

Frey, Kyle: Born: Jan. 3, 1992 From: Tracy, CA

Pronounced: Fray. Eclipse award winning Champion apprentice of 2011. Frey's grandfather, Paul Frey, was a top West Coast rider from the 1950s through the '70s, and his dad, Jay, has been an exercise rider and a jockey valet for many years at Bay Area tracks handling the tack for both his son and Russell Baze.

"It wasn't automatic," Kyle Frey said. "I rode horses off and on when I was young, but when I was a teenager I stopped. Then my parents split up, and I started staying with my dad. He took me to a ranch, and I started riding jumping horses, and I liked it."

After learning how to gallop thoroughbreds, he rode his first race at Golden Gate Fields on Nov. 26, 2010, got his first victory nine days later and soon decided on the advice of agent Mark North to move to Parx Racing in Bensalem, Pa.

In 2011 and won the Eclipse Award for Leading U.S. apprentice jockey. He is now based in Southern California.

The 2018 Belmont Stakes will be Frey's first opportunity in a G1 race.