



ALEX SOLIS

Born: March 25, 1964 in Panama City, Panama

Residence: Glendora, Calif.

Height: 5'3"

Weight: 113 pounds

Family: Wife Sheila, whose father is retired trainer Bert Sonnier; sons Alex II, Andrew and Austin, and daughter Tiffany

Major Victories: Preakness Stakes – Snow Chief in 1986; Breeders' Cup – Kona Gold in 2000 Sprint; Johar (dead heat with High Chaparral) in 2003 Turf; Pleasantly Perfect in 2003 Classic ... Two wins in 2003, plus a second, third, fourth and fifth brought rider the initial Bill

Shoemaker Award as the day's leading jockey ... In 2004, rode Pleasantly Perfect to victory in the \$6-million Dubai World Cup and captured the \$2-million Dubai Golden Shaheen with Our new Recruit



Has been something of a streak-breaker during his riding days: Aboard Dare and Go, defeated Cigar in the 1996 Pacific Classic, ending that horse's 16-race winning skein; booted Victory Gallop home in the 1997 Arkansas Derby against previously unbeaten and 1996 Horse of the Year Favorite Trick; with Got Koko, ended Azeri's 11-race winning streak in 2003 ... In two straight years, 1997 and '98, and again in 2000, finished second in the Kentucky Derby ... Captain Bodgit was beaten a head by Silver Charm in '97, the fast-closing Victory Gallop lost by a half-length to Real Quiet in '98 and the stretch-running Aptitude fell 1 1/2 lengths short of Fusaichi Pegasus; Aptitude finished second, also, to Commendable in the 2000 Belmont Stakes ... Recovered from serious back injuries as a result of a spill at Del Mar in late July 2004 and resumed riding in February 2005 at Santa Anita ... Started 2004 in a whirlwind of victories and was sitting high on the earnings list when the Del Mar spill occurred ... Even so, his earnings stood at \$7,954,851 for the year, with 119 victories in less than seven months ... Was honored in February 2006 with the Sports Legends Award, along with gymnasts Bart Conner and Nadia Comaneci, pro football star Willie Davis, Olympic swimmer Donna de Varona and volleyball superstar Karch Kiraly ... Had his biggest earnings year ever in 2003 on purses of \$16,304,252, putting him third on the national list; had 203 victories for the year ... Had earnings in 2009 of \$6,719,946 ... Got interested in horse racing by going to the track with his father ... At 14, decided to be a jockey and enrolled in jockey school in Panama City ... Rode his first winner on Nov. 7, 1981 at Presidente Remon, Panama, then moved on early in 1982 to Florida to finish out his apprenticeship ... Was leading

rider on the Gulfstream-Hialeah-Calder circuit that year, moving on to Southern California from there ... Reached national prominence in 1986 when he rode Snow Chief to victory in that year's Preakness Stakes, after finishing 11th in the Kentucky Derby, where he was the 2-1 betting favorite ... Also, Snow Chief won the 1985 Hollywood Futurity and the Norfolk and the 1986 Florida, Santa Anita and Jersey derbies for trainer Mel Stute ... Gained attention, also, in 1991 when he rode Mane Minister to third place in all three Triple Crown races, the only horse to do that ... On the list of top 10 career purse earners, Solis is ninth overall and fourth among active riders with \$217-plus million ... Won 4,000th race on Oct. 24, 2003, perhaps serving as an omen of what was to follow the next day on the Breeders' Cup card ... Was the recipient in 1997 of the George Woolf Memorial Jockey Award ... Southern California-based jockey has won riding titles at Santa Anita, Hollywood Park and Del Mar ... Among other top horses ridden: Multiple graded stakes winners Megahertz, After Market, Brother Derek, Arson Squad, Daytona, Magical Fantasy, Spring House, Bertrando, Sweet Return, Redattore, Sharp Cat, Dixie Union, Valbenny, Ecton Park, Pleasant Tap, Beat Hollow, Malek, Ryafan, Current Hope, Jewel Princess, Urbane, Dahar, Criminal Type, The Tin Man, Brave Act, Del Mar Dennis, Pico Central and Olympic Prospect.

KENTUCKY DERBY MOUNTS

Year	Horse	Fin.	Owner	Trainer
1983	Current Hope	11th	Baker & Kaskel	Roger Laurin
1986	Snow Chief	11th	Grinstead & Rochelle	Mel Stute
1990	Real Cash	11th	Overbrook Farm	D. Wayne Lukas
1991	Mane Minister	3rd	McCaffery/Toffan	Juan (Paco) Gonzales
1992	Disposal	18th	Bramble Farm	Bruce Headley
1996	Matty G	17th	Double J Farm	Ron McAnally
1997	Captain Bodgit	2nd	Team Valor	Gary Capuano
1998	Victory Gallop	2nd	Prestonwood Farms	Elliott Walden
1999	K One King	8th	Madeleine/Allen Paulson	Akiko Gothard
2000	Aptitude	2nd	Juddmonte Farms	Robert Frankel
2001	Startac	10th	Allen E. Paulson Living Trust	Simon Bray
2002	Ocean Sound	17th	KM Stable, Ford, Pearson	James Cassidy
2003	Domestic Dispute Gallagher	10th	David Bienstock, Chuck Winner	Patrick
2004	Master David	12th	Georgica Stable, Stephen Mack and Star Crown Stable	Robert Frankel
2006	Brother Derek	DH-4th	Cecil N. Peacock	Dan Hendricks

PREAKNESS STAKES MOUNTS

Year	Horse	Fin.	Owner	Trainer
1986	SNOW CHIEF	WON	Grinstead & Rochelle	Mel Stute
1991	Mane Minister	3rd	McCaffery/Toffan	Juan (Paco) Gonzales
1996	In Contention	6th	Noreen Carpenito	Cynthia Reese
1997	Captain Bodgit	3rd	Team Valor	Gary Capuano
2006	Brother Derek	4th	Cecil N. Peacock	Dan Hendricks
2008	Yankee Bravo	10th	Bienstock, Winner/Duggan	Patrick Gallagher

BELMONT STAKES MOUNTS

Year	Horse	Fin.	Owner	Trainer
1983	Current Hope	9th	Baker & Kaskel	Roger Laurin
1991	Mane Minister	3rd	McCaffery/Toffan	Juan (Paco) Gonzalez