

**Beschizza, Adam:** Born: From: Newmarket, England

Pronounced “Biscuit-za”. 25 years old in March 2018. Father, Paul Beschizza, is an exercise rider for Ed Dunlop. His mother, Poppy Feilden, is the sister of Julia Feilden, who trains in Exning, just outside Newmarket. Poppy works for Julia, and Julia’s children. Adam’s cousins Shelley and Ross Birkett, are both jockeys. Ross rides as an amateur and is assistant trainer to his mother.

Beschizza started riding professionally in 2009 in England and lost his apprenticeship 2 1/2 years later. Before returning home to ride in Europe Beschizza was an exercise rider in the states for Mike Stidham in 2009. He returned in 2015 to ride morning work for trainer Joe Sharp.

For the Fair Grounds 2017-18 winter meet Beschizza returned to the Fair Grounds but this time it was as a jockey. He won 3 out of his first 10 races (all Joe Sharp trained mounts) but soon started riding for other top trainers such as Steve Asmussen, Mark Casse and Brendan Walsh. He concluded the meet with 65 wins, one behind Shaun Bridgemohan who won the leading rider title with 66 first place finishes.