

Bravo, Joe: Born: Sept. 10, 1971. From: Long Branch, NJ.

Bravo's grandfather Bartolo and father George were also jockeys. At age 13, Bravo was riding Quarter Horses in Texas, having lived there from ages 10-16. He started riding Thoroughbreds in late 1988 at Calder Race Course and won his first race aboard Daffy Doc.

Earned his 5,000th race on May 23, 2015 at Monmouth Park, a fitting location as nearly half of his career victories have been at the Jersey Shore track. "Jersey Joe" has dominated the New Jersey racing circuit since the early 1990s, earning 13 riding titles at Monmouth and nine at The Meadowlands.

Has won 148 graded stakes races and earned more than 20 leading rider titles in New Jersey but is still looking for his first Breeders' Cup win (18: 0-0-1)(stat is through 2017 B. Cup). The closest he's come is one third place finish.