**Jorge Velasquez**

Velasquez’s career lasted from 1963 to 1997. He won the Filly Triple Crown (The Acorn Stakes, The Mother Goose Stakes and the Coaching Club American Oaks twice—in 1974 with Chris Evert and in 1979 with Davona Dale. He has also won the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness Stakes, the Beldame Stakes (5 times), the Mother Goose Stakes (5 times), the Acorn Stakes (4 times) the Coaching Club American Oaks (4 times), the Carter Handicap, the Jerome Handicap, the Man O’War Stakes (5 times), the Wood Memorial, the Remsen Stakes (2 times), the Jockey Club Gold Cup (3 times), the Whitney Handicap (2 times) and the Saratoga Special. Velasquez finished in the top 10 nationally in earnings for 20 consecutive years, from 1966-85. On two occasions, in 1965 and again in 1981, he rode six winners on a single card. He led the nation in victories with 438 in 1967 and won the New York riding title five times from 1971 to 1978.

Velasquez was noted for his ability to race a horse according to its strengths, to have an outstanding sense of pace, to alter tactics quickly as a race unfolded, to seize opportunities and to always have something left in his horses in the stretch.

Past Performance

Number of Mounts 40,852

Number of Wins 6,795

Earnings of Mounts $125,544,379