

Esquivel, Emmanuel: Born: From: Mexico

Pronounced ess-KIH-vul. At age 8 Esquivel came to Chicago with his parents to live with his uncle (his father's brother), Cipriano "Cippy" Contreras who was working as a groom at Hawthorne. Esquivel's father also got a job at the track as a groom and Esquivel grew up working with the horses whenever he could. "I grew up doing different jobs in the barn and since I was small, I always wanted to be a jockey."

Quit high school to become a full-time exercise rider and in 2013 became a jockey at Hawthorne. That September he became the 1st apprentice since 1940 to be leading rider. Rides on the Midwest circuit; has won titles at Indiana Grand.