



ALAN GARCIA

Born: Oct. 2, 1985 in Lima, Peru

Residence: Tinton Falls, N.J.

Height: 5'2"

Weight: 110 pounds

Single

Delivered one of the biggest upsets in racing with his victory aboard Da' Tara in the 2008 Belmont Stakes, ending the Triple Crown quest of Kentucky Derby-Preakness winner Big Brown ... Turned in another huge upset in 2009 by guiding Regal Ransom to victory in the United Arab Emirates Derby in Dubai, defeating stablemate Desert Party, the heavy favorite in the race ... That win gave Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum's Godolphin Racing a pair of Kentucky Derby prospects, and gave the rider his first start in the race, where he finished eighth ... Won 2008 Saratoga riding title with 39 victories ... Other top horses ridden to victory in 2008: Visionaire (King's Bishop Stakes), Divine Park (Met Mile), Grand Couturier (Sword Dancer Invitational), Shakis (Bernard Baruch Handicap), Lucky Island (Tom Fool Handicap), Vineyard Haven (Hopeful Stakes) and Mani Bhavan (Spinaway Stakes) ... Finished 2008 with purse earnings of \$14,468,338, good for seventh on the North American list ... Posted 231 wins on the year ... In 2009, earned purse money of \$11.2 million, with 183 victories ... In 2008, was a winner on his first Breeders' Cup championship day by guiding Lahudood to the finish line first in the Filly & Mare Turf ... Earlier in the year, won first Grade I race aboard Lahudood in the Flower Bowl Invitational ... Last jockey to ride 2003 Kentucky Derby winner Funny Cide, taking him to victory in Finger Lakes' Wadsworth Memorial Handicap on July 4, 2007 ... Graduated from Peruvian jockey school and was his native country's top apprentice in 2003, prior to coming to the United States ... Father Dagoberto and grandfather were riders in Peru, but the younger Garcia hoped to be a soccer player before it became obvious his size and family background suited him perfectly for the saddle ... Has been a frequent rider for trainer Kiaran McLaughlin and credits that with helping him move into the elite group riding basically in New York.

