**Manuel Ycaza**

Nicknamed the *Panic from Panama* Manuel Ycaza pioneered the path for Latino jockeys in the United States. He was extremely aggressive on the racecourse—receiving numerous suspensions and fines; however, he won nearly every important race except the Kentucky Derby. He began racing at the age of 14 in the United States in 1956 and retired in 1971 after incurring a serious injury—only to return in 1983 as an active jockey! (And retired the following year, 1984).

His passion is completely revealed by the comment he made in 1962 at the age of 20*: I am burning inside. I cannot sleep for a week thinking of losing that race. Next time I win, and I know I love this better than anything.*

Past Performance

Number of Mounts 10,561

Number of Wins 2,367

Earnings of Mounts Approximately $30,000,000