

Leparoux, Julien: Born: July 15, 1983. From: Senlis, France.

The son of former jockey-turned-trainer Robert Leparoux, he grew up around racing in Chantilly, France, and rode competitive hunter/jumpers until his father allowed him to begin a racing career at age 18. He said he knew he wanted to be a jockey from the time he was five ... Father passed away in 2003 ... Went to Southern California in Jan. 2003 to work as an exercise rider for trainer Patrick Biancone. As Leparoux's riding talents became evident, Biancone made Leparoux his first-call rider.

Champion jockey in the U.S. as an apprentice in 2006 (with 403 wins) and then again as a journeyman rider in 2009—a precocious start. Became just the fourth jockey in history to win Eclipse Awards as an apprentice and journeyman.

Jan. 10, 2018 (at 34 years of age) became a US citizen.

Family: Wife, Shea, daughter of late Southern California trainer Mike Mitchell, son Mitchell, born in 2015, son Vinn, born in December 2017.