



Brad Cox

Born: March 30, 1980

Birthplace: Louisville, Kentucky

Residence: Fisherville, Kentucky

Family: Sons, Bryson, Blake and Brodie

Breeders' Cup Record: 7-1-0-0 | \$1,400,000

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- **Eclipse Award Winner: Champion 3-Year-Old Filly** (Monomoy Girl, 2018)
 - High-percentage trainer Brad Cox enjoyed a career-best year in 2018 highlighted by victories in the Kentucky Oaks (G1) and Breeders' Cup Distaff (G1) by Monomoy Girl, his first Breeders' Cup winner and first champion. The filly, who crossed the wire first in all seven of her 2018 starts, suffered several setbacks in 2019, including a minor bout of colic and will not start this year, but is expected to resume her racing career in 2020.
 - Cox had his first Breeders' Cup starter in 2014 when he saddled Carve to a sixth-place finish in the Dirt Mile (G1). Carve became his first graded stakes winner in the Grade 3 Prairie Meadows Cornhusker Handicap earlier that year at Prairie Meadows.
 - Monomoy Girl gave Cox his first career Grade 1 victory in the Ashland April 7, 2018 at Keeneland.
 - Had his first taste of Triple Crown race success in 2019 when Owendale finished third in the Preakness Stakes (G1). The Into Mischief colt, who is a candidate for the Longines Breeders' Cup Classic (G1), went on to win the Ohio Derby (G3) and Oklahoma Derby (G3).
 - Overall, Cox has won 12 graded stakes through Oct. 10, including three Grade 1s – the Joe Hirsch Turf Classic at Belmont with Arklow, the Alcibiades Stakes at Keeneland with British Idiom and the Test Stakes at Saratoga with Covfefe. All three horses are being pointed toward Breeders' Cup starts in their respective divisions along with Owendale.
 - Cox grew up a few blocks from Churchill Downs and earned an advanced degree in racing education under the famed Twin Spires. He broke into the game working for Burk Kessinger and Jimmy Baker before landing a job as assistant to trainer Dallas Stewart. Cox spent about four years under Stewart, which indoctrinated him to the revolutionary training program pioneered by D. Wayne Lukas and passed down through former

assistants like Todd Pletcher, Kiaran McLaughlin and Stewart. Cox calls Lukas his childhood hero, and like the Hall of Fame trainer, runs his horses in white bridles.

- Once setting out on his own in late 2004, Cox needed to be sharp to get established with a small stable. He identified Oaklawn in 2009 as a place to build momentum and get rolling with horses he picked out through claiming races. Cox later had to twice rebuild his stable after splitting with Chicago-based powerhouse Midwest Thoroughbreds, Inc.
- He now has more than 150 horses in training and races extensively in Arkansas, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana and New York. Cox has collected training titles at Ellis Park, Fair Grounds, Churchill Downs and Keeneland.
- Cox's son Blake is one of his main assistants. Other assistants are Jorge Abrego, Ricky Gianni and Tessa Bisha.
- Despite growing up in Louisville, he is an avid University of Kentucky fan.