

**Stevens, Gary (Retired) (HOF 1997):** Born: March 6, 1963. From: Caldwell, Idaho.

Father was a horse trainer and had Gary grooming horses at age 8. Mother was a rodeo queen. His brother Scott is a jockey. Before he was 14, Gary was riding winners in Quarter Horse races at the bush tracks and fairs. Won his first race at a recognized track at age 16 at Les Bois Park in Boise, Idaho on a horse named **Little Star**, trained by his father. Soon he became the top jockey in Washington, winning riding titles at Longacres in 1983-84. He moved his tack to Southern California where after a rocky and homesick start, his career skyrocketed. He eventually won multiple riding titles at all of the Southern CA tracks.

Stevens has racked up more than 5,000 wins including 3 Kentucky Derby, 3 Preakness Stakes, 3 Belmont Stakes and 10 Breeders' Cups. His nine **Triple Crown** races: Kentucky Derbies: Winning Colors (1988), Thunder Gulch (1995), Silver Charm (1997). Preakness Stakes wins: Silver Charm (1997), Point Given (2001), Oxbow (2013). Belmont Stakes: Thunder Gulch (1994), Victory Gallop (1998), Point Given (2001). He was inducted into the Racing **Hall of Fame in 1997** and won an Eclipse award for outstanding jockey in 1998.

Hall of Fame jockey Gary Stevens returned to the saddle after an eight-year absence in Jan. 2013 and made the most of that comeback. After winning the 2013 Preakness Stakes on Oxbow he ended the year by sweeping the Breeders' Cup Distaff and Classic with Beholder and Mucho Macho Man, respectively. After a slow 2014 for both Beholder and her main rider, Stevens and the star mare were better than ever in 2015 even though a fever forced her to miss her chance to face the boys in the Breeders' Classic. Overall, Stevens has won 10 Breeders' Cup races.

First major riding accident—in 1985—resulted in him being in a coma and injuring a shoulder and his right knee. Since then he's had multiple surgeries on both knees, his right wrist, both shoulders and then total knee replacement of the right knee in 2014. Returned exactly 14 weeks to the day after under going total knee replacement surgery on July 25, 2014 to accept one mount in the 2014 Breeders' Cup, finishing 5th in the Juvenile Fillies Turf on Silvoliere.

Stevens won more than 450 graded stakes races including stakes wins in Canada, France, England, Japan, Dubai and Hong Kong.

Retired from riding in November 2018 after suffering a back injury in a post parade incident. Now working with FOX Sports covering horse racing.

Family: Wife, Angie and their daughter Maddie (Madison). Four children from a previous marriage: sons Riley and T.C. and daughters Ashley and Carlie.