



## JOSEPH TALAMO

**Born:** Jan. 12, 1990 in Marrero, La.

**Residence:** Playa del Rey, Calif.

**Height:** 5'1"

**Weight:** 108 pounds

**Family:** Single

**Eclipse Award:** 2007 as nation's top apprentice

**Major victories:** Breeders' Cup – California Flag in 2009 Turf Sprint



Was regular rider on 2009 Kentucky Derby morning-line favorite I Want Revenge, who was scratched on Derby morning because of an injury; colt had won Aqueduct's Wood

Memorial and Gotham Stakes prior to the Derby ... Has taken first the Louisiana racing scene and then Southern California's by storm in just three years ... As an apprentice rider in 2007, went straight from New Orleans' Fair Grounds meeting where he won the riding title with 119 victories to Hollywood Park to establish himself on the circuit with a second-place finish in the jockey standings with 68 victories ... His riding title at Fair Grounds came with a cushion of 25 wins over runner-up Robby Albarado, six-time riding champion at the New Orleans track ... Lost his "bug" in the 2007 Del Mar meeting but still finished second in the standings ... Was a runaway winner of the Eclipse Award ... During the Hollywood Park meet, became the first apprentice to win two Grade I races on the same program as he guided Nashoba's Key to win the \$300,000 Vanity and Bilo to an upset victory in the \$300,000 Triple Bend on July 7, 2007 ... Also rode Nashoba's Key to three more graded wins before a run in the Breeders' Cup at Monmouth Park resulted in a fourth-place finish on a soggy turf course ... Got his first taste of the racetrack life at age 7 when accompanying his father, Joseph Jr., who was an assistant trainer ... With his mind made up at an early age, the young Talamo would watch the Fair Grounds replay show astride the family sofa and flail away with a riding crop ... Began riding Thoroughbreds when he was 11 and at 12 was working at a half-mile track mucking stalls, walking horses and eventually jogging them ... Like so many Louisiana youngsters, he got his first racing experience at a bush track in Duson, La., called the Quarter Pole ... During 2007, won 249 races with purse earnings of \$10.7 million ... Posted earnings of \$6 million in 2008 while riding 137 winners ... Other best horses ridden: Ashley's Kitty, Bushwacker, Santa Teresita, Nownownow, Ball Four, Red Arrow, Awesome Gambler, Artiste Royal, Unusual Suspect, Saint Anddan and Spenditallbaby ... Has been a cast member of the Animal Planet reality show *Jockeys* ... Purse earnings for 2009: \$8,472,566.