

Desormeaux, Kent (HOF 2004): Born on February 27, 1970. From: Maurice, LA.

Precocious—began riding in 1986 at age 16 and in 1987 won the Eclipse Award for Outstanding Apprentice Jockey. Two more Eclipse Awards followed in 1989 and 1992. Set a world record with 598 wins in 1989—the record still stands.

Has 3 Kentucky Derby wins (1998, 2000, 2008); 2 Preakness Stakes wins (1998, 2008); 1 Belmont Stakes win (2009); and 5 Breeders' Cup wins. Has won more than 115 Grade 1 races. Inducted into the Racing **Hall of Fame in 2004**. Unfortunately, Desormeaux's battle with alcohol addiction has become almost as legendary as his successes. Entered rehab for the 2nd or 3rd time in 2020 and was in the process of attempting a come back at the start of 2021.

Family: Divorced with two sons from his first marriage. Remarried (Rose Higgins) in 2013—they divorced in 2019.