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JAVIER CASTELLANO WINS 15TH BILL SHOEMAKER AWARD

DEL MAR, Calif. (Nov. 4, 2017) – Javier Castellano, who won the first race of the 2017 Breeders' Cup with Rushing Fall in the Juvenile Fillies, parlayed that victory with a runner-up finish, three third-place finishes and a fourth to win the 15th Bill Shoemaker Award, given to the most outstanding jockey of the World Championships hosted by Del Mar racetrack.

The Shoemaker Award is based on a 10-5-3-1 scoring system on first- through fourth-place finishes in each of the 13 Breeders' Cup World Championship races.

Castellano finished with 25 points to edge Jose Ortiz, Flavien Prat and John Velazquez, all with 23 points. Velazquez was the only rider to win two races in the 13-race showcase.

Castellano finished second in the TwinSpires Sprint on Imperial Hint and was third in the Juvenile Turf (Voting Control), Filly & Mare Sprint (Carina Mia) and West Coast (Classic) and fourth in the Sentient Jet Juvenile on Givemeaminit.

The Shoemaker Award is named in honor of one of the greatest jockeys in the history of Thoroughbred racing. Shoemaker, who captured the Kentucky Derby four times, won more than 8,800 races in a career that spanned more than 40 years. In 1987, at age 56, Shoemaker won the Breeders' Cup Classic aboard Ferdinand at Hollywood Park.

Bill Shoemaker Award winners:

2003: Alex Solis

2004: John Velazquez

2005: Garrett Gomez

2006: Frankie Dettori

2007: Garrett Gomez

2008: Garrett Gomez

2009: Julien Leparoux

2010: Garrett Gomez

2011: John Velazquez

2012: Mike Smith

2013: Mike Smith

2014: John Velazquez

2015: Ryan Moore

2016: Mike Smith

2017: Javier Castellano