

Mena, Miguel: Born: Nov. 6, 1986 From: Lima, Peru

Family: Father, Jose, was a jockey. Uncle, Humberto, is a trainer. (Both in Peru). Wife, April, and at least 2 children.

Knew by age 6-7 that he wanted to be a jockey. By the time Miguel was 11, he was grooming horses. When he turned 14, he started at the Jorge Bernardini Yori Jockey School in Peru, which also produced Hall of Famer Edgar Prado and Southern California-based Rafael Bejarano.

Mena missed much of 2018 with ankle and heel fractures (right ankle) and then subsequent complications from the injury. (Injury happened at the Fair Grounds in March, 2018).