

where Cassidy claimed her for \$9,000 at Hollywood Park in November 1999. She won her final race for him for a \$12,500 claiming tag at Turf Paradise in Arizona.

"I've let a few of them go that I wish I can have back, Sand Pirate being one of them, but you have to move on in life," he said.

Cassidy had a horse, Mayan King (Stephen Got Even), on the 2005 Kentucky Derby trail. He bought the colt as a 2-year-old for \$210,000, by far the most Cassidy had invested buying a horse of racing age, and later had a partner in the ownership. The horse suffered an ankle injury in the Gil Lane's End S. at Turfway Park six weeks before the Derby and never was the same in his return because of physical problems.

"To get to the Kentucky Derby is the hardest thing," Cassidy said. "One in 50,000, there's your odds. It's probably greater than that when you think about people who have multi-multi million-dollar mares and have access to the best stallions in the world. It's a difficult proposition when you consider it."

Cassidy called Contessa about a week ago to talk about the pedigree of a 2-year-old filly of his that ran second in a graded stakes race at Belmont Park.

"He called me and said, 'That filly's got a really good pedigree and will really get better going two turns,'" Contessa recalled.

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WHO IS THE PERSON YOU MOST ADMIRE IN RACING, AND WHY?

The following is part of a series in which we have posed the question above to a number of racing industry participants. The only rule is that you cannot choose your own boss.

DAVID INGORDO: Garrett O'Rourke

The person in racing that I have a great admiration for is **Garrett O'Rourke**. It is easy to see Garrett's fingerprints as a horseman as part of Juddmonte's team. What is harder to see is what he has done to help future generations of horse people develop under his tutelage. From being a founder and supporter of the Kentucky Equine Management Internship (KEMI) to his everyday guidance of the younger staff on the



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Edwards Going Left shown winning the \$100,000 Cary Grant Stakes at Del Mar

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On November 19th, \$100,000 Cary Grant Stakes Winner **EDWARDS GOING LEFT** was one of three winners on the day for Midnight Lute.

One day earlier, 2YO **Midnight Bisou** ran second, beaten a nose, in the \$100,000 Desi Arnaz Stakes at Del Mar.



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