



CORNELIO VELASQUEZ

Born: Sept. 28, 1968 in Panama
Residence: San Juan Ranch, Fla.
Family: Wife Roxanne, and daughters Stephanie, Connie, Katherine

Purse earnings for 2009: \$7,065,579, considerably lower than his 2008 total of \$10,330,717, which was good for 12th in North America ... Posted highest ranking and highest purse earnings for career in 2007 by finishing fourth with \$15,997,913 ... Capped his year with victories in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile with War Pass and the Breeders' Cup Mile with Kip Deville, his third and fourth B.C. wins ... During year, was regular rider for War Pass and Nobiz Like Shobiz and posted other stakes wins aboard Political Force, Diamond Stripes, Adore the Gold, High Again, Sharp Susan and Teammate ... Scored 2,000th victory when riding Showing Up to win the 2006 Colonial Turf Cup at Virginia's Colonial Downs ... Won the Saratoga riding title in 2007 ... After finishing 10th in the national jockey standings in 2004, edged up to ninth in 2005 with purse earnings of \$11,430,591; rode 216 winners ... Topped off his year with a stunning, record 9½-length win at odds of 30-1 in the Breeders' Cup Distaff aboard Pleasant Home ... Had chalked up first B.C. triumph in 2003 aboard Cajun Beat in the Sprint ... Won Churchill Downs riding title in 2003 in his first season at the Louisville oval ... Has had four Kentucky Derby rides, finishing 11th aboard Scrimshaw in 2003, second to Giacomo in 2005 after taking the lead in deep stretch with Closing Argument, sixth with Showing Up in 2006 and 10th with Nobiz Like Shobiz in 2007 ... Rode horses on a farm while growing up and at age 15 enrolled in the famed national jockey school in Panama ... Served a two-year apprenticeship ... Won three riding titles (top apprentice in 1985 and leading rider in 1994 and 1995) during his 14-year campaign in his native country ... Rode briefly in California in 1993 but settled in New York in 1996 on a more permanent basis, during which time he won the Grade II Toronto Cup Handicap on OK By Me in 1996, 1997 Gravesend on Patsyprospect and a division of the 1997 New York Stallion Stakes on Dancewiththebride ... Later moved tack to Florida, where he was a mainstay at Calder Race Course for several years ... Won the Grade II W.L. McKnight Handicap on Wicapi, Grade III My Charmer with Crystal Symphony, a division of the In Reality Stakes with Kiss A Native, Calder Oaks on Crystal Symphony, Flying Pidgeon with Wicapi and the Needles on Special Coach in 1999 ... In 1998 he won the My Dear Girl and Susan's Girl Divisions of the Florida Stallion Stakes on Three Ring ... Also won the 1998



Foolish Pleasure on One Last Trick ... Rode Tour The Hive to victory in the 2000 Needles Stakes ... Won his first U.S. jockey championships in 2001, taking both the Calder and Tropical Park meets ... Banner year in 2001 saw him win eight stakes races between those two meets: Desert Vixen and My Dear Girl of the Florida Stallion Series, Judy's Red Shoes Stakes, Convenience Stakes, Calder Oaks, What a Pleasure Stakes, Fred Hooper Handicap and Pass the Line Handicap ... In 2002, once again took riding titles at both Calder and Tropical and scored 14 stakes victories over the two meets ... Other top horses ridden include Trust N Luck, Band Is Passing, Best of the Rest, Cellars Shiraz and The Judge Sez Who.