



CHRIS DECARLO

Born: Dec. 29, 1968 in Edison, N.J.

Residence: Monmouth Beach, N.J.

Family: Wife, Jenni, and daughter, Nina

Top mounts in recent years have included Capeside Lady, Park Avenue Ball, Safari Queen, India, Quiet Royal and Portsea ... Is first-call rider for trainer Todd Pletcher's New Jersey string, and often rides for the trainer in New York and elsewhere if John Velazquez has other commitments ... Has had two rides in the Kentucky Derby, finishing 14th on Faultless Ensign in 1989 and seventh aboard Join in the Dance for Pletcher in 2009 ... His career began at

age 4 when Angel Cordero put him on a horse and promised him a career as a jockey if he didn't grow too much ... Took riding lessons until he was 15 and then moved in with Cordero and began galloping horses for Hall of Fame trainer Allen Jerkens ... Won aboard his first mount, Romeo's Mistress, on May 3, 1985, in New York ... His circuit now includes the New Jersey racetracks and Florida in the winter ... Biggest career win came aboard Wise Times when he won the 1985 Haskell Invitational at Monmouth Park, his home track ... At 17, was the youngest rider to win the prestigious race.

