey Award in 1989.

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### VICTOR ESPINOZA (HALL OF FAME – 2017)

Birthplace: Mexico City Mexico

Los Alamitos Stakes Wins (2014-19): American Flag S. – Sky Kingdom (2014); Bayakoa S. (GII)—Tiz Midnight (2014); Los Alamitos Starlet (GI)—Take Charge Brandi (2014)

\*2020 Record: 85-15-11-15, \$1,616,236

\*Career Record: 1992-2020: 3,418 wins, \$203,039,656

\*Through 6-3



Returned to action in February, 2019 after being sidelined for several months with a serious injury suffered when Bobby Abu Dhabi, a stakes winning sprinter he was working for trainer Peter Miller, collapsed and died of an apparent heart attack during a workout at Del Mar in the summer of 2018....Picked up his first stakes victory when guiding longshot St. Joe Bay to a gate-to-wire victory in the San Carlos Stakes March 30 at Santa Anita and later used the same tactics to take the Bing Crosby Stakes aboard Cistron July 27 at Del Mar....Was honored at the Edwin Gregson Foundation fundraiser Aug. 12 at the Fairmont Grand Del Mar Resort.... Completed a sweep of the Santa Anita Handicap and Gold Cup with the John Sadler-trained Accelerate, who won the 2016 Los Alamitos Derby, May 26...Inducted into the National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame Aug. 4, 2017 in Saratoga Springs, N.Y....Has won multiple graded stakes with the brilliant mare Stellar Wind, including the Grade I Clement L. Hirsch July 31 at Del Mar...Added a Dubai World Cup victory to his resume March 26, 2016 guiding 2014 and 2016 Horse of the Year – and Los Alamitos resident – California Chrome to an easy score in the \$10 million event in the United Arab Emirates...Won the \$1 million, TVG Pacific Classic for the first time, directing California Chrome to an authoritative victory over Beholder and Dortmund Aug. 20 at Del Mar...Toast of the thoroughbred world in 2015, teaming with American Pharoah to win the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont Stakes, making the extremely talented 3-year-old the first Triple Crown winner since Affirmed in 1978...Espinoza was very accommodating to all forms of media during the Triple Crown run and in the aftermath and donated all of his winnings (\$80,000) in the Belmont to the City of Hope....Became the first horse racing personality to compete on ABC's long-running reality series "Dancing with the Stars" in the fall of 2015...Has won five of the last six Triple Crown races, winning the 2014 Kentucky Derby and Preakness with the Los Alamitos-based California Chrome....Won the inaugural running of the Grade I Los Alamitos Starlet in 2014 with eventual Eclipse Award winner Take Charge Brandi...Grew up afraid of horses in Mexico before taking his first lessons on a farm outside Mexico City after completing high school....Also attended a jockey school in his native country....One his jobs before becoming a jockey was a bus driver...."It's a lot easier riding horses than driving in that traffic in Mexico City," he once said...Had second chance at completion of a Triple Crown in June, but Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner California Chrome – who is based at Los Alamitos – had to settle for fourth....Espinoza's earlier opportunity came with War Emblem, who lost all chance at the break in the 2002 Belmont Stakes after wins in the Kentucky Derby and Preakness....Collected his only Breeders' Cup victory with 65-1 longshot Spain in the 20000 Distaff at Churchill Downs...Has won 11 riding titles in Southern California....Brother Jose was a jockey in New York before being involved in a serious spill in the summer of 2013 at Saratoga....Milestones: 1,000th win: Tina Dynamite (February 3, 2001 at Santa Anita); 2,000th win: Fear No Darkness (March 19, 2006 at Santa Anita); 3,000th win: Flashy Delight (June 1, 2013 at Hollywood Park)....Won the 2006 Arlington Million with 8-year-old The Tin Man for Hall of Fame trainer Richard Mandella....His first career win came at the Hipodromo De Las Americas in Mexico City June 14, 1992...Has 15 victories in races worth \$1 million or more.

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### MARIO GUTIERREZ

Birthplace: El Higo, Veracruz, Mexico Wife: Rebecca Son: Sebastian Los Alamitos Stakes Wins

(2014-2019): Beverly J. Lewis S. – Gas Station Sushi (2018);

King Glorious S. – Found Money (2015); Long Beach S. – Light Striker (2015)

\*2020 Record: 118-10-15-12, \$754,144

Career Record (2006-2020): 1,188 wins, \$51,728,774

\*Through 6-3

Earned his second Kentucky Derby win in a span of five years when guiding the then-undefeated Nyquist to victory May 7, 2016 at Churchill Downs...Nyquist was owned by J. Paul Reddam and trained by Doug O'Neill, the same connections for whom Gutierrez rode I'll Have Another to victories in the Kentucky Derby and Preakness in 2012...Got an opportunity to ride for the O'Neill stable after Reddam saw him win a race early in the 2011-2012 Winter/Spring meet at Santa Anita and liked his style...Grew up on a farm in his native Mexico and his father – Mario Gutierrez Hernandez, Sr. – was a quarter horse jockey...Began riding at age 12 and rode in hundreds of match races around his home state of Veracruz...Began riding as an apprentice at Hipodromo de Las Americas in 2005 and went to Hastings Park in Vancouver the following year after an invitation from trainer Terry Jordan...Leading rider at Hastings in 2007-2008 and won nearly 50 stakes during his six years at the British Columbia venue...Shared the riding title with Santiago Gonzalez, Edwin Maldonado and Fernando Perez at the 2015 July meet at Los Alamitos.



### EDWIN MALDONADO

Birthplace: Columbus, Ohio Wife: Angel

Los Alamitos Stakes Wins (2014-2019): Barretts Debutante – Just Google Me (2015); Bertrando S. – Boozer (2016); Katella S. – Seeking the Sheriff (2014); Los Angeles S. – San Onofre (2016); Seal Beach S. – Sacred Ovation (2015)

\*2020 Record: 131-9-16-13, \$406,024

\*Career Record (2002-2020): 1,277 wins, \$39,060,004

\*Through 6-3

Won both the Los Angeles and Bertrando Stakes with San Onofre and Boozer, respectively, during the 2016 Spring meet at Los Alamitos...Regular on the local circuit for over a decade...Had exceptional year in 2012, winning riding titles at both Fairplex Park and Hollywood Park...At Fairplex, he ended Martin Pedroza's streak of 13 consecutive jockey championships...Won his first stakes at Los Alamitos during the 2014 Summer Thoroughbred Festival, scoring with Seeking the Sheriff for trainer Ron Ellis in the Katella Stakes...Shared the riding title with Santiago Gonzalez, Mario Gutierrez and Fernando Perez at the 2015 July meet at Los Alamitos...Has won 66 races at Los Alamitos since the return of thoroughbred racing in 2014, third behind Tyler Baze and Tiago Pereira, who both have 79 victories...Had first career win at Assiniboia Downs in Winnipeg, Canada...First became interested in horse racing as a child when he went to the track with his mother and uncle Manuel Alicea, who was a jockey...Rode for three years in Texas and later at Louisiana Downs and Delta Downs before arriving in Southern California in 2010...Has three daughters.



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### DRAYDEN VAN DYKE

Birthplace: Louisville, Kentucky

Los Alamitos Stakes Wins (2014-2019): Barretts Juvenile – Galilean (2018); Bertrando S. – Magic Mark (2015); Great Lady M. S. (GII) – Marley’s Freedom (2018-2019); Los Alamitos CashCall Futurity (GI) – Improbable (2018); Los Alamitos Derby (GIII) – West Coast (2017); Soviet Problem S. – Sircat Sally (2016); Starlet S. (GI) – Dream Tree (2017), ChasingYesterday (2018), Bast (2019)



\*2020 Record: 164-30-28-17, \$1,991,607 \*Career Record (2013-2020): 679 wins, \$41,761,606 \*Through 6-3

Made it back-to-back wins with Marley’s Freedom in the Grade II Great Lady M. Stakes during the Summer Thoroughbred Festival in July...The talented mare also won the race in 2018 for Cicero Farms LLC and Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert...Earned his first Breeders’ Cup victory when guiding defending champion Stormy Liberal to a 7-1 upset in the 2018 Turf Sprint at Churchill Downs... Picked up his fifth stakes win at Los Alamitos when first-timer Galilean held off Seven Scents to capture the Barretts Juvenile during the 2018 Los Angeles County Fair meet, then won both Grade I’s during the Winter Meet for Baffert, taking the Starlet with Chasing Yesterday and the Los Alamitos CashCall Futurity with Improbable... Won the Grade III Los Alamitos Derby during the 2017 Summer Thoroughbred Festival aboard favored West Coast, gaining the mount because Hall of Famer Mike Smith was committed to riding Songbird in the Delaware Handicap July 15...Missed five months in 2017 after suffering a compound fracture of his right forearm in a spill at Santa Anita Jan. 26...Won riding titles at the July and September meets as thoroughbred racing returned to Los Alamitos in 2014...Won the 2014 Eclipse Award as the nation’s top apprentice rider...Now a journeyman, he earned the first Grade I victory of his career earlier in 2015 when Ring Weekend won the Kilroe Mile at Santa Anita...Got on horses for trainer Tom Proctor prior to riding for the first time last fall at Hollywood Park...Finished sixth aboard Two Term Leader with his first career mount, but won Nov. 21, 2013 aboard the Proctor-trained Money Clip at Hollywood Park...Although born in Kentucky, he was raised in Hot Springs, Arkansas, the home of Oaklawn Park...His late father Seth was also a jockey and galloped horses for trainer Dale Romans...“While he was in high school in Hot Springs, he came out to Churchill Downs every summer trying to get work,” said Proctor. “After high school, I sent him to Florida to learn. The thing about this kid is that people like him. He’s got talent, but he’s humble.”...Got his first opportunity to ride at Oaklawn Park in March, finishing third aboard Please Explain in the Honeybee Stakes...Rode at Turf Paradise in Arizona in 2014 on off days in Southern California.

### EVIN ROMAN

Birthplace: Bayaman, Puerto Rico

\*2020 Record: 73-6-8-11 \$235,474 Career Record (2017-2020): 284 wins, \$10,069,763

\*Through 6-3



Won the Eclipse Award as the nation’s top apprentice jockey in 2017...Led all three thoroughbred meets at Los Alamitos in 2017... Lost his apprentice allowance in 2018, but was still performing well before being sidelined for several weeks due to a fractured toe... Won his first graded stakes aboard Gold Rush Dancer in the Grade III Longacres Mile Aug. 13, 2017 at Emerald Downs...Rode his first race New Year’s Day 2017 in his native Puerto Rico and made his U.S. debut Feb. 9 at Santa Anita...After some early struggles that included three suspensions for riding infractions, Roman has improved mightily and became the first apprentice to top the standings in Arcadia since Gordon Glisson in 1949 when he shared the Spring meet title with Flavien Prat...Has ridden a lot of winners for Hall of Fame trainer Jerry Hollendorfer as well as Peter Miller, who has led numerous meets in Southern California... Represented by longtime agent Tony Matos, whose past clients include Hall of Famers Angel Cordero, Jr., Laffit Pincay, Jr. and Victor Espinoza...Trained at the Escuela Vocacional Hipica, a school for jockeys in his homeland...Earned his first stakes win aboard the Hollendorfer-trained Sweet Surrender in the Southern Truce June 25....

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### FLAVIEN PRAT

Birthplace: Melun, France

Los Alamitos Stakes Wins (2014-19): Barretts Juvenile – Run Away (2017); King Glorious S. – Galilean (2018); Los Alamitos Derby (GIII) – Once On Whiskey (2018); Los Alamitos Futurity (GII) – Thousand Words (2019); Soviet Problem S. – Kookie Gal (2018)



\*2020 Record: 286-70-50-43, \$3,992,691 \*Career Record (2009-2020): 847 wins, \$67,124,829 \*Through 6-3

Has established himself as one of the Southern California circuit's top riders and has become one of the top jockeys in the country.... Enjoying another stellar year and scored a huge upset with Storm the Court for trainer Peter Eurton in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Nov. 1 at Santa Anita....Enters the final two months of the year sixth in the country with purse earnings of nearly \$19 million....Won his first Kentucky Derby – thanks to the disqualification of Maximum Security – aboard Country House for Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott May 4...Earned first Los Alamitos stakes victory when guiding favored Run Away to a narrow victory in the Barretts Juvenile during the 2017 Los Angeles County Fair meet, then scored his second with an upset aboard Once On Whiskey in the Grade III Los Alamitos during the 2018 Summer Thoroughbred Festival...Won both California bred stakes during the 2018 Winter Meet, cashing with Galilean in the King Glorious and Kookie Gal in the Soviet Problem...Scored a surprise with the ill-fated Battle of Midway in the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile Nov. 3, 2017 at Del Mar...Won five graded stakes during the 2017 Del Mar Summer meet, including a pair (Eddie Read and Del Mar Handicap) with Hunt...Was leading rider at Santa Anita's 2016-17 Winter/Spring meet, including a Grade I score with Paradise Woods in the Santa Anita Oaks...Earned his first victory at Fountainebleau in September, 2009....Rode his first race in the United States at age 17 at Hollywood Park, then collected his initial victory in this country Jan. 15, 2010 aboard 50-1 shot Heavenly'n Free at Santa Anita...Decided at a very young age that being a jockey is what he wanted to do...Grew up around horses as his father Frederic trained standardbreds....Earned his first stakes win in the U.S. aboard Power Ped for Hall of Fame trainer Neil Drysdale in the Cotton Fitzsimmons Mile Handicap Jan. 17, 2015 at Turf Paradise in Arizona...First graded stakes victory came aboard Catch a Flight for Hall of Fame trainer Richard Mandella – one of Prat's biggest supporters – in the Grade III Precisionist Stakes May 2, 2015 at Santa Anita...First Grade I win came aboard Wild Dude for another Hall of Fame trainer – Jerry Hollendorfer – in the 2015 Bing Crosby at Del Mar...Missed four months in 2015 after being involved in a spill at Los Alamitos that left him in a full body cast for eight weeks.

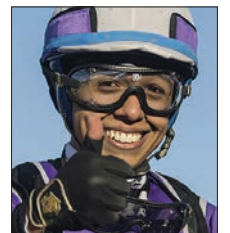
### ASSAEL ESPINOZA

Birthplace: Arcadia, California

\*2020 Record: 95-9-11-14 \$342,880

\*Career Record (2018-2020): 134 wins, \$4,415,559

\*Through 6-3



Nephew of Hall of Fame rider Victor Espinoza has had some success in the first year and a half of his career....Earned his first victory – with his seventh mount - aboard the Vladimir Cerin-trained South Texas Lingo Feb. 23, 2018 at Santa Anita...Finished in a tie for fifth with Tiago Pereira with 21 victories during the Arcadia track's Spring-Summer meet...Born in Arcadia, but was raised near Mexico City...In his first meet at Los Alamitos in 2018, he finished tied with fellow apprentice Heriberto Figueroa atop the Summer Thoroughbred Festival standings in July as both riders had a dozen victories...Was known as Asa for the first five months of his career because agent Brian Beach, who also represents Victor Espinoza, said was intended to make a simple first impression for a jockey beginning his career. Racing programs began showing his given name at the beginning of August at Del Mar...Been helped by his uncle as well as listening to advice from veterans like Martin Pedroza, Tyler Baze and Hall of Famer Kent Desormeaux.

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### RUBEN FUENTES

Birthplace: Mexico City, Mexico

\*2020 Record: 138-18-18-11 \$804,670

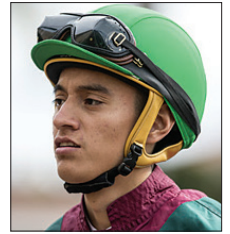
\*Career Record (2016-2020): 181 wins, \$6,655,940

Los Alamitos Stakes Wins (2017-2019): Bertrando S. – Queen Bee to You (2019);

Bayakoa S. (GIII) – Queen Bee to You (2019).

\*Through 6-3

Won a pair of stakes in 2019 for trainer Andrew Lerner at Los Alamitos aboard the talented California bred mare Queen Bee to You, capturing the Bertrando Stakes – versus males – during the Summer Thoroughbred Festival and the Grade III Bayakoa during the Winter meet... Started his riding career at Zia Park in 2015 and earned his first win July 22, 2016 at Ruidoso Downs in New Mexico... Came to Southern California as an apprentice in 2017... One of three sons of jockey Miguel Fuentes... Older brother Miguel, Jr. rides in Mexico while younger brother Luis has been based at Prairie Meadows in Iowa... Collected the first Grade I victory of his career in March, 2019, guiding Ohio for trainer Michael McCarthy in the Frank E. Kilroe Mile at Santa Anita... Enters the 2020 Summer Thoroughbred Festival with 30 career wins at Los Alamitos.



### TIAGO PEREIRA

Birthplace: Sapucaia do Sul, Brazil Wife: Fernanda Daughter: Linda

\*2020 Record: 171-22-25-24, \$1,145,403

\*Career Record (1993-2020): 434 wins, \$18,640,403

\*Through 6-3

Has won more races than any other jockey since daytime thoroughbred racing returned to Los Alamitos in 2014. Entering the 2020 Summer Thoroughbred Festival, Pereira has 83 victories, three more than Tyler Baze... Started riding in California on a full time basis in 2014... Besides having had success in his native Brazil, he's also won races in Singapore, Macau and Dubai... The biggest victory of his career came in the \$10 million Dubai World Cup aboard Gloria de Campeao in 2010... Earned the first win of his career at Hipodromo de Cristal in Porto Alegre, Brazil... Had his best year – earnings wise – in the United States in 2019, banking \$3,613,929.



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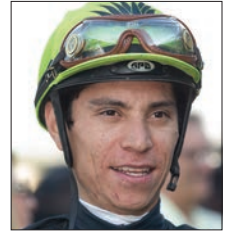
### GEOVANNI FRANCO

Birthplace: Tlalnepantla de Baz, Mexico

\*2020 Record: 117-17-15-10 \$874,222

\*Career Record (2009-2020): 854 wins, \$21,225,475

\*Through 6-3



Finished second behind apprentice Jorge I. Velez in the jockey standings for the Summer Thoroughbred Festival earlier this year, winning seven races, two fewer than Velez... First graded stakes victory came with Inside Straight in the Grade II Oaklawn Handicap in 2017 at Oaklawn Park... Won his first Grade I with Fault in the 2018 Santa Margarita at Santa Anita... Introduced to racing in his native Mexico by an uncle who was a blacksmith... Rode his first win at Hipodromo de las Americas in Mexico City in March, 2009... His first victory outside of his native country was at Hastings Park in Vancouver, British Columbia four months later... Rode in Canada, Arizona, Arkansas, Louisiana, Minnesota and Oklahoma before settling in Southern California... Leading rider at Turf Paradise in 2012 and 2013.

### JORGE I. VELEZ

Birthplace: Toa Alta, Puerto Rico

Los Alamitos Stakes Win (2019): King Glorious S. – Club Aspen (2019).

\*2020 Record: 230-25-23-27, \$1,203,262

\*Career Record (2019-2020): 115 wins, \$3,778,262

\*Through 6-3



Has won the riding title in his first two meets at Los Alamitos, taking the Los Angeles County Fair crown with 10 victories after finishing the Summer Thoroughbred Festival in July with nine wins, two more than runner-up Geovanni Franco... Trained at the Escuela Vocacional Hipica, a school for jockeys in his homeland... Spent time in New York under the tutelage of retired Hall of Fame jockey – and current agent – Angel Cordero, Jr. while also galloping horses for trainers Gary Contessa and Mark Hennig... Earned the first win of his career Jan. 4, 2019 at the Hipodromo Camarero in Puerto Rico and collected his initial victory in the U.S. aboard Coil to Strike March 2 at Santa Anita... Recently engaged to Jessly Rivera....