

Albarado, Robby: Born: Sept. 11, 1973. From: Lafayette, LA.

He began riding at the age of 10 and progressed to riding at bush tracks in his native Louisiana by the age of 12. After turning professional, he earned his first official win at Evangeline Downs in 1990. Since then, he has won more than 5,000 races, but his career has endured setbacks as a result of serious injuries. During 1998 and 1999, he suffered two skull fractures, one of which required doctors to replace a damaged portion of his skull with titanium mesh and polymer plate. Another serious accident in the fall of 2000 kept him out of racing for the better part of 2001.

Albarado's father was a jockey at the bush tracks in Louisiana[2] and Albarado grew up wanting to race horses. "It's my earliest memory, maybe when I was four, five, six years old," he said in 2007. "I started with basics: cleaning stalls, walking horses and doing whatever it took to be close to it. Eventually I graduated to galloping horses when I was 9, 10 years old. From that point on it's all I wanted to do."

Albarado first began to ride at the age of 10, schooled by Shelton LeBlanc, a trainer in South Louisiana. Albarado began to ride at the Louisiana bush tracks at the age of 12 and turned professional at age 16.

Albarado has won two Preakness Stakes (2007 Curlin, 2020 Swiss Skydiver) and 3 Breeders' Cup races (2007, 2009, 2011).

Family: Albarado is currently married to Paige Albarado, who works in the horsemen's relations office at Fair Grounds Race Course. They have a son Liam. He was previously married to Kimber Albarado, with whom he had three children, sons Kaden and Kash, and daughter Larkin.