

**Nakatani, Corey:** Born: October 21, 1970. From: Covina, CA.

Born and raised in Southern California. Corey was a champion high school wrestler who became intrigued by racing after visiting Santa Anita with his father after a wrestling tournament at the age of sixteen. Nakatani learned the ropes on the Thoroughbred farm of Tony Matos. He then went on and broke and galloped horses for Johnny Longden and Longden's son, Eric Longden before starting his career as a jockey. He graduated from jockey school in Castaic, California, and won his first race, a dead heat, in Caliente, Mexico in 1988 aboard Blue King. He moved to Southern California in April 1989, and became the leading apprentice jockey that same year. His current residence is Southern California.

Nakitani has won over 3,700 races, including 10 Breeders' Cup races, but he's 0 for 27 in Triple Crown races. Announced his retirement in 2016, came back the following year, had 5 Breeders' Cup mounts that year—2017. Wife battled cancer in 2016 (which was one of the reasons he "retired").

He also is a golfer who carries a three handicap. His role models are Tiger Woods and Fred Couples. His favorite horse of all-time is Lava Man. Nakatani's current agent is his son, Matt.

Family: Wife, Lisa. Son, Matt (from first marriage)