



KENT DESORMEAUX

Born: Feb. 27, 1970 in Maurice, La.

Height: 5'3"

Weight: 116 pounds

Residence: La Canada, Calif.

Family: Sons Joshua and Jacob

National Museum of Racing Hall of

Fame: Inducted in 2004

Eclipse Award: 1987 as top apprentice;
1989 and 1992

Major victories: Kentucky Derby – Real Quiet in 1998; Fusaichi Pegasus in 2000; Big Brown in 2008; Preakness Stakes – Real Quiet in 1998; Big Brown in 2008; Belmont Stakes – Summer Bird in 2009; Breeders' Cup – Kotashaan in 1993 Turf; Desert Stormer in 1995 Sprint; Corinthian in 2007 Dirt Mile



Purse earnings for 2009: \$13,262,760, good for fourth in the nation ... Shortly after induction to Hall of Fame, won the Arlington Million on Kicken Kris through disqualification ... Other major winners in 2004: American Oaks and Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup with Ticker Tape; John Mabee Handicap and Oak Tree Breeders' Cup Mile with Musical Chimes and the Strub with Domestic Dispute ... Stands first in career earnings among active riders with \$228 million; fifth overall ... Won his 5,000th race in 2008 ... Hit the highest of career highs in 1998 when he won the Kentucky Derby aboard Real Quiet and then rode back to win the Preakness Stakes at Pimlico Race Course, where he found his first fame ... Inevitably the lows that go with the highs stalked and caught up with him in the Belmont Stakes, where Real Quiet was beaten a nose by Victory Gallop and deprived of becoming racing's first Triple Crown winner since 1978's Affirmed ... Won his second Kentucky Derby in 2000 with Fusaichi Pegasus, who finished second in the Preakness Stakes, but missed the Belmont Stakes with an injury suffered while training for the race ... For several years after leaving his early home base of Maryland, record-setting Cajun-country native was one of the premier riders in Southern California, perennially one of the toughest riding venues in the country ... In 1995, became youngest rider, at 25, to win 3,000 races ... Previously, Bill Shoemaker, Sandy Hawley and Chris McCarron were the youngest at 27 ... Went over the \$100-million mark in earnings during 1997, making him the youngest to reach that mark ... In 1992, earnings total of \$14.1 million topped the national list, paving way for third Eclipse Award ... Won prestigious George Woolf Memorial Jockey Award in 1993 ... Began riding rather inauspiciously at Evangeline Downs, where he won his first race on July 13, 1986, but moved from Louisiana to Maryland the next year ... Lost his apprentice

rating after racking up 297 victories in fewer than eight months and became the fifth Maryland-based jockey to win the Eclipse Award as the nation's outstanding apprentice ... Not only led the nation's apprentices in victories, but his 450 wins overall led all riders and was 59 more than runner-up Pat Day ... Horses earned \$5.1 million, and his 20 stakes victories surpassed the record of another phenom apprentice, Steve Cauthen ... As if that weren't enough, in 1989 he blitzed the record for victories in a single year by riding to the winner's circle 598 times, breaking McCarron's 1974 mark of 546, accomplished mostly in Maryland, also ... Feat gained him Eclipse Award as the nation's outstanding jockey ... In addition, record year also meant he led the nation's jockeys in victories three years in a row, joining Pat Day and Bill Hartack as the only ones to do that at that time ... Sandwiched between his 450 winners in 1987 and the 598 in 1989 were 474 in 1988, giving him 1,522 wins in three full years of riding ... Was regular rider for '93 Horse of the Year Kotashaan, his first Breeders' Cup winner ... Rode the courageous Free House to second place in the 1997 Preakness and third in the Belmont Stakes ... Aside from riding Real Quiet to an Eclipse Award in 1998, also was regular rider for the fine filly Fiji, who was voted the Eclipse as the nation's outstanding female grass runner ... Among other major stakes won: Pacific Classic, Santa Anita Handicap twice, Santa Anita Derby, Yellow Ribbon three times, Hollywood Oaks twice, Santa Anita Oaks four times, Oaklawn Handicap twice, Super Derby, Del Mar Derby ... Among other best horses ridden: Best Pal, Soul of the Matter, Afternoon Deelites, Larry the Legend, Possibly Perfect, Lakeway, Marquetry, Mizzen Mast, Excellent Meeting, Milwaukee Brew, Astra, War Chant, Toussaud, Worldly Manner, Golden Missile, Keeper Hill, Gozzip Girl, Dynaforce, Mushka and Mr. Sidney ... Has won riding titles at Santa Anita, Oak Tree at Santa Anita, Hollywood Park, Del Mar, Laurel Park, Pimlico and in Tokyo, Japan.

KENTUCKY DERBY MOUNTS

Year	Horse	Fin.	Owner	Trainer
1988	Purdue King	16th	Bob R. Starnes	Barry Wexler
1990	Pleasant Tap	3rd	Buckland Farm	Chris Speckert
1993	Diazo	5th	Allen Paulson	Bill Shoemaker
1994	Soul of the Matter	5th	Burt Bacharach	Richard Mandella
1995	Afternoon Deelites	8th	Burt Bacharach	Richard Mandella
1996	Diligence	9th	Kinsman Stable	Nick Zito
1998	REAL QUIET	WON	Mike Pegram	Bob Baffert
1999	Excellent Meeting	5th	Golden Eagle Farm	Bob Baffert
2000	FUSAICHI PEGASUS	WON	Fusao Sekiguchi	Neil Drysdale
2003	Outta Here	7th	William Currin/Al Eisman	William Currin
2004	Imperialism	3rd	Steve Taub	Kristin Mulhall
2005	Greeley's Galaxy	11th	B. Wayne Hughes	Warren Stute
2006	Sweetnorthernstain	7th	Joseph J. Balsamo & Ted Theos	Michael Trombetta
2008	BIG BROWN	WON	IEAH Stables/Paul Pompa Jr.	Richard Dutrow Jr.
2009	Hold Me Back	12th	Win Star Farm	William I. Mott

PREAKNESS STAKES MOUNTS

Year	Horse	Fin.	Owner	Trainer
1988	Finder's Choice	9th	Locust Hill Farm	Charles H. Hadry
1990	Kentucky Jazz	7th	L.R. French Jr.	D. Wayne Lukas
1995	Our Gatsby	7th	Charles F. Heider	Donnie K. Von Hemel
1997	Free House	2nd	Trudy McCaffery/ John Toffan	Juan (Paco) Gonzalez
1998	REAL QUIET	WON	Mike Pegram	Bob Baffert
1999	Excellent Meeting	Pulled up	Golden Eagle Farm	Bob Baffert

2000	Fusaichi Pegasus	2nd	Fusao Sekiguchi	Neil Drysdale
2002	U.S.S. Tinosa	6th	Peter Abruzzo, Barry Thiriot	Jerry Hollendorfer
2004	Imperialism	5th	Steve Taub	Kristin Mulhall
2006	Sweetnorthernstain	2nd	Joseph J. Balsamo & Ted Theos	Michael Trombetta
2008	BIG BROWN	WON	IEAH Stables/Paul Pompa Jr.	Richard Dutrow Jr.
2009	Tone It Down	12th	M and D Stable	William R. Kamlo

BELMONT STAKES MOUNTS

Year	Horse	Fin.	Owner	Trainer
1993	Arinthod	Eased	Sidney Craig	Ron McAnally
1997	Free House	3rd	Trudy McCaffery/ John Toffan	Juan (Paco) Gonzalez
1998	Real Quiet	2nd	Mike Pegram	Bob Baffert
1999	Patience Game	6th	The Thoroughbred Corp.	Alex Hassinger
2002	Medaglia d'Oro	2nd	Edmund Gann	Robert Frankel
2008	Big Brown	DNF	IEAH Stables/Paul Pompa Jr.	Richard Dutrow Jr.
2009	SUMMER BIRD	WON	K.K./V.D. Jayaraman	Tim Ice