



JULIEN LEPAROUX

Born: July 15, 1983 in Senlis, France

Residence: Louisville, Ky.

Height: 5'5"

Weight: 108 pounds

Family: Single

Eclipse Award: 2006 as nation's top apprentice rider; 2009 top journeyman. Joins Steve Cauthen, Chris McCarron and Kent Desormeaux as the only riders to score that exacta

Major victories: Breeders' Cup – Nownownow in 2007 Juvenile Turf; Forever Together in 2008 Filly & Mare Turf; She Be Wild in 2009 Juvenile Fillies; Informed Decision in 2009 Filly & Mare Sprint; Furthest Land in 2009 Dirt Mile ... Three victories made him the winner of the Bill Shoemaker Award



Rode in his first Kentucky Derby in 2007, finishing fifth with Sedgefield; was 15th with Cool Coal Man in 2008, and 10th with General Quarters in 2009 ... Best finish in a Triple Crown race came on a second with Macho Again in the 2008 Preakness Stakes ... Other top runners in 2009 include multiple Grade I winner Einstein, Forever Together, It's a Bird, Icon Project and Pure Clan ... Led the nation in victories in 2006 with 406 ... Purse earnings for that year: \$12,491,316, placing him eighth on the national list ... In 2008, purse earnings totaled \$11,962,878, with 210 victories ... Other best runners so far: Gorella, Asi Siempre, Cosmonaut, Lady of Venice, Happy Ticket, Stream Cat, Man of Illusion, Hot Storm, Likely ... Lost his apprentice allowance on Sept. 25, 2006 ... Grew up around racing at Chantilly, France ... Said he knew at age 5 he wanted to be a jockey ... Came to Southern California Jan. 29, 2003 to work as an exercise rider for fellow Frenchman Patrick Biancone ... As his talents became more obvious as time went on, he began his professional career as first-call rider for the trainer upon retirement of Hall of Fame jockey Gary Stevens ... Began his riding career at Saratoga in 2005, with his first win coming aboard Easter Guardian on Aug. 18 ... Moved on to Belmont Park, Keeneland, Churchill Downs and Turfway Park ... First stakes victory came on Feb. 11, 2006 at Turfway Park aboard Cat Quatorze in the Likely Exchange Stakes for trainer Helen Pitts ... Posted first Grade I win on Aug. 12 of that year aboard Gorella in the Beverly D. at Arlington Park for Biancone ... During year, won meet titles at Turfway Park, breaking the winter-spring meet record for wins and setting a record during the fall meet; Churchill Downs as the first apprentice to win the title since 1949, and Keeneland, where he tied Rafael Bejarano with 17 victories to become the first apprentice to earn

the title in the track's 70-year history ... Also posted 28 wins at Saratoga, the most ever by an apprentice at the Spa ... 2009 purse earnings: \$18,560,565, losing out to Garrett Gomez on final day of the year; took month of December off to visit family in his native France.