

Rocco, Joe, Jr.: Born: July 19, 1982. From: Hollywood, Florida

The son of a jockey and grandson of a horse trainer, Joe Rocco, Jr. was destined for a career in racing. He rode his first race in 1999 at Tampa Bay Downs and has spent the better part of the past two decades enjoying waves of success at tracks up and down the East Coast. He's won nearly 1,500 career races and has a runner-up finish in a Breeders' Cup race. However, his only opportunity to ride in the Derby was a forgettable one as he finished 17th aboard longshot Vinceremos in 2014.