



## MIGUEL MENA

**Born:** Nov. 6, 1986 in Lima, Peru

**Residence:** Lexington, Ky.

**Height:** 5'5"

**Weight:** 110 pounds

**Family:** Single

Got his start with horses as a groom and hotwalker at age 12 ... Left school to enroll in his homeland's jockey school and graduated in the same class as successful rider Alan Garcia ... Earlier graduates include Edgar Prado and Rafael Bejarano ... Comes from a long line of horsemen in his native Peru; his father, Jose Mena, was a jockey for 17 years, an uncle is a trainer and younger brother, Aderly, rides in Peru ... Won his first race in January 2003 aboard Platanal at The Jockey Club of Peru ... Came to the United States in 2004 when an agent saw him riding in Peru and encouraged him to make the move ... Rode Florida circuit for seven months then moved on to Chicago-area racetracks until mid-2006 when he moved to the Kentucky circuit ... Won the inaugural Presque Isle Downs riding title in 2007 and has won titles at Turfway Park and Ellis Park ... Has been on the leaders' lists also at Kentucky Downs, Keeneland and Churchill Downs ... Purse earnings for 2009: \$5,022,718.

