



The brother-and-sister team of Robert and Marion Gorham have found success in their Thoroughbred operation

Practice Makes Perfect

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As Kalamazoo, Mich., resident Robert Gorham stood in the Keene-land paddock on an unseasonably warm and breezy autumn afternoon and watched his 6-year-old horse Papa Fuse circle the grounds, anxious thoughts may have been running through his mind, but they surely didn't show.

Dressed casually in a button down shirt and jeans with a program rolled up in his back pocket, it was Gorham's first time saddling a runner at the Central Kentucky track, and he faced the situation with a sense of ease and a laid-back approach.

Michigan State grads Robert and Marion Gorham thrive in Michigan

After Papa Fuse ran third in the Oct. 19 sprint contest and was claimed, Gorham revealed his obvious disappointment, but was quick to point out, "that's part of the game."

The 53-year-old trainer, owner, breeder, and veterinarian embodies the saying that behind every great man is a great woman, and in his case, that woman happens to be his older sister and business partner, Marion.

Sibling rivalry simply doesn't seem to exist for the team of Marion and Robert,

who are both natives of Michigan. Perhaps it's always been that way, or maybe it's just that there's no time for competition when you have multiple businesses to run.

After both had graduated from the veterinary program at Michigan State, Robert and Marion, who are nine years apart in age, founded a small-animal veterinary practice in 1977. The Gorhams, who had grown up showing horses in 4-H, riding dressage, and playing polo, decided to enter the Thoroughbred industry after op-

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Rank	Stallion (Foaling Year, Sire), Farm Standing	2008 Stud Fee Can\$	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wnrs	Rstret SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2007 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	BOLD EXECUTIVE (84, Bold Ruckus), Gardiner Farms	\$15,000	133/77	4/6	4/4	(Legal Move, \$222,728)	\$4,300,554	562	35	1.73	1.36
2	GILDED TIME (90, Timeless Moment), Bar None Ranches	\$7,500	190/88	3/3	1/3	(Getback Time, \$200,330)	\$3,419,074	*967	43	1.45	1.85
3	PEAKS AND VALLEYS (92, Mt. Livermore), Gardiner Farms	\$8,000	123/70	3/6	2/3	(Meribel, \$207,993)	\$2,466,074	419	26	1.38	1.51
4	MAZEL TRICK (95, Phone Trick), Canmor Farms	\$3,500	129/70	3/3	0/3	(Gantu, \$186,846)	\$2,437,219	*307	8	1.25	1.62
5	BOLD N' FLASHY (89, Bold Ruckus), Park Stud	N/A	97/56	2/2	2/2	(Red Raffles, \$165,239)	\$2,200,992	242	13	1.42	1.31
6	KIRIDASHI (92, Bold Ruckus), Noren's Heart Valley Farms	\$3,500	54/29	3/7	2/3	(Financingavailable, \$451,151)	\$2,152,553	191	10	1.48	1.55
7	CAPE CANAVERAL (96, Mr. Prospector), Highfield Stock Farm	\$7,500	108/57	4/5	1/4	(Jilli's Cape, \$129,420)	\$2,008,856	197	11	1.43	1.49
8	TETHRA (92, Cure the Blues), Colebrook Farms Stallion Station	\$3,000	82/45	2/2	2/2	(Don's Folly, \$133,283)	\$1,748,749	258	9	1.41	1.44
9	KISSIN KRIS (90, Kris S.), Esquire Farms	\$3,000	98/44	3/4	0/3	(Delightful Kiss, \$465,237)	\$1,687,424	416	14	1.15	1.21
10	WHISKEY WISDOM (93, Wild Again), Windfields Farm	\$3,500	72/40	2/2	2/2	(Dave the Knave, \$104,309)	\$1,608,445	240	13	1.65	1.73
11	ASCOT KNIGHT (84, Danzig), Windfields Farm	\$2,500	68/34	0/0	0/0	(Knighly Attire, \$148,659)	\$1,564,272	*641	31	1.44	1.63
12	TEJANO RUN (92, Tejano), Ascot Stud	N/A	84/46	3/3	1/3	(Tejano's Oasis, \$116,161)	\$1,518,326	221	9	1.46	1.15
13	TRAJECTORY (97, Gone West), Gardiner Farms	\$6,000	76/26	1/2	1/1	(Dancer's Bajan, \$268,181)	\$1,448,340	143	5	1.31	1.40
14	ONE WAY LOVE (95, Regal Classic), T. C. Westmeath Stud Farm	\$5,500	75/29	1/3	1/1	(You Will Love Me, \$320,801)	\$1,415,972	142	2	1.03	1.41
15	COMPADRE (90, El Gran Senor), Colebrook Farms Stallion Station	\$4,000	62/26	1/1	1/1	(Simple Sister, \$124,212)	\$1,364,204	215	6	1.10	1.02
16	PERIGEE MOON (98, Hennessy), Park Stud	N/A	62/30	0/0	0/0	(Lady Moon, \$147,140)	\$1,297,528	104	3	1.07	1.43
17	ARCHERS BAY (95, Silver Deputy)	Died, 2002	48/29	1/1	0/1	(Bairds Village, \$105,220)	\$1,222,439	124	9	2.04	1.36
18	GENERAL ROYAL (94, A.P. Indy)	Died, 2006	72/41	0/0	0/0	(Mr. Pursuit, \$80,689)	\$1,090,928	170	2	1.00	1.07
19	ALYDEED (89, Shadeed), Peaceful Valley Stud	N/A	53/27	2/3	2/2	(Siwa, \$179,571)	\$1,050,250	*481	15	1.10	1.65
20	VYING VICTOR (89, Flying Paster), Ternes Farm	N/A	107/55	1/2	1/1	(Suva, \$74,692)	\$1,012,671	458	26	0.90	0.83
21	CROWN ATTORNEY (93, Silver Deputy), Debany Farm	N/A	33/16	1/2	1/1	(Rahy's Attorney, \$297,427)	\$976,422	126	1	0.83	1.34
22	FOXTRAIL (90, Heading Back Home), Colebrook Farms Stallion Station	\$3,500	62/30	0/0	0/0	(Blind River Fox, \$101,272)	\$851,568	191	5	1.08	1.10
23	CAT'S AT HOME (97, Tabasco Cat), Windfields Farm	Died, 2007	52/18	1/1	0/1	(Spread the News, \$128,673)	\$834,851	88	2	0.87	1.57
24	MILLENNIUM ALLSTAR (98, Meadowlake)	Died, 2017	24/17	3/10	0/3	(Dancing Allstar, \$299,428)	\$817,339	35	3	1.83	0.90
25	KATAHAULA COUNTY (88, Bold Ruckus), Ternes Farm	N/A	91/37	2/2	0/2	(Cafe Tortoni, \$48,295)	\$745,286	230	24	0.82	0.90
26	STEPHANOTIS (93, Regal Classic), Canmor Farms	\$3,000	60/40	2/2	1/2	(Stephanson, \$60,113)	\$713,878	150	5	0.78	0.86
27	IMPEACHMENT (97, Deputy Minister), Ascot Stud	N/A	43/22	1/1	0/1	(Scooter Girl, \$111,290)	\$702,925	88	1	0.96	1.26
28	CAPTAIN BODGIT (94, Saint Ballado), Highfield Stock Farm	\$3,000	69/28	0/0	0/0	(Captain Ernie, \$59,737)	\$685,196	322	7	0.87	1.30
29	DEVONWOOD (94, Woodman)	Died, 2004	43/22	5/8	1/5	(Teagues Fight, \$123,697)	\$626,018	93	8	0.77	0.64
30	REGAL REMARK (82, Vice Regent)	Died	38/24	4/4	2/4	(B R Remark, \$71,445)	\$605,519	457	41	0.85	0.90
31	ACCEPTABLE (94, Capote), Maybin Farm	N/A	50/29	1/2	0/1	(Critical Acclaim, \$67,715)	\$605,120	*440	3	1.03	1.30
32	REGAL INTENTION (85, Vice Regent), Canmor Farms	\$3,000	51/27	2/3	1/2	(Arthurlooksgood, \$101,498)	\$583,736	384	25	1.05	1.26
33	CIANO CAT (95, Storm Cat), Gardiner Farms	\$2,500	38/14	0/0	0/0	(Five and Off, \$148,087)	\$497,445	125	2	0.59	1.18
34	A FLEETS DANCER (95, Afleet), Anson Stud Farm	Died, 2007	36/15	0/0	0/0	(Fleets Dream, \$49,404)	\$473,373	67	0	0.51	1.28
35	BEST OF THE BESTS (IRE) (97, Machiavellian), Windfields Farm	\$5,000	70/22	0/0	0/0	(Stella di Quattro, \$66,298)	\$467,548	123	0	0.58	0.85
36	KINSHASA (98, Mr. Prospector), Longview Farms	N/A	27/6	0/0	0/0	(Tip Toe Annie, \$94,525)	\$439,721	54	0	0.82	1.27
37	ALFAARI (89, Danzig), Road's End Farm	\$2,000	44/21	1/1	1/1	(Desert Alf, \$104,466)	\$435,233	210	9	0.78	0.74
38	COBRA KING (93, Farma Way), Esquire Farms	\$2,500	38/13	0/0	0/0	(Castle Heights, \$105,417)	\$407,506	220	7	1.13	1.15
39	MASS MARKET (97, Marquetry), Red Rock Farm	N/A	49/26	1/1	0/1	(Post Rio, \$40,905)	\$405,796	75	3	0.65	0.88
40	JUST A CAT (94, Storm Cat), Calmar Stable & Ranch	N/A	53/22	1/1	1/1	(Altar Offering, \$73,070)	\$395,754	*178	3	0.64	0.90
41	EXPLICIT (97, Distant View), Winsome Acres	\$3,000	38/19	0/0	0/0	(Lauren C, \$54,568)	\$388,135	70	0	0.66	0.99
42	I CAN'T BELIEVE (88, Our Native), Colebrook Farms Stallion Station	\$2,000	24/14	0/0	0/0	(Can B Valid, \$105,441)	\$386,714	162	2	1.15	0.95
43	FEU D'ENFER (80, Tentam)	Died, 2004	28/15	2/3	0/2	(Napa, \$107,761)	\$383,560	221	18	0.70	0.64
44	LUCKY NORTH (81, Northern Dancer), Ziprick Thoroughbreds	Died, 2007	33/11	0/0	0/0	(Hailie's Girl, \$125,148)	\$381,554	403	18	1.19	1.22
45	MATTER OF HONOR (85, Conquistador Cielo), Curraghmore Farm	\$2,500	21/11	0/0	0/0	(Santino's Honour, \$78,095)	\$337,914	179	5	1.31	1.37
46	ROSETTI (99, Seattle Slew), Calmar Stable & Ranch	N/A	26/15	1/3	0/1	(Slews the Standard, \$38,525)	\$336,353	45	1	0.65	0.69
47	DESPERATELY (90, Greinton), Bar 17 Stable	N/A	17/12	4/6	2/4	(Bear Nobility, \$54,704)	\$291,590	39	4	0.69	0.41
48	YOONEVANO (95, Seattle Slew), Klimes Farm	N/A	52/17	1/1	0/1	(Illusive Force, \$44,171)	\$289,746	127	4	0.60	0.73
49	HIGHLAND RUCKUS (85, Bold Ruckus), Paddockhurst Stables	N/A	34/17	0/0	0/0	(Highly Appealing, \$28,993)	\$285,364	305	19	0.82	0.98
50	DEVIL BEGONE (90, Devil's Bag), Display Farm	N/A	25/8	0/0	0/0	(Captain Cooper, \$67,085)	\$283,278	126	3	0.92	1.00
51	TEJABO (85, Deputy Minister), Park Stud	N/A	21/10	1/1	0/1	(Stag Hunt, \$61,924)	\$271,330	169	10	1.35	1.04
52	MAGIC PROSPECT (87, Mr. Prospector), McAllister Thoroughbreds	N/A	28/13	0/0	0/0	(Nina Van Horn, \$35,548)	\$265,298	204	9	0.88	1.11
53	WEEKEND GUEST (87, Mr. Prospector), Empire Meadows Thoroughbred Park	N/A	31/15	1/1	0/1	(Weekend Ceilidh, \$43,475)	\$257,350	196	16	0.60	0.90
54	COMMITISIZE (95, Exploident), Red Ron Farms	N/A	21/8	0/0	0/0	(Itschelseagirl, \$49,500)	\$254,589	48	0	0.92	0.95
55	NOT IMPOSSIBLE (IRE) (97, Sadler's Wells)	Died, 2005	15/4	1/1	1/1	(Not Bourbon, \$150,660)	\$251,243	41	1	0.91	0.81
56	ESTEEM (95, Forty Niner), Sunnybrook Stable	N/A	17/10	3/3	1/3	(Just Call Me Duke, \$61,248)	\$249,869	42	4	0.82	0.54
57	DR. ADAGIO (88, Cure the Blues), Peaceful Valley Stable	N/A	35/15	0/0	0/0	(Nurse Betty, \$34,860)	\$237,066	227	5	0.99	1.22
58	HAIL THE RUCKUS (83, Bold Ruckus)	Died, 2004	13/6	1/3	1/1	(She's Italian, \$158,200)	\$233,014	112	3	1.04	0.96
59	REBMEC (93, Miswaki), Paddockhurst Stables	N/A	24/12	0/0	0/0	(Jekar, \$56,588)	\$230,469	79	3	0.57	0.67
60	SILVER FOX (91, Pleasant Colony), Maple Grove Stock Farm	\$2,000	24/12	0/0	0/0	(Fox On a Ridge, \$41,799)	\$227,101	89	2	0.64	0.66
61	HURRICANE CENTER (96, Storm Cat), Dunroven Farm	N/A	23/11	1/1	1/1	(Hurricane Tiki, \$89,463)	\$226,614	53	2	0.57	0.82
62	¶ FINALITY (99, Dehere), Red Rock Farm	N/A	13/5	2/2	1/2	(Remarkable Miss, \$79,691)	\$219,898	26	2	0.92	0.84
63	DIXIELAND BRASS (86, Dixieland Band)	Died, 2007	27/10	1/1	0/1	(Beau Brass, \$43,865)	\$214,151	*396	22	1.01	1.21
64	BANJO (94, Unreal Zeal), Noren's Heart Valley Farms	N/A	11/7	2/4	0/2	(Banjo Babe, \$81,040)	\$212,263	36	2	1.08	0.61
65	FORT CHAFFEE (90, Mr. Prospector), Lorshan Farm	N/A	15/10	0/0	0/0	(Fort Reno, \$39,995)	\$206,708	156	1	0.80	1.08
66	PREMIERSHIP (80, Exclusive Native)	Died, 2006	27/13	0/0	0/0	(Tis Premixed, \$20,592)	\$205,409	652	36	1.29	1.33
67	FABULOUS CHAMP (89, Somethingfabulous), Clairmont Farm	\$1,250	27/13	2/3	0/2	(Sports Edition, \$46,780)	\$198,396	173	15	0.72	0.80
68	WESTERN TRICK (87, Seattle Slew), C 4 Farms	N/A	15/9	0/0	0/0	(Trick of the North, \$70,308)	\$192,107	258	5	0.54	0.72
69	BRUNSWICK (89, Private Account), Vern Hryciuk	\$2,500	27/11	1/1	0/1	(Spooky Mulder, \$71,940)	\$191,740	165	4	0.93	1.08
70	INSPIRED PROSPECT (88, Woodman), Display Farm	N/A	14/8	0/0	0/0	(Inspired Dancer, \$36,446)	\$186,562	110	3	1.05	0.93

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HOT YOUNG SIRES

PROVEN Runners by PROVEN Sire of Sires

SURVIVALIST (*Danzig - Miner's Game, by Mr. Prospector*)

\$10,000

- G1-performing, Graded stakes winner of \$478,920. Won the Gotham S. (G3), 2nd in the Wood Memorial S. (G1),
- 1st or 2nd in 10 of 15 starts.
- By Leading Sire of Sires **DANZIG**.
- Out of a FULL sister to **SEEKING THE GOLD**.

TOMAHAWK (*Seattle Slew - Statuette, by Pancho Villa*)

\$8,500

- Champion at two in Ireland and multiple Group 1 performer. 1st or 2nd in 4 of 5 juvenile starts, including the G1 Dewhurst S. and G1 Middle Park S.
- By Leading Sire of Sires **SEATTLE SLEW** whose sons include **A.P. INDY** and **VINDICATION**.
- In 2007, first crop of 20 yearlings averaged \$39,766.

VIBANK (*Silver Deputy - Princess Ruckus, by Bold Ruckus*)

\$3,000

- Brilliantly fast 2yo, 3 wins including the Victoria S. and Clarendon S.
- By Leading Sire **SILVER DEPUTY**, sire of #1 Freshman Sire **POSSE**.
- Out of a half-sister to **LANGFUHR**, a leading sire.

*All Stallions nominated to the Breeders' Cup and Ontario Sire Stakes.
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1	DEMALOOT DEMASHOOT (90, Bold Ruckus), McMaster Farm	\$2,500	90/53	3/7	1/3	(Valley Loot, \$170,000)	\$1,188,051	261	9	1.01	1.12
2	THE DEPUTY (IRE) (97, Petardia), Hubel Farms	\$2,000	89/39	0/0	0/0	(Bellline Jack, \$73,140)	\$788,397	150	3	0.60	1.02
3	NATIVE FACTOR (87, Foolish Pleasure), Arnold Farms	\$2,500	38/24	0/0	0/0	(Scarlet Fact, \$65,398)	\$521,156	141	6	0.79	0.78
4	MATCHLITE (83, Clever Trick)	Died	42/24	1/1	1/1	(Clever Idea, \$64,224)	\$484,373	241	18	0.92	0.90
5	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS (94, Sky Classic), Stonewood Farm	\$2,500	17/9	2/4	2/2	(Hot Chili, \$152,680)	\$479,829	31	2	1.31	0.93
6	QUIET ENJOYMENT (89, Ogygian), Howard Farms	N/A	33/21	1/1	1/1	(Nell's Enjoyment, \$114,180)	\$443,391	104	4	0.85	0.73
7	MEADOW PRAYER (95, Meadowlake), Arnold Farms	\$1,500	19/13	3/3	2/3	(Meadow Vespers, \$88,835)	\$376,186	43	4	1.26	0.84
8	¶ EQUALITY (99, Mt. Livermore), Dickinson Farms	\$1,500	15/9	1/2	1/1	(Equalitydebutante, \$118,086)	\$318,681	27	1	1.29	0.85
9	GRAND CIRCUS PARK (88, Apalachee)	Died	27/13	0/0	0/0	(My First Buck, \$55,587)	\$285,551	55	2	0.77	0.78
10	CREATIVE (96, Forty Niner), Stonewood Farm	N/A	14/6	1/1	1/1	(Half a Glance, \$63,487)	\$215,815	29	4	1.68	0.86
11	ISLAND STORM (94, Island Whirl), Northwin Stable/Dan Sturgeon	Died, 2007	7/6	1/1	1/1	(Weatherstorm, \$49,736)	\$171,704	16	2	2.47	0.54
12	WHY CHANGE (93, Time for a Change)	Died, 2003	13/8	0/0	0/0	(Excitable Miss, \$85,725)	\$170,237	26	1	0.65	0.75
13	BINALONG (89, Known Fact), Randy Russell Racing Stable	\$3,000	33/7	0/0	0/0	(Binn Dixie, \$31,688)	\$169,193	182	3	0.85	1.21
14	ULISES (91, Temperence Hill), Pass Horse Farm	N/A	12/6	1/2	1/1	(Rockem Sockem, \$89,287)	\$156,855	46	1	0.93	0.56
15	RESEARCH (96, Nureyev), Pleasant Valley Thoroughbreds	\$1,000	14/10	0/0	0/0	(Research Rocks, \$29,650)	\$131,959	35	0	0.67	0.95

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After standing some Warmblood stallions, the Gorhams decided to switch to Thoroughbreds when the Wolverine State initiated the Michigan Sire Stakes program.

"That's why we got into the business, and where we've had the most success in the business," Robert Gorham explained.

Robert and Marion started out in the industry by purchasing a 220-acre farm, which they named Kalamazoo Equine Center, and initially stood three stakes-winning stallions: Loft (Roberto—Journey, by What a Pleasure), Set Free (Majestic Prince—Mariana Trench, by Pago Pago), and Majesty's Imp (His Majesty—D. J.'s Imp, by Stonewalk). The Gorhams also bought a broodmare package from breeder James Conway and began to build their breeding operation.

They now use the farm, which is connected to the veterinary clinic, as land for hay production and raising a few yearlings.

"(Being partners with Bob) works great," said Marion Gorham. "We're partners in the hospital and have worked together on lots of horse projects in the past."

The decision to start racing came after Kalamazoo owner Ron Bieke read about the Gorhams' stallions in a *Daily Racing Form* article and approached the siblings about forming a partnership.

It didn't take long before the Gorhams found their first big horse in the Mari's Book gelding Double Booked, a multiple graded stakes winner from 1989-1991. Posting a record of 17-5-6 from

Master the Possibilities

Demaloot Demashoot

Bold Ruckus-Trouble Free, by Nodouble

Michigan's 2007 Leading Sire

With 2007 earnings of \$1.1M+ and FIVE SHs, including leading earner and 6X SW **TRICKEY TREVOR** (\$701,224), plus 2007 SWs **VALLEY LOOT** (\$280,167) and **ORCHID PRINCESS** (\$136,072).

Fee: \$2,500 LFSN

Perfect Circle

Unbridled-Missed the Storm, by Storm Cat

Combining Sires **UNBRIDLED** and **STORM CAT**

Like Leading Lifetime 3rd Crop Sire **BROKEN VOW - UNBRIDLED** on **NORTHERN DANCER**. Out of G1SW **MISSED THE STORM**.

Fee: \$1,200 LFSN

Man From Eldorado

Mr. Prospector-Promising Girl, by Youth

Sire of 75% Won/Placed from Runners in 2007

Sire of 20% GSWs from stakes horses, including NTR/GSW **EL DORADO SHOOTER** (\$558,242).

Fee: Private

 **McMASTER FARM**

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								Foals	Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	MERCER MILL (94, Forty Niner), Fair Winds Farm	N/A	81/46	2/4	2/2	(Magg's Choice, \$107,300)	\$942,232	174	10	0.69	0.89
2	NOBLE CAT (95, Storm Cat)	Died, 2003	23/10	1/3	1/1	(Catlaunch, \$181,660)	\$347,195	68	4	0.90	0.87
3	MAHOGANY HALL (91, Woodman), OSU Agricultural Tech Institute	\$1,000	27/15	0/0	0/0	(Explosive Hall, \$52,786)	\$266,233	*136	2	0.81	1.00
4	GOLD MARKET (96, Seeking the Gold), Fair Winds Farm	N/A	31/17	0/0	0/0	(Seeking the Honey, \$22,492)	\$223,878	59	2	0.64	0.76
5	ACADEMY AWARD (86, Secretariat), Win Row Farm	\$1,500	37/13	0/0	0/0	(Judge Waugh, \$22,518)	\$201,269	*371	9	0.84	1.01
6	PART THE WATERS (94, Stalwart), Rocky Valley Training Center	N/A	10/6	1/1	1/1	(Acts Like a King, \$64,880)	\$151,239	19	1	0.84	0.83
7	POLITICAL FOLLY (96, Deputy Minister)	N/A	16/7	0/0	0/0	(Missy Bos, \$20,492)	\$133,627	35	0	0.43	0.90
8	YETI (94, Miswaki), Electronic Service	\$1,000	5/4	1/2	1/1	(Sarasponda, \$85,800)	\$127,173	15	2	0.96	0.68
9	ALLADIN RIB (85, Da' White Judge), Win Row Farm	N/A	16/9	0/0	0/0	(Howdy Boy Rib, \$29,050)	\$125,885	44	4	1.03	0.57
10	KEEP IT DOWN (82, Native Upoar)	N/A	12/5	0/0	0/0	(Mr. Buckeye, \$40,201)	\$124,009	45	3	0.72	0.78
11	COAX ME CHAD (81, L'Enjoleur)	N/A	13/7	0/0	0/0	(Coax Me Heidi, \$21,429)	\$123,404	157	7	0.83	0.69
12	RAILWAY CAT (90, Storm Cat), Double D Farm	N/A	8/7	0/0	0/0	(Cruzable, \$39,975)	\$113,314	41	2	0.58	1.21
13	PRIVATE SCHOOL (87, Bates Motel)	N/A	15/8	0/0	0/0	(Schoolmeister, \$23,693)	\$112,056	110	1	0.52	0.84
14	CANVAS (94, Mr. Prospector)	N/A	15/7	0/0	0/0	(Misty Tab, \$38,270)	\$102,504	47	1	0.48	0.59
15	DE HERO (97, Dehere), Rocky Valley Training Center	N/A	8/3	0/0	0/0	(Play the Hero, \$44,375)	\$101,628	12	0	0.69	0.82
16	FRENCH LEGIONAIRE (81, Grey Legion)	Died	18/10	0/0	0/0	(Just Watchme Sarah, \$9,446)	\$87,350	327	2	0.51	0.49
17	PRIDE OF BURKAAN (90, Burkaan)	N/A	13/8	0/0	0/0	(Hobo to Hero, \$20,816)	\$83,775	38	0	0.45	0.55
18	SUN MASTER (81, Foolish Pleasure)	N/A	6/3	0/0	0/0	(In Memoriam, \$27,627)	\$65,138	*150	2	0.86	0.93
19	DEVIUS (00, Danzig)	Died	3/3	0/0	0/0	(Flirtini, \$20,282)	\$54,473	5	0	0.73	0.62
20	LATVIA (89, Danzig Connection)	N/A	6/2	0/0	0/0	(Imahoneytoo, \$28,109)	\$49,257	39	2	0.62	0.76
21	ST L'ENJOLEUR (96, L'Enjoleur)	N/A	6/2	0/0	0/0	(John the Banker, \$20,616)	\$48,412	10	0	0.62	0.84
22	CHIEF PROSPECT (84, Fappiano)	N/A	6/4	0/0	0/0	(Hear Come Peanut, \$16,897)	\$45,414	49	0	0.48	0.49
23	COOL QUAKER (89, It's Freezing)	N/A	9/3	0/0	0/0	(Yahoo Its Buba Lou, \$16,670)	\$45,228	30	0	0.20	0.57
24	SPUNKY RASCAL (87, Devil's Bag), Double D Farm	N/A	8/2	0/0	0/0	(Sigfredo, \$18,947)	\$37,910	39	1	0.77	0.75
25	MAXIMUM WAGER (95, Farma Way)	N/A	5/4	0/0	0/0	(Red George, \$13,033)	\$34,282	8	1	0.52	0.63
26	MUSICAL DREAMER (94, Stop the Music)	N/A	7/3	0/0	0/0	(Two Faced, \$9,400)	\$32,894	22	2	0.56	0.95
27	DONTHELUMBERTRADER (93, John Casey)	N/A	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Ravishing Ruby, \$15,995)	\$32,335	11	0	0.41	0.80
28	NOON PROSPECT (86, Mr. Prospector)	N/A	9/3	0/0	0/0	(Ohio Volunteer, \$9,517)	\$32,310	68	0	0.33	0.42
29	BROLLY (94, Summer Squall)	N/A	6/4	0/0	0/0	(Chet N Mike, \$12,695)	\$30,687	16	0	0.24	0.19
30	FULL COUNT (92, Private Account)	N/A	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Count Sebastian, \$13,834)	\$27,351	10	1	1.29	0.38

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57 starts, he earned \$835,703.

"Double Booked was an experiment to get into racing," explained Robert.

Trained by Linda Rice, Double Booked scored his major wins in the 1989 Longfellow Handicap (gr. IIT) at Monmouth Park and the 1991 Bernard Baruch Handicap (gr. IIT) at Saratoga.



Gorham with Rockem Sockem, Michigan's Horse of the Year in 2004-05

"That was lightning in a bottle with Double Booked," said Robert. "(After his win streak), we had to reevaluate and come back. During that time I made a decision to take my own license out and start doing my own training.

"I liked standing stallions, but I thought training had more opportunity," Robert continued. "You have to do so many things

when training horses—you have to know a little bit about everything," he explained, adding how he liked the multi-faceted nature of his current position.

Three years after Double Booked retired in 1994, Robert and Marion campaigned the Majesty's Imp mare Impulsive Spender, who won or placed in 13 stakes contests from 1995-99. The mare's big win came in the 1996 Michigan Sire Stakes at Detroit Race Course.

"My sister and I had 100% ownership in (Impulsive Spender)...she probably had the most financial impact (of any of our horses)," he added of the mare, who retired as a 6-year-old with earnings \$423,324.

Following Impulsive Spender's campaign, Robert and Marion raced several other stakes winners alone or in partnership, including Judg-matic, Do the Impossible (homebred), American Deputy, Clever Moon, and Q Fortunate Son, winner of last year's



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1	CORPORATE REPORT (88, Private Account), Erfle Thoroughbreds	\$1,500	14/7	0/0	0/0	(Mugalatto, \$61,286)	\$288,983	365	4	0.91	1.26
2	CATEGORY FIVE (95, Storm Cat), Mesa Farms	N/A	22/8	0/0	0/0	(Edgerrin, \$50,250)	\$174,156	85	2	0.78	0.65
3	SEATTLE SYN (98, Seattle Slew)	N/A	7/2	2/3	2/2	(Cool Synsation, \$54,256)	\$131,513	18	2	0.64	0.58
4	CODYS KEY (89, Corridor Key)	Died, 2006	14/7	1/3	1/1	(Heavens Work, \$25,212)	\$93,525	44	2	0.22	0.53
5	WIN LOSE OR DRAW (94, A.P. Indy), Backhaus & Sons Farm	N/A	9/2	0/0	0/0	(Moonum Zach, \$47,689)	\$58,312	22	0	0.31	0.69

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1	SADLER SLEW (96, Seattle Slew), Dean Hansen Ranch	\$1,250	29/8	0/0	0/0	(Thats Mr. to You, \$55,822)	\$251,316	63	0	0.49	0.58
2	CROWNING SEASON (GB) (90, Danzig), Ardell Saylor's Farm	\$1,000	12/8	0/0	0/0	(Hat Trick, \$21,168)	\$86,140	130	6	0.27	0.49
3	CRAFTY RIDAN (86, Crafty Prospector), Dick Kellem Farm	\$500	18/4	0/0	0/0	(Crafty Alex, \$13,481)	\$36,660	108	6	0.35	0.41
4	GET ME OUT (96, Capote)	N/A	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Rapid Jack, \$17,250)	\$25,155	35	2	0.24	0.35
5	FINN MCCOOL (97, Meadowlake), Horse Creek Thoroughbreds	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(McCool Your Heels, \$7,683)	\$10,353	9	0	0.49	0.28

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Michigan Sire Stakes, and Set's Free Spirit (homebred).

In 2004, Robert took a chance when he purchased a yearling by the obscure stallion Island Storm for a bargain price of \$2,200 at the Michigan Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders August yearling sale. That yearling is now the 4-year-old gelding Weatherstorm.

Robert said he had initially liked the shape of the horse's body, as well as the character to his head, face, and eyes. Looking past his less-than-impressive pedigree page, Robert saw something in the way Weatherstorm moved that he couldn't resist.

Robert's instincts steered him right in selecting Weatherstorm, who garnered Michigan Horse of the Year and 3-year-old male titles in 2006.

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ROBERT GORHAM

The chestnut gelding, who has raced the majority of his career at Great Lake Downs in Marion's name, finished his sophomore campaign by posting a victory in the Michigan Sire Stakes for the second year in a row, and becoming the first 3-year-old to sweep all five Michigan Sire Stakes program races since Great Lake Downs opened in 1999.

Due to Weatherstorm's success, Marion was additionally honored with a Michigan owner of the year award, while the gelding's breeders, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Jan Sturgeon, received the title for small breeders.

Since being bought at auction, Weatherstorm has multiplied his worth more than 150 times for his brother/sister connections.

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1	WILD ZONE (90, Wild Again), Breakway Farm	\$3,000	91/44	0/0	0/0	(Tortuga Flats, \$141,920)	\$1,077,687	*393	12	0.86	1.10
2	CROWN AMBASSADOR (94, Storm Cat), Swifty Farms	N/A	54/31	3/4	3/3	(Father John, \$83,400)	\$710,852	134	10	0.93	0.98
3	BLACK MOONSHINE (87, Mt. Livermore), Ayer Farm	N/A	21/14	1/2	1/1	(Basin Banannie, \$83,775)	\$414,315	59	2	0.91	0.73
4	HUNTING HARD (92, Seeking the Gold), Hickman's Stable	N/A	27/15	0/0	0/0	(Gothic Beauty, \$85,730)	\$403,549	166	2	0.94	1.11
5	MORO ORO (93, Moro), LJ Sorrell Farm	N/A	38/19	0/0	0/0	(Mo Faster, \$36,020)	\$366,493	75	2	0.72	0.80
6	PRESIDENTIAL ORDER (93, Danzig), M.C. Roberts Racing Stable	\$3,000	30/13	0/0	0/0	(Dollar for Dollar, \$38,019)	\$228,286	93	5	0.64	0.72
7	WAKI WARRIOR (89, Miswaki), Foot Fall Farm	\$1,000	22/12	0/0	0/0	(Waki Passage, \$24,832)	\$200,358	105	2	0.58	0.63
8	JACQUELYN'S GROOM (88, Runaway Groom)	N/A	26/9	0/0	0/0	(Runaway Jake, \$29,605)	\$167,206	100	0	0.47	0.57
9	AGO (92, Danzig), Swifty Farms	\$1,000	12/4	1/2	1/1	(Liepers Fork, \$79,432)	\$142,109	50	1	0.63	0.96
10	CAT POWER (97, Storm Cat), Horse Country Stables	N/A	25/9	0/0	0/0	(Jacks Are Lucky, \$26,325)	\$139,003	60	1	0.32	0.67
11	COMMEMORATE (81, Exclusive Native), House's Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	27/9	0/0	0/0	(Cicada Man, \$18,342)	\$131,382	*417	9	1.05	1.53
12	BIDDING PROUD (89, Explosive Bid)	Died, 2004	9/3	1/1	1/1	(Lady Blue Sky, \$101,232)	\$128,315	38	1	0.87	0.99
13	FAST FERDIE (92, Ferdinand)	N/A	14/10	0/0	0/0	(Heisasheis, \$26,099)	\$118,783	26	1	0.77	0.86
14	DIPLOMATIC JET (92, Roman Diplomat)	N/A	8/4	0/0	0/0	(Art of Diplomacy, \$47,160)	\$115,797	53	1	0.45	0.83
15	D. C. TENACIOUS (87, Nijinsky's Secret)	N/A	11/5	1/1	1/1	(Wave Land Groovy, \$34,948)	\$93,002	48	2	0.58	0.52
16	INDY MOOD (94, A.P. Indy), Atalanta Acres	\$1,000	17/6	0/0	0/0	(Ask Sidney, \$12,802)	\$85,052	87	1	0.27	0.52
17	DAUFUSKIE PIRATE (93, Marshua's Dancer)	N/A	3/3	0/0	0/0	(Pirate's Bid, \$52,930)	\$80,879	13	1	0.74	0.64
18	SWISS TRICK (84, Damascus)	N/A	16/6	0/0	0/0	(Lori's Littletrick, \$15,883)	\$80,384	154	3	0.52	0.79
19	JACK LIVINGSTON (90, Deputy Minister)	N/A	8/4	0/0	0/0	(Dancing Cowboy, \$34,510)	\$71,387	70	0	0.80	1.03
20	MAGIC FLAGSHIP (92, Northern Flagship)	N/A	7/2	1/1	1/1	(Ack Magical, \$45,507)	\$68,731	22	1	0.37	0.83
21	ARROMANCHES (93, Relaunch), Donald Dearth	N/A	7/4	0/0	0/0	(Arrow Express, \$23,950)	\$65,888	17	0	0.50	0.54
22	LE CASQUE GRIS (94, Relaunch)	N/A	8/3	0/0	0/0	(Caskay's Jewel, \$16,000)	\$57,370	22	0	0.25	0.50
23	BARTLETTSUNBRIDLED (93, Unbridled), Machaus Farm	N/A	9/5	0/0	0/0	(Bridled Honey, \$25,739)	\$56,149	26	0	0.28	0.57
24	ALI GAZIBA (87, Alydar)	N/A	6/4	0/0	0/0	(Alytynne, \$15,955)	\$53,073	59	0	0.30	0.40
25	GADZOOK (92, Meadowlake)	N/A	3/2	0/0	0/0	(Alagnak, \$29,810)	\$46,615	4	0	0.87	0.47
26	COLONEL BRADLEY (94, Rubiano)	N/A	7/3	0/0	0/0	(Rachel Dawn, \$18,880)	\$45,357	22	0	0.30	0.44
27	AT THE THRESHOLD (81, Norcliffe)	Died, 2002	7/3	0/0	0/0	(Okie Thunder, \$22,518)	\$43,975	356	8	1.11	1.11
28	FLARE DANCER (82, Sovereign Dancer)	Died, 2005	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Caught in Traffic, \$14,622)	\$42,653	167	9	0.51	0.71
29	FORT STANTON (95, Nureyev)	N/A	3/2	0/0	0/0	(Minh Tam, \$32,116)	\$40,588	11	0	0.51	0.40
30	JACKSON'S GAP (92, Golden Hill)	N/A	7/3	0/0	0/0	(Brickys Gap, \$13,452)	\$39,750	16	0	0.28	0.37

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Robert has also trained numerous stakes-winning horses for various clients, including Henry Mast, with whom he additionally owns some horses in partnership. Robert said Mast, as well as Rice had a lot of early influence on his conditioning techniques.

Robert and Marion have been experiencing a time of transition lately.

It was announced in October that Post It Stables, which is led by Thoroughbred owner and banking executive Jerry Campbell, would apply for a license to build and operate Pinnacle Race Course in Detroit, Mich.

The tentative date for the track's opening is September 2008. Plans call for 165 days of live racing per year.

Currently, the sole Thoroughbred facility in Michigan is the Muskegon-based Great Lakes Downs, formerly owned by Campbell and now owned by Magna Entertainment Corp. The latter company ceased live racing at Great Lakes Downs Nov. 6, however, and the property is now on the market with a local real estate group.

Robert noted that Mast, as well as Bieke, who is still one of his principal clients and partners, would fully support the new Pinnacle Race Course.

Robert said the real turning point of his career came after another track, Ladbroke Detroit Race Course, closed its doors in 1998. He moved his stable from Detroit to Western Michigan following the closure.

Campbell had purchased the then-defunct Muskegon Race Course on the west side of Michigan after the Detroit facility ceased operations. Renaming it Great Lakes Downs, Campbell ran the track until 2000, when he sold it to Magna Entertainment.

"(Racing at Great Lakes Downs) opened the door for Western Michigan clients, and that racetrack had its idiosyncrasies, but we all started out at a level playing field, and I kind of developed an

idea of how to train horses for that track and that surface...now I've got to go back the other way," Robert said of the move back to Detroit at Pinnacle. "Hopefully, with the experiences of the last nine years, we're in the position to do that.

"We're also looking to get involved in the Indiana program," added Robert, explaining how the recent addition of casino gam-

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1	GHAZI (89, Polish Navy), Boehlke Farm	\$2,000	70/29	4/6	2/4	(Ghazi Up, \$140,290)	\$979,397	372	18	1.05	1.35
2	DEMIDOFF (90, Mr. Prospector), Cross Creek Farm	\$4,000	57/31	2/4	0/2	(Kenta Kun, \$69,000)	\$769,538	180	17	1.11	0.88
3	APPEALING SKIER (93, Baldski), Hanson's Thoroughbreds	N/A	54/19	0/0	0/0	(Blushing Skier, \$77,000)	\$629,907	212	5	0.99	1.11
4	SUPREMO (92, Gone West), Benz Lake Farm	N/A	18/8	0/0	0/0	(Timelysupreme, \$84,784)	\$251,569	*385	5	0.77	1.19
5	SHOT OF GOLD (95, Jolie's Halo), Cleary Lake Equine Center	\$1,500	28/14	0/0	0/0	(Shot of Silver, \$26,705)	\$215,191	54	0	0.52	0.77

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1	BLUMIN AFFAIR (91, Dynaformer), Rogers Ranch	N/A	54/28	7/11	4/7	(Blumin Beauty, \$81,144)	\$754,069	202	21	0.88	0.91
2	SIX BELOW (95, Seattle Sleet), Aksarben Thoroughbred Farm	\$1,000	32/12	0/0	0/0	(Six Cents of Humor, \$80,200)	\$358,890	79	1	0.51	0.86
3	DAZZLING FALLS (92, Taylor's Falls), Rogers Ranch	N/A	27/16	2/3	1/2	(Dazzling Man, \$76,625)	\$348,344	82	5	0.76	0.82
4	SHAWKIT PLAYER (94, Fast Play), Westermann Thoroughbreds	N/A	15/10	2/7	0/2	(Plaer's Trump, \$53,488)	\$207,644	43	5	0.60	0.42
5	MIRACLE HEIGHTS (89, Gate Dancer), Shady Bend Thoroughbreds	N/A	24/13	0/0	0/0	(Ameriken Coin, \$25,496)	\$182,810	100	7	1.08	0.52

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ing was one of the attractive aspects of doing some racing and breeding in that state.

"I like the program because of the strength of the Indiana-breds," he continued. "They have an Indiana Sire Stakes, which I'd very much like to get involved with. Our success in Michigan has been primarily based on what I think is a really strong record in the Michigan Sire Stakes. We hope we can help build that program in Indiana as well."

Robert and Marion have found another big horse in Rockem

Sockem. The 6-year-old son of Ulises, a two-time winner of the Michigan Sire Stakes, has continued to post victories into his 6-year-old year at Great Lakes Downs, including the Michigan Breeders' Cup Handicap and the Frontier Handicap. He has won or placed in stakes company 18 times, for career earnings of \$526,244.

Robert bought Rockem Sockem privately from breeders Ed and Connie Pass, who stand Ulises at their Pass Horse Farm in Michigan. Initially campaigned in Marion Gorham's name, the gelding was sold privately to Mast during his juvenile season. Robert has saddled Rockem Sockem throughout his career.

"Rockem Sockem is out of a Silver Deputy mare, and there are not very many Michigan-breds out of Silver Deputy mares, so I would have to say that the principal thing in getting Rockem Sockem was the bottom-side pedigree," said Robert.

A two-time Michigan Horse of the Year in 2004-05, Rockem Sockem was also named champion 3-year-old colt and older horse. During those years, the gelding registered six stakes victories.

In the midst of his 3-year-old season in 2004, Rockem Sockem was diagnosed with a life-threatening bacterial disease called colitis.

"Nursing him back to be a champion after going through that gives you a special attachment," said Robert, who believes his early riding, showing, and breeding experiences have helped him develop successful training techniques.

"When it comes to training, pedigrees are very important to me," he added. "When you've been training horses for a while, you'll see the personal characteristics of horses in their pedigrees, so it makes your training job a whole lot easier, too. If you don't start out following pedigrees, you get your pedigree knowledge from the racetrack. That's a little different than if you start out as a breeder."

Though Marion is more occupied with her work at the veterinary clinic, she is still very much involved in making racing decisions for the stable.


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1	CARTWRIGHT (90, Forty Niner)	Died, 2005	105/52	4/6	3/4	(Wiggins, \$117,480)	\$1,496,821	*378	16	0.96	0.86
2	QUAKER RIDGE (96, Forty Niner), Hondo Ranch	N/A	66/41	1/1	1/1	(Bettin On M J, \$134,647)	\$1,479,984	114	5	1.23	0.98
3	FRIENDLY LOVER (88, Cutlass), Fairberry Farm	\$2,500	94/47	1/1	1/1	(Crease Infraction, \$106,703)	\$1,395,524	411	11	1.14	1.13
4	CALLER I. D. (89, Phone Trick)	Died, 2006	73/34	2/4	1/2	(Who's Happy, \$217,872)	\$1,314,901	*485	21	0.98	1.41
5	UNREAL ZEAL (80, Mr. Prospector)	Died, 2006	84/40	1/1	1/1	(River Bear, \$86,559)	\$868,381	585	29	1.14	1.21
6	CLASSIFIED FACTS (93, Seattle Slew)	Died, 2005	41/24	1/1	0/1	(Summer Range, \$63,199)	\$784,571	110	1	1.33	0.90
7	ROANOKE (87, Pleasant Colony), Three Way Horse Farm	N/A	45/24	1/2	1/1	(Raging Rapids, \$195,251)	\$746,077	*404	12	1.04	1.21
8	ALASKAN FROST (88, Copelan), Smith Stables	N/A	52/25	0/0	0/0	(Indigo Ice, \$75,502)	\$509,379	252	8	1.07	0.98
9	IRGUN (91, Sunny's Halo)	Died, 2006	34/16	1/1	1/1	(Lash, \$86,850)	\$350,916	*382	5	0.70	1.11
10	COMPOSER (92, Easy Goer)	N/A	17/12	1/1	1/1	(Princess Composer, \$102,475)	\$314,491	69	2	0.71	0.81
11	CONTE DI SAVOYA (89, Sovereign Dancer), Three Way Horse Farm	N/A	27/10	0/0	0/0	(Don't Make Me Wait, \$74,488)	\$263,046	174	1	0.72	0.90
12	MARTE (95, Strawberry Road)	Died, 2006	19/13	0/0	0/0	(Canyons Sister, \$56,014)	\$216,685	37	0	0.67	0.61
13	GOLDMINERS GOLD (93, Crafty Prospector), Southern Illinois Stud	\$1,000	18/8	0/0	0/0	(Children's Annex, \$47,852)	\$195,769	80	1	1.15	1.32
14	WESTERN PLAYBOY (86, Play Fellow), Fairberry Farm	Died, 2004	22/8	0/0	0/0	(Dress for Success, \$30,203)	\$190,094	144	4	1.11	1.01
15	ALLEN CHARGE (89, Capote), Lindenwood Farm	N/A	23/9	0/0	0/0	(T J Charge, \$36,462)	\$189,143	60	3	0.85	0.85
16	SHAKEEL (88, Mr. Prospector), Nicks Thoroughbred Farm	N/A	12/6	1/1	0/1	(Valeries Valentine, \$70,300)	\$176,671	83	2	0.72	0.84
17	HE'S A TOUGH CAT (93, Storm Cat), Lady View Farm	\$3,500	10/6	0/0	0/0	(Guccione, \$71,794)	\$172,256	40	0	0.83	0.98
18	POWERFUL GOER (94, Easy Goer), Fairberry Farm	N/A	14/7	0/0	0/0	(Michalson, \$39,015)	\$171,019	36	0	0.64	1.16
19	UNLOOSENEE (95, Unbridled)	Died, 2004	8/6	0/0	0/0	(Unreachable Star, \$37,644)	\$167,565	25	0	0.76	0.55
20	DENOUNCER (90, Tsunami Slew), Lindenwood Farm	N/A	12/5	1/1	1/1	(Denoun N Deverb, \$112,323)	\$162,332	35	1	1.15	1.01

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"Marion has a longtime knowledge of horses," said Robert of his sister, who goes on daily trail rides around the farm. "Her strength comes more from evaluating the physical type and overall strength of the individual."

Marion, who likes being involved in sales and purchases, said, "I primarily take care of the young ones at the farm. Trail riding every day and watching them run and play give me a good feeling. You know which ones have the special personalities. Rather than the day-to-day racing, you're watching them grow up and working with the young horses."

With a racing stable of around 80-100 horses alone or in partnership, Marion and Robert now keep most of their broodmares and yearlings at Mast's Hanna Hills Farms near Caledonia, Mich. Planning matings in partnership with Mast, the siblings have around 18 broodmares at the facility.

The Gorhams' 2-year-olds and other horses in training are boarded at Spring Valley Training Center near Lawton, Mich., which has an indoor and outdoor racetrack and 100 stalls.

In recent years, the Gorhams have also started breeding in Illinois and then sending their mares and foals to Connie Ingle's Meadowdale Farm near Lexington.

"Every time we buy a horse that we can't get to Michigan, we send it to Kentucky," Robert explained. "(Ingle and farm manager Dennis Robison) prep our broodmares for the Kentucky sales, and prep our yearlings for the sale if we end up selling them."

When asked what set his operation apart, Robert had several thoughts.

"Apart from being well rounded and understanding the breeding and that part of the business in addition to the training, we like to have our young horses be well grounded in the fundamentals of good horsemanship," he said. "There are fundamental principles involved in breaking and training horses of all breeds, whether it be show horses, dressage horses, or Thoroughbreds. In all sporting events, it seems like those that go back to the basic fundamentals are always the most successful."

To explain their breeding philosophy, Robert said he and his sister give special consideration to the distance and surface of the racetracks on which their horses will run.

"The breeding in Michigan changed when we went from a mile track to a five-eighths-mile track," said Robert. "Just as

much as that changed our breeding here in Michigan, the national scope is going to be even more drastically changed as we go from a traditional dirt surface to the artificial surface."

Robert, who still owns 21-year-old Majesty's Imp, noted that the

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stallion was once one of Michigan's leading sires, but he hadn't been as successful with breeding horses to run on Great Lakes Downs' five-eighths-mile oval, with its premium on speed and an extremely short stretch.

"While that doesn't have any major effect on the national scale, the point is, racetracks, their size, and surface can be changed fast, but it takes a long time for the breeding industry to change and catch up," said Robert.

It seems inconceivable that Robert still manages to perform small-animal surgeries at the veterinary clinic in between choosing matings for his mares, paying bills, making decisions as an owner, and fulfilling his training duties.

One of the key elements to getting everything accomplished, he said, is having dependable assistant trainers that help with his strings of horses at Hawthorne Race Course and Great Lakes Downs.

Midwest/Canada REGIONAL NEWS

■ VALLEY LOOT NAMED MICHIGAN HORSE OF THE YEAR

Valley Loot was named the 2007 Michigan Horse of the Year at the Michigan Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association's annual awards banquet Dec. 9. The daughter of Demaloot Demashoot out of the In Reality mare In the Valley won four stakes this year at Great Lakes Downs, including the \$120,000 Michigan Sire Stakes. Owned by Kimberly Allen and trained by Ronald Allen Sr., she has earned \$170,000 this year and \$280,167 in her career. The 3-year-old filly was bred by Marilyn McMaster.

Other honors went to:

Equalitysdebutante, 2-year-old female
Owner/breeder—Dr. Richard Hammer
Trainer—Larry Penner

Hot Chili, 2-year-old male
Owner—Sharon Valley Thoroughbred Farm
Breeder—Judy Campbell
Trainer—Laura Jackson

Valley Loot, 3-year-old female
Owner—Kimberly Allen
Breeder—Marilyn McMaster
Trainer—Ronald Allen Sr.

All I Can Get, 3-year-old male
Owner/breeder—Michael McQuade
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Nell's Enjoyment, older female
Owner/breeder—Shane Spiess
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Rockem Sockem, older male
Owner—Mast Thoroughbreds
Breeders—Ed and Connie Pass
Trainer—Robert Gorham

Red At Nite, claimer
Owner—Mast Thoroughbreds
Breeder—Daniel and Julie Sturgeon
Trainer—Robert Gorham

In the Valley, broodmare
Owner: Marilyn McMaster's McMaster Farm

Demaloot Demashoot, stallion
McMaster Farm, owner

Equality, freshman sire

Arnold Farms, breeder

Judy Campbell's Stonewood Farm, small breeder
Thomas Vanderhyde, owner

"I communicate with (my assistants) and my clients on the telephone; I have good owners; I have a good partner in the veterinary clinic; and I have a supportive wife and family," said Robert. "With the combination of all those things, you get things done."

Ironically, Robert's wife, Erin, was once one of his clients.

"I met her in the middle of my training career while I was examining one of her horses," said Robert, explaining how his wife used to breed and race Thoroughbreds with her mother.

Robert and Erin now have two children, ages 5 and 10, who love pleasure riding and going to the races with their parents.

"(Erin) has been an important part of the decisions and helping make the right moves from the breeding and training end of the game," said Robert, adding that the most enjoyable aspect of the industry for him, like his sister, is being involved with the young horses.


"I love watching them mature and watching them become champions," he said. "In the whole operation, I'm more involved with supervising the young horses and making sure we're getting them the fundamentals of good horsemanship before they go to the racetrack.

"(Breeding and working with young horses) probably are the major reasons why I'm capable of instructing my assistants at the racetrack without being there a lot of the time," he added. "I know those horses; I know both of their parents; and I know how they reacted from day one in the breaking process. That kind of gives you a little bit of a leg up in making your decisions on down the road."

The Gorhams tend to consign mostly broodmares to the Michigan Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association sales, as well as the Keeneland November breeding stock sale.

"After we've proven our fillies, we can't keep them all, so we like to sell them back into the broodmare market," said Robert. "We'd love for (Michigan) to be a little more active (in the sale arena) so we could do it a little more, and we'd like to expand what we can do in Kentucky, too."

In considering the myriad of responsibilities and tasks that consume her life, Marion didn't hesitate when asked what was most important.

"The horses are the number-one priority," she said. "We've been involved with horses ever since we were young...to be able to have horses of this caliber is very exciting. I guess once you're a horse person, you're always a horse person." 



Gorham (left) at Spring Valley Training Center, where the 2-year-olds and other horses in training are boarded

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1	PIKEPASS (96, Forty Niner), Madison Country Thoroughbreds	\$3,000	79/37	2/2	0/2	(Mikayla's Baby, \$52,960)	\$1,016,924	159	2	0.80	1.00
2	KING OF SCAT (96, Eastern Echo), Madison County Thoroughbreds	N/A	71/34	3/3	3/3	(Dreary, \$64,828)	\$731,393	126	8	0.84	0.70
3	SHARKEY (87, Sharpen Up), Pat Means Thoroughbreds	\$1,500	51/27	1/1	1/1	(Judy Faye, \$84,002)	\$677,063	148	4	0.92	0.75
4	VALLEY CROSSING (88, Private Account)	Died, 2004	48/15	0/0	0/0	(Serene Harbor, \$124,920)	\$644,084	314	15	1.10	1.39
5	WILD GOLD (90, Wild Again), Madison County Thoroughbreds	N/A	41/24	0/0	0/0	(Mississippi Gold, \$84,522)	\$555,817	155	4	0.84	0.87
6	WILLIAMSTOWN (90, Seattle Slew), Rockin River Ranch	Pnsd	36/14	0/0	0/0	(Willi's Sweet Girl, \$125,120)	\$514,245	339	15	1.10	1.40
7	MERCEDES WON (86, Air Forbes Won)	Died, 2006	16/9	1/1	1/1	(Won Won Wonder Why, \$85,063)	\$343,628	205	8	1.01	1.29
8	HUMMING (96, Summer Squall), Beatty Thoroughbred Farm	N/A	22/12	0/0	0/0	(Joggins, \$67,269)	\$315,811	36	1	0.78	0.88
9	DIGNITAS (89, In Reality), Jeff Capps Bloodstock	N/A	28/12	0/0	0/0	(Jaybird's Miracle, \$55,598)	\$242,767	168	2	0.86	0.97
10	DOUG FIR (99, Storm Cat), Rockin River Ranch	N/A	13/8	1/1	0/1	(Premium Option, \$47,056)	\$197,589	30	1	0.73	0.58
11	CLASSIC CAT (95, Mountain Cat), Special K Stables	N/A	22/8	0/0	0/0	(Warrior Cat, \$25,783)	\$164,607	67	0	0.64	1.03
12	ALYTEN (88, Alydar), Cornerstone Stables	N/A	9/4	0/0	0/0	(Roger E, \$64,256)	\$150,551	63	1	0.88	1.15
13	CANAVERAL (91, Relaunch), Iowa State University Horse Farm	N/A	23/10	0/0	0/0	(Angel's Chorus, \$25,250)	\$140,818	115	3	0.76	0.96
14	WILD INVADER (91, Seattle Slew), McClintock Equine Station	\$1,500	22/6	1/1	0/1	(First Copy, \$30,634)	\$127,409	86	1	0.57	0.55
15	TIGER TALK (93, Phone Trick), Green Mountain Farm	\$1,000	13/7	0/0	0/0	(Soft Purr, \$56,094)	\$116,033	37	0	0.46	0.73
16	CAPE STORM (90, Storm Cat)	N/A	14/7	0/0	0/0	(Toga Cat, \$23,684)	\$115,461	103	2	0.54	0.65
17	PARFAITEMENT (80, Halo)	N/A	6/4	0/0	0/0	(Pesky Rabbit, \$39,812)	\$114,009	*278	7	0.98	0.96
18	PIN STRIPE (96, Mr. Prospector), Rockin River Ranch	N/A	11/5	0/0	0/0	(Chris's Prospect, \$24,060)	\$97,992	26	0	0.71	0.71
19	LORD PLEASANT (88, Lord Avie)	Died, 2004	4/4	0/0	0/0	(Pass the Amo, \$42,055)	\$94,848	39	0	1.06	0.65
20	MR. GOLDUST (86, Mr. Prospector)	N/A	7/3	0/0	0/0	(C J Kingpin, \$40,010)	\$67,010	121	2	0.59	0.89
21	¶ BRAVO BULL (97, Holy Bull), Iowa State University Horse Farm	\$1,000	6/1	1/1	1/1	(Bravo Cyclone, \$57,107)	\$63,853	14	1	0.64	0.96
22	PURDUE KING (85, Dimaggio), Jack Schatz Horse Farm	N/A	8/2	0/0	0/0	(Kings Royalty, \$26,274)	\$40,098	75	0	0.64	0.73
23	BRASSY WELLS (96, Dixie Brass), Cornerstone Stables	N/A	6/4	0/0	0/0	(Brassy Dimensions, \$18,030)	\$37,473	13	0	0.59	0.75
24	NIGHT RUNNER (93, Seeking the Gold), Dick Van Zomeran	N/A	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Sammymae, \$27,533)	\$36,882	59	0	0.25	0.50
25	H. J. BAKER (92, Theatrical)	N/A	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Double H J, \$29,477)	\$36,321	50	0	0.35	0.39
26	CONNECTICUT (89, Ogygian), Otter Creek Farms	N/A	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Whispering Hope, \$32,453)	\$34,598	81	1	0.32	0.63
27	BATTLE CRY (96, Storm Bird)	Died, 2003	8/2	0/0	0/0	(Battle Dancer, \$18,206)	\$32,032	10	0	0.31	0.56
28	DEPUTY SLEW (91, Deputy Minister), Sillik Farm	N/A	9/1	1/1	1/1	(Deputy's Whirl, \$12,313)	\$30,972	31	1	0.26	0.62
29	SAIL ME AGAIN (84, Relaunch), McClintock Equine Station	\$1,000	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Asailortoremer, \$25,390)	\$26,786	117	4	0.68	0.47
30	ACAROID (78, Big Spruce)	Died, 2006	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Als Grandfile, \$12,556)	\$22,413	*285	7	1.05	1.47

*A-E and COMPARABLE INDEX: The lifetime Average-Earnings Index indicates how much purse money the progeny of one sire has earned, on the average, in relation to the average earnings of all runners in the same years; average earnings of all runners in any year is represented by an index of 1.00. The Comparable Index indicates the average earnings of progeny produced from mares bred to one sire, when these same mares were bred to other sires. Only 32% of all sires have a lifetime AEI higher than their mares Comparable Index.

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