



RUSSELL BAZE

Born: Aug. 7, 1958 in Vancouver, British Columbia

Residence: Woodside, Calif.

Height: 5'4"

Weight: 113 pounds

Family: Wife Tami; daughters Trinity, Brandi and Cassie; son Gable

Became racing's all-time leading rider by surpassing Laffit Pincay Jr.'s previous best mark of 9,530 victories ... Posted win No. 9,531 on Dec. 1, 2006 at Bay Meadows ... As of mid-April, his number of wins reached 10,876 ... His base of operations is Northern

California, where he is the perennial riding leader at Golden Gate Fields and Bay Meadows ... He has had close ties over the years to perennial training leader Jerry Hollendorfer ... Part of a large family devoted to the Thoroughbred, either as riders, trainers or in a variety of other fields allied to racing ... Father, Joe, was a jockey prior to becoming a trainer ... Cousins Tyler Baze and Michael Baze have been successful on the Southern California circuit over the past several years ... For the 14th time in its 15-year existence, the Isaac Murphy Award went to Baze for posting the top win percentage among the nation's jockeys during 2009; winning at a 31 per cent clip, well ahead of runner-up Ramon Dominguez's 24 percent ... Missed the award in 2004 when it went to Dominguez ... Baze's 2009 purse earnings: \$6,468,824 ... Though born in Canada, Baze is an American citizen by virtue of the fact both his parents are Americans; his father was riding at Exhibition Park at the time of Russell's birth ... Began his racing career at Yakima Meadows in 1974 ... First winner, Oregon Warrior, was trained by his father ... Was regular rider aboard Lost in the Fog, the nation's pre-eminent sprinter until faltering in the 2005 Breeders' Cup Sprint stretch to finish seventh, his first career loss after going 10 for 10 ... Still won the Eclipse Award as the nation's top sprinter ... 1999 inductee into racing's Hall of Fame has ridden twice in the Kentucky Derby, finishing 14th aboard Semoran in 1996 and 13th on Cause to Believe in 2006.

