



MONDAY REPORT

A weekly report from the National Steeplechase Association

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Right up her Alley in Mrs. Phipps

Beverly R. Steinman's homebred Market Alley found her best stride in Saratoga Race Course's homestretch on Aug. 7, overtook pacesetter Down Royal before the furlong pole, and rolled to a 3/4-length victory in the \$75,000 Mrs. Ogden Phipps Stakes.

Shadowfax Farm's Down Royal finished second, 11 1/2 lengths clear of Steinman's Bullet Star. Virginia Lazenby's Our Frosty finished fourth, another 9/4 lengths back, and The Fields Stable's Dawn Wall took fifth in the 2 1/16-mile stakes for fillies and mares.

Sent to the starting line at 9.40-to-1, Market Alley paid \$20.80 to win after running the distance in 3:50.20 on firm turf. The five-year-old Flower Alley mare out of Skirmish, by War Chant, is trained by Doug Fout.

Bernie Dalton gunned Down Royal away from the start and quickly opened a five-length lead as the field passed the finish line for the first time. Closest to the five-year-old Alphabet Soup mare was owner-trainer Jonathan Sheppard's Wigwam Baby, favored at 1.35-to-1 after her score in the Iroquois Steeplechase's Margaret Currey Henley Stakes on May 11.

Market Alley, who had finished fifth in the Henley, was placed in fourth initially by jockey Barry Foley and then moved into the third position past Bullet Star.

Down Royal and Wigwam Baby broke away from their opponents on the final run through the clubhouse turn. Ridden by Gerard Galligan,



Tom Marks

Beverly Steinman's Market Alley drew away from Down Royal in Saratoga's Mrs. Ogden Phipps.

Wigwam Baby appeared to be poised for a winning move, but she jumped the next-to-last fence awkwardly and unseated the jockey.

Left alone on the lead, Down Royal set sail for the finish line, and the five-year-old New York-bred opened 10 lengths on the final turn.

Foley asked a bit more of Market Alley, and she responded with a steady advance that carried

her to Down Royal in early stretch. Down Royal resisted but was beginning to tire, and Market Alley pulled away after the furlong marker to a comfortable victory.

The Mrs. Phipps' was Market Alley's second victory in 11 career starts. A maiden on the flat, she won a Foxfield Spring maiden hurdle on April 27.

Moorland takes Colonial's ratings handicap

Steeplechase racing returned to Colonial Downs on a pleasantly warm evening on Aug. 10, and jockey Thomas Garner continued his red-hot summer with a 7/4-length victory with Sharon Sheppard's Moorland in the Virginia track's \$25,000 ratings handicap.

At the end of its opening week, the Richmond-area track drew a sizable crowd—at the rail, in the outdoor seating areas, and in the indoor gaming area featuring machine pari-mutuel gaming. The Saturday program had a festive air, and racing regulars rubbed shoulders with new fans both young and old.

Moorland gave the bettors a solid value at 8.90-to-1 in the field of 11 on Colonial's Sec-

retariat Turf Course. Trained by Leslie Young, Irish-bred Moorland was kept toward the back of the field as Oakwood Stable's Kensington Court laid down the pace under Kieran Norris.

Keeping Kensington Court company toward the front end were Mark Buyck Jr.'s Aydoun and Pick Em, half of a 9-to-10 Woodslane Farm entry trained by Jack Fisher.

Moorland advanced on the final run down Colonial's spacious backstretch and then exploded through the turn. He reached the final fence with a seven-length lead and powered to an overwhelming victory. A six-year-old by Teofilo, the Darley-bred ran the 2 1/4-mile distance in 3:58.69 and paid \$19.80 for a \$2 win ticket.

Beverly Steinman's First Friday battled past Pick Em to finish second under Barry Foley. Pik Em, ridden by Willie McCarthy, finished third, 1 1/4 lengths behind First Friday.

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Looking ahead

New arrivals debut in Saratoga allowance

Armata Stables' Zanzi Win and Leipers Fork Steeplechasers' Tomgarrow, new additions to American jump racing, will make their State-side debuts on Wednesday in Saratoga Race Course's \$65,000 allowance hurdle.

First post time is 12:50 p.m. for the 2 1/16-mile race on the inner turf course.

Now trained by Ricky Hendriks, French-bred Zanzi Win arrives with a 125 rating and a maiden victory at England's Plumpton Race Course in April. In his final overseas start for trainer Harry Whittington, he finished second in a modest-level juvenile hurdle at Plumpton. Ross Geraghty will ride the four-year-old.

Thomas Garner, seeking his third win in the current Saratoga meet, will be aboard Tomgarrow for trainer Leslie Young. The five-year-old has only one sanctioned start, a maiden win at Ireland's Tramore Race Course in April. He competed in Irish point-to-points without a win.

Leading trainer Jack Fisher will saddle Whitman's Poetry and Snap Decision. Whitman's Poetry, owned by DASH Stable, finished second in a strong Iroquois Steeplechase allowance hurdle in May. In his July 21 start in a Saratoga allowance hurdle, the Tiznow eight-year-old clipped heels and lost jockey Michael Mitchell, who will be back in the saddle.

Bruton Street-US's Snap Decision won a Monmouth Park maiden hurdle on July 4 and will again be ridden by Willie McCarthy. A product of the Phipps racing and breeding operation, Snap Decision possesses a strong flat-racing pedigree but lacked sufficient speed to compete on the New York circuit.

Before his victory last month, he had been second in two previous starts, at the Queen's Cup and the Iroquois Steeplechase.


Jack Doyle will be aboard Merriebelle Stable's Renown for trainer Elizabeth Voss. Second in

his 2019 debut at the Middleburg Spring meet, he lost his rider in Iroquois' allowance hurdle.

Petticoats Loose Stable's Gaye Breeze returns to Saratoga after finishing third in the July 21 allowance hurdle. The six-year-old gave trainer Meriwether Morris her first sanctioned win at the Fair Hill Races in May. Darren Nagle, the reigning champion jockey who is coming back from a work-related injury in the spring, will assume the mount.

Now trained by Jonathan Sheppard, Eve Le dyard's Go Get the Basil will be ridden by Gerard Galligan. The nine-year-old had fifth-place finishes in two similar allowance hurdles, at the Carolina Cup and Middleburg Spring, this spring.

Completing the field is Lee Pokoik's four-year-old Roller Rolls On, who finished fourth in Saratoga's July 21 allowance hurdle. Trainer Doug Fout named Kieran Norris to ride.



STEEPLECHASE STANDINGS

THROUGH AUGUST 5

OWNERS BY EARNINGS						JOCKEYS BY WINS					
	Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings		Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
Bruton Street-US	27	5	6	5	\$289,000	Michael Mitchell	46	16	5	5	\$437,200
Mrs. S.K. Johnston Jr.	28	7	4	6	202,000	Sean McDermott	47	9	5	9	355,150
Riverdee Stable	11	2	2	2	153,200	Jack Doyle	45	7	4	5	248,150
Irvin S. Naylor	36	4	5	5	127,650	Thomas Garner	36	4	3	6	234,700
Rosbrian Farm	14	3	3	0	110,300	Willie McCarthy	33	4	7	4	177,400
Hudson River Farms	7	1	0	4	109,000	Richard Boucher	13	4	1	1	70,200
Ballybristol Farm	8	2	2	1	91,250	Ross Geraghty	31	3	6	4	161,900
Irvin L. Crawford II	2	2	0	0	90,000	Hadden Frost	10	3	2	0	72,550
Sharon E. Sheppard	10	2	2	3	76,150	Eddie Keating	16	3	1	5	74,100
DASH Stable	5	2	2	1	65,900	Aaron Sinnott	13	3	1	0	52,000

TRAINERS BY WINS						HORSES BY EARNINGS					
	Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings		Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
Jack Fisher	85	25	14	9	\$899,700	Winston C	2	1	0	1	\$100,000
Jonathan Sheppard	40	8	2	7	291,400	Senior Senator	2	2	0	0	90,000
Katherine Neilson	35	6	5	5	155,500	Scorpiancer (Ire)	2	1	0	0	90,000
Leslie F. Young	23	5	4	4	179,000	Andi'amu (Fr)	2	2	0	0	78,000
Ricky Hendriks	42	5	5	6	173,100	Gibralfaro (Ire)	3	1	0	0	72,000
Lilith Boucher	9	4	1	1	67,900	City Dreamer (Ire)	2	1	0	0	65,000
Joseph G. Davies	16	2	2	1	114,700	Moscato (Fr)	2	1	0	1	60,000
Neil R. Morris	21	2	2	5	61,450	Sportswear (GB)	2	2	0	0	48,000
Mark Beecher	18	2	1	1	58,700	Corky Lemon	3	2	0	0	45,600
Julie Gomena	33	1	7	3	85,650	Optimus Prime (Fr)	1	1	0	0	45,000