

**Jaramillo, Emisael:** Born: From: Venezuela.

39 years old from Venezuela where he is their all-time leading rider and won Venezuela's leading rider title 13 times. Since 1960 the Venezuelan Triple Crown has been won only 8 times and 3 of those time, Emisael Jaramillo was the jockey on board.

In 2015 Jaramillo shifted his tack to the United States and South Florida. Jaramillo's relocation was predicated by the rising economic and political turmoil in Venezuela in recent years. The South American nation's economy is largely tied to its vast crude oil reserves; the price per barrel of oil has plunged significantly, taking Venezuela's stability down with it.

“The situation there was pretty bad,” Gonzalez said. “It wasn't safe anymore.”

Went from purse earnings of \$1.3 million in 2015 to over \$5 million already this year. Rode in his first Kentucky Derby this year (2016). He also rode Paola Queen in the KY Oaks. This is his first Breeders' Cup.