



RAFAEL BEJARANO

Born: June 23, 1982 in Arequipa, Peru

Residence: Louisville, Ky.

Height: 5'2"

Weight: 105 pounds

Single

Major victories: Breeders' Cup – Intercontinental in 2005 Filly & Mare Turf; Ginger Punch in 2007 Distaff (now Ladies' Classic) ... Has become one of the premier riders in Southern California, having moved his tack there in November 2007 ... Won Del Mar riding title in 2008



Earnings for 2009: \$12,736,729, placing him seventh in the nation and third among California riders ... After a break-out year in 2004, finished fourth in the nation in jockey earnings for 2005 with \$14,427,541; posted 263 victories ... Posted purse earnings of \$12,369,078 in 2006 for 10th on the North American list ... Was nation's leading rider by victories in 2004 with 455 wins from 1,922 starts ... Also finished second 355 times and third 280 times ... Purse earnings for the year totaled \$12,210,087, good for eighth in the country ... Was regular rider for Papa Clem, winner of the \$1-million Arkansas Derby prior to finishing fourth in the Kentucky Derby, the rider's highest finish in five tries in the Run for the Roses ... Rode Consolidator to victory in 2004 Breeders Futurity at Keeneland and fourth in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile ... Also finished third with Runway Model in the Juvenile Fillies and seventh with Champali in the Sprint that year ... Went to the races in his native Peru and "fell in love with it" ... Attended nation's riding school ... Began riding in Peru on Dec. 8, 1999 and won the apprentice title at Hippodromo de Monterrico ... Immigrated to the United States in May 2002 and settled in at River Downs in Cincinnati with trainer Dante Zanelli Sr. ... Won his first U.S. race that fall ... Rode primarily on Kentucky circuit until moving his tack to New York to compete at Aqueduct during the winter of 2004-05, but returned to his regular circuit in the spring of 2005, winning his second straight Churchill Downs spring-summer jockey title ... Tied for the Churchill Downs fall riding title with Mark Guidry ... Won Churchill's 2004 spring-summer title with 81 wins ... Prior to that, had won three straight titles at Turfway Park – fall and holiday meets of 2003 and the winter-spring meet of 2004 ... Also was the 2003 and 2004 riding champion at Ellis Park; his 2004 victory total of 85 was more than twice that of the runner-up ... In 2008, joined retired rider Chris McCarron and Patrick Valenzuela as the only jockeys to sweep riding titles at all three major Southern California tracks in the same year: Santa Anita winter/spring, Hollywood Park spring/summer, Del

Mar summer, Oak Tree at Santa Anita fall and Hollywood Park autumn ... Other top horses ridden: Einstein, Sunriver, Oonagh Maccool, Circular Quay, Silent Name, Kelly's Landing, Baghdaria, Record, Sun King, Tuscan Evening, Grazen, Foxysox, Colonial Colony, who gave him his first Grade I victory by winning Churchill Downs' 2004 Stephen Foster Handicap, Forest Danger, winner of the 2005 Carter Handicap; Offlee Wild, who won the 2005 Suburban Handicap, and Crown of Thorns, who finished second in 2009 Breeders' Cup Sprint.