



**Joel Rosario**

**Born:** Jan. 14, 1985 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

**Residence:** New York and South Florida

**Family:** Wife Briana, one daughter, one son

**Breeders' Cup Record: 101-9-10-18 | \$17,352,535**

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- Rosario returns to the Breeders' Cup one year after winning three races, including the \$6 million Classic (G1) aboard Accelerate, the eventual Champion Older Male. He also won the Juvenile Fillies (G1) with Jaywalk and Juvenile (G1) with Game Winner, who also received an Eclipse Award as 2-Year-Old Champion.
  - In 2017, he won the Turf Sprint (G1) with Stormy Liberal. His other Breeders' Cup winners were Tourist (2016 Mile (G1)), Wavell Avenue (2015 Filly & Mare Sprint (G1)), Bobby's Kitten (2014 Turf Sprint), Dakota Phone (2010 Dirt Mile (G1)) and Dancing in Silks (2009 Sprint (G1)).
  - His momentum from 2018 has carried over to 2019 and among Rosario's biggest wins was the Belmont Stakes (G1) aboard Sir Winston. Among this other Grade 1 stakes wins were the Santa Anita Handicap (G1) with Gift Box, Man o'War Stakes (G1) with Channel Maker and the Test Stakes (G1) with Covfefe.
  - He moved his tack back to the East Coast early this year and was among the top five riders at Saratoga and during the Belmont Spring Meet. As of Oct. 18, was among the top 5 riders during the Belmont Fall Meet.
  - Rider posted a banner year in 2014 by taking the Belmont Stakes and Jockey Club Gold Cup with Tonalist and nine other Grade 1 events, including three with eventual champion Older Female Close Hatches.
  - Won the 2013 Kentucky Derby (G1) aboard Orb.
  - Became first jockey to win both the \$10 million Dubai World Cup and Kentucky Derby in the same year by guiding Animal Kingdom to win the World Cup ahead of Orb in the Derby.

- Grew up on a farm in Santa Domingo that had horses and donkeys. He had horses for transportation.
- Attended races in his native land with an older brother and at 13 asked his family if he could be a jockey. He attended the jockey school for six months and by age 14 was a licensed professional.
- First race was at Galapagos Hippodromo V Centenario in Dominican Republic and first win came there in July of 2000.
- Was Dominican Republic's leading rider four times.
- Dominican bloodstock agent and former trainer Herbert Soto arranged for Rosario to come to the United States in 2006 where he rode at Fairplex Park before heading north to Golden Gate Fields. First U.S. win was on Slew Fly at Fresno Oct. 5, 2006.
- Rode in Northern California for much of 2007, finishing second to perennial leader Russell Baze at both Golden Gate Fields and Bay Meadows.
- Won his first stakes race March 18, 2007 at Bay Meadows on Dealer Choice.
- Headed to Southern California later in the year and wasted no time in establishing himself as one of the best riders on the circuit.
- First win in his new venue came aboard Only One Way on June 21, 2007 for trainer John Sadler, who became a strong supporter.
- First graded stakes win came aboard Zappa for Sadler in the San Pasqual Handicap on Jan. 12, 2008, making it an early birthday gift.
- That year proved to be a breakout year the rider, but he really exploded in 2009 when he won 284 races and posted purse earnings of \$13,073,777, fifth best in North America.
- Equaled a Hollywood Park record with six wins on Dec. 11, 2009, a feat accomplished by Hall of Fame riders Bill Shoemaker, Laffit Pincay Jr. and Kent Desormeaux.
- Ended Rafael Bejarano's streak of six consecutive riding titles at Southern California tracks by leading the standings in the spring/summer Hollywood Park meet with 79 wins.
- Went on to win the Del Mar title with 55 wins and then repeated in 2010 at both tracks.
- Won his 1,000th race on Feb. 17, 2011, making him the most prolific Dominican ever in the United States.
- Win No. 2,000 came in 2015 at Keeneland on April 23.
- Moved his tack to New York in 2012.
- During his three-year stay in Southern California, he won riding titles at each of the three venues in the area, three at both Del Mar and Hollywood Park and one at Santa Anita.

- Captured his first riding title at Keeneland during the 2013 spring meet with a record 38 victories, bettering the record of 32 set by Randy Romero in 1990.