

#### FRANKIE & ROMAN FIGUEROA

The Figueroas were born to the saddle. From Sonoita, Frankie Figueroa, in his day, was a top Quarter Horse pilot that rode the likes of Queenie and Joe Reed II, while his brothers -- one of whom was killed on a racehorse -- were also among Arizona's most respected horsemen. Frankie also trained and rode for Art Pollard's Lightning A Ranch, where he was cow boss.

Frankie's son Roman was a hotshot rodeo cowboy who qualified five times to the National Finals Rodeo, where in 1978 he was third in the heading. Today one of the top riders in the sport, Roman is based at Los Alamitos, where he's won 12 Grade 1 and two Restricted Grade 1 races, including the 1995 Champion of Champions on champion My Debut. In 1998, Roman won Kindergarten and Ed Burke futurities, the first two legs of the California Triple Crown, aboard champion First Sovereign, who was killed in a freak accident while training for the third leg, the Los Alamitos Million. Roman also has ridden champions Cash Perks, Uncas, Dashing Val. Also now a leading sire, Dashing Val was bred by Roman's wife, the former Brenda Schvaneveldt, with whom he has one daughter(?) Roman also rode This Jet Is Royal for the Allred Bros., when the gelding set his world record at Prescott. In 18 years of riding, Roman has ridden 1,184 winners from 8,889 starters, a career win percentage of 13, and altogether his mounts have earned \$9.8 million.