

Rispoli, Umberto: Born: Aug. 31, 1988. From: San Severino Marche, Italy.

Originally from Italy, where he started riding professionally in 2005 and won Championships in 2009 and 2010. Has ridden all over the world: Spent 5 seasons in France before shifting his tack to Hong Kong in 2016 rode there and in Japan.

Shifted his tack full time to the U.S. and California at the start of 2020. As a teenager his idol was Frankie Dettori and he had a goal to move from being an Italian Jockey to being more of an international jockey. In fact, it was Frankie's father's wins record for a season that he broke in Italy before setting his sights on other fronts.

The 3 American riders that he grew up watching and wishing to emulate were Gary Stevens, John Velazquez and the late Garrett Gomez.

Plans to stay in the U.S. as long as his business warrants it. Has a son, Hayden, with his partner Kimberly and doesn't want to move him around, in and out of schools, if he doesn't have to.