



MONDAY REPORT

A weekly report from the National Steeplechase Association

Monday, June 17, 2019

Hinterland, Boss Man to tote highweight in Monmouth Park's ratings handicap

Jump racing moves to the Jersey Shore and beautiful Monmouth Park on Friday with a \$35,000 ratings handicap featuring a well-matched field of 10 and an oversubscribed \$30,000 maiden hurdle.

The 2 1/16-mile maiden hurdle will kick off the card at the historic Oceanport track with a 1:15 p.m. post time, and the ratings handicap at 2 3/8 miles will be the third race at approximately 2:10 p.m.

Carrying the ratings handicap's 158-pound highweight are Sonny Via's Hinterland and Carrington Holdings' Boss Man. Trained by Jack Fisher, Hinterland finished second in the Fair Hill Races' Valentine Handicap on May 25. Michael Mitchell, currently leading the jockey standings, has the mount.

Boss Man made his 2019 debut in the Iroquois Steeplechase's Marcellus Frost Champion Hurdle, and he appeared a bit overeager in the early phases of the novice stakes before tiring to finish seventh. A Saratoga Race Course allowance winner last summer, Boss Man won Belmont Park's William Entenmann Memorial Novice Stakes in September.

Trainer Arch Kingsley Jr. named Barry Foley to a return engagement aboard the Florida-bred from the late George Steinbrenner's Kinsman Stable breeding operation.

Sharing a 156-pound assignment are Virginia Lazenby's Help From Heaven and Rosbrian Farm's Veneer of Charm. Trained by Kate Dalton, Help From Heaven finished a close second in the Marcellus Frost after leading at the final fence. Ross Geraghty will ride.

Veneer of Charm is looking for his first victory since arriving from Ireland last the fall. He most recently finished eighth in the Queen's Cup MPC 'Chase on April 27. Gerard Galligan will ride for trainer Ricky Hendriks, who also entered his Indigo Heart, fifth in the Valentine Memorial. Archie Macauley will ride Indigo Heart.

Making his first start of the year will be Irv Naylor's Elucidation, a two-time winner over hurdles last fall. Trainer Cyril Murphy named Graham Watters to ride the Irish-bred, who carries 154 pounds.



Tod Marks

Carrington Holdings' Boss Man led Ice It to the finish line in last fall's Entenmann Memorial.

Owner-trainer Kathy Neilson tapped Sean McDermott for a return engagement on Soluble, a winner at the Aiken Spring meet who has finished second in his three subsequent starts. The German-bred will carry 152 pounds.

At 151 pounds is Mason Hardaway Lampton's Maccabee, who won an Aiken Spring maiden claimer by disqualification and most recently has scored ratings handicap victories at Foxfield Spring and the Radnor Hunt Cup. Trained by Lilith Boucher, Maccabee again will be ridden

by Richard Boucher.

Completing the field are Robert A. Kinsley's Aardwolf at 148 pounds and Turks Head Turf's Brooklyn Speights at 143. Aardwolf has finished sixth in his U.S. starts, most recently in the Queen's Cup ratings handicap, and Jack Doyle will ride the Cape Cross gelding for trainer Elizabeth Voss.

Brooklyn Speights won a Fair Hill maiden claiming hurdle for trainer Fenneka Bentley and will be ridden by Thomas Garner.

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Looking ahead

Reception marks publication of *Racing Time*

A July 25 reception at the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame will celebrate the publication of *Racing Time: A Memoir of Love, Loss and Liberation* by Patrick Smithwick, who has been aptly described as the chronicler of the American steeplechase mind.

The date and the setting are both significant and appropriate. A few hours before the 5:30 p.m. book signing and reading by the author, Saratoga Race Course will feature the \$150,000 A. P. Smithwick Memorial (Gr. 1), a top-rated steeplechase race.

The race is named for Patrick Smithwick's father, Paddy Smithwick, who was the focus of the author's first book, *Racing My Father*, in 2006. The reception across Union Avenue from the race course will be held in the area containing Paddy Smithwick's Hall of Fame plaque.

Not far away are the Hall of Fame plaques of

Paddy Smithwick's brother, trainer D. Michael "Mikey" Smithwick, and trainer Tom Voss. Mikey Smithwick appears in *Racing Time* and Patrick Smithwick's second work, *Flying Change*, winner of the prestigious Tony Ryan Book Award for 2012.

Racing Time is dedicated to the memory of Voss, Patrick Smithwick's best friend, who died suddenly in January 2014. He was inducted into Thoroughbred racing's Hall of Fame in 2017.

Racing Time is in part the story of their friendship and the love that exists between men who first encountered each other as boys in Maryland's horse country and maintained those ties through adulthood, with the common bond of the horse and shared experiences.

It's also about loss, the wrenching abyss when a loved one is taken away without warning and without a chance to bid farewell.


Racing Time is lavishly illustrated with the

works of Sam Robinson, whose paintings also graced the 2018 edition of American Steeplechasing.

The July 25 reception will be co-sponsored by the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation and, in addition to the book signing and reading, will offer hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. There is no charge for the reception, and reservations are not required.

"Tom Voss was a dear friend of mine, and I look forward to reading Patrick's account in *Racing Time*," said National Steeplechase Association President Guy J. Torsilieri. "I hope to attend the reception, and I urge members of the steeplechase community to support this wonderful opportunity to be with Patrick and to sample some of his latest work."

Prepublication orders for *Racing Time* can be placed on the author's website, patricksmithwick.com.



STEEPLECHASE STANDINGS THROUGH MAY 27

OWNERS BY EARNINGS						JOCKEYS BY WINS					
	Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings		Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
Bruton Street-US	25	4	6	5	\$267,250	Michael Mitchell	41	15	5	5	\$406,450
Mrs. S.K. Johnston Jr.	24	6	4	5	160,000	Sean McDermott	42	9	4	9	342,000
Riverdee Stable	9	2	2	2	144,200	Jack Doyle	42	7	4	5	245,150
Irvin S. Naylor	33	4	5	5	123,150	Richard Boucher	12	4	1	1	68,700
Rosbrian Farm	13	3	3	0	108,350	Ross Geraghty	27	3	6	3	152,450
Irvin L. Crawford II	2	2	0	0	90,000	Hadden Frost	10	3	2	0	72,550
Ballybristol Farm	7	2	2	0	88,250	Eddie Keating	15	3	1	5	74,100
DASH Stable	5	2	2	1	65,900	Aaron Sinnott	13	3	1	0	52,000
KMSN Stable	6	2	0	1	50,750	Eric Poretz	11	2	3	1	113,850
Woodslane Farm	9	2	2	0	43,350	Willie McCarthy	28	2	7	3	105,400

TRAINERS BY WINS						HORSES BY EARNINGS					
	Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings		Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
Jack Fisher	72	22	13	8	\$766,950	Senior Senator	2	2	0	0	\$90,000
Jonathan Sheppard	33	7	1	7	184,100	Scorpiancer (Ire)	2	1	0	0	90,000
Katherine Neilson	35	6	5	5	155,500	Andi'amu (Fr)	2	2	0	0	78,000
Ricky Hendriks	40	5	5	6	171,150	City Dreamer (Ire)	2	1	0	0	78,000
Leslie F. Young	20	4	4	3	126,500	Gibralfaro (Ire)	2	1	0	0	64,500
Lilith Boucher	8	4	1	1	66,400	Moscato (Fr)	2	1	0	1	60,000
Joseph G. Davies	16	2	2	1	114,700	Sportswear (GB)	2	2	0	0	48,000
Neil R. Morris	20	2	2	4	58,450	Corky Lemon	3	2	0	0	45,600
Mark Beecher	16	2	1	1	58,700	Optimus Prime (Fr)	1	1	0	0	45,000
Julie Gomena	31	1	6	3	73,950	Schoodic	3	3	0	0	42,000