



# MONDAY REPORT

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## Lonesome Glory opens fall campaign

Belmont Park's \$150,000 Lonesome Glory Handicap (Gr. 1) opens the National Steeplechase Association's fall championship campaign, and the 2 1/2-mile race on Thursday, Sept. 19, attracted a heavyweight list of 13 nominees.

Hudson River Farms' Winston C, invincible at Saratoga Race Course over the summer, will be meeting fresh horses who sat out the summer season and now are ready for the year's final two Grade 1 races, the Lonesome Glory and Far Hills' \$450,000 Grand National on Saturday, Oct. 19.

After an American debut in which the five-year-old finished third in the Iroquois Steeplechase's Marcellus Frost Champion Hurdle for novices, Winston C developed in Racing Hall of Fame trainer Jonathan Sheppard's operation and collected two Grade 1 victories at Saratoga, the A. P. Smithwick Memorial and the New York Turf Writers Cup Handicap.

The Smithwick was impressive, and the New York Turf Writers was perhaps more impressive. Winston C won the 2 1/16-mile Smithwick by 3/2 lengths and the 2 3/8-mile New York Turf Writers by 8/4 lengths while vanquishing the same opponents.

Based on the nominations, Winston C will have some new and formidable opponents in the Lonesome Glory. Among them is Bruton Street-US's Scorpiancer, the 2017 Eclipse Award winner who won the Calvin Houghland Iroquois (Gr. 1) for a second time on May 11.

Scorpiancer, who missed the 2018 season, carries the highest National Steeplechase Association rating, 154, going into the fall season. Winston C is at 153.

A 10-year-old veteran, Scorpiancer is trained by Jack Fisher, who also nominated Bruton Street-US's Moscato, the 2017 novice champion who also missed the 2018 season. The French-bred won Middleburg Spring's Temple Gwathmey Handicap (Gr. 2) in his return to the races on April 20 and was third in the Calvin Houghland Iroquois.

Another member of Fisher's barn nominated to the Lonesome Glory is Harold A. "Sonny" Via's Hinterland, who finished third in the A. P. Smithwick and fourth in the New York Turf Writers.

Irv Naylor, always among the leading owners, nominated two contenders for the Lonesome



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Thomas Garner rode Winston C to victories in Saratoga's A. P. Smithwick Memorial (Gr. 1) and New York Turf Writers Cup Handicap (Gr. 1), above.

Glory. Bedrock, trained by Leslie Young, finished sixth in the A. P. Smithwick, his American debut. He shares the 153 rating with Winston C.

Naylor's Sempere Medici, trained by Cyril Murphy, finished eighth in the Smithwick after opening the year with a second-place finish in the Virginia Gold Cup's David Semmes Memorial (Gr. 2) on May 4.

Young also nominated Sharon Sheppard's Redicean, winner of Saratoga's Jonathan Kiser Stakes for novices on July 24. Redicean came back four weeks later to finish fourth in the John's Call Stakes on the flat at Saratoga. Redicean shares a 144 rating with Moscato.

Wendy Hendriks' Surprising Soul finished a length behind Scorpiancer at Nashville and carries a 139 rating. The multiple stakes winner is trained by Ricky Hendriks, who also nominated Rosbrian Farm's Swansea Mile, whose only jumps start this year was an unplaced finish in an allowance hurdle at a water-soaked Willowdale Steeplechase on May 12.

Trainer Kate Dalton nominated Belisarius and Help From Heaven, both of whom placed in Saratoga stakes. Belisarius, owned by Gary

Barber, Brous Racing Stable, and Wachtel Stable, finished third in the New York Turf Writers, and Virginia Lazenby's Help From Heaven was third in the Jonathan Kiser. Both also were nominated to Belmont's William Entenmann Novice Stakes on Sept. 18.

In addition to Winston C, Sheppard nominated Buttonwood Farm's All the Way Jose, the 2017 Lonesome Glory winner who most recently was fifth in the New York Turf Writers.

Completing the nominee list is Robert Kinsley's No Wunder, the Valentine Memorial winner in May who was seventh in both the Smithwick and New York Turf Writers for trainer Elizabeth Voss.

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**Go Jump Racing!**



# Snowie Hill scores in Rouse 'Cap victory as Doyle sweeps Colonial Downs' jump races

Riverdee Stable's Snowie Hill, a maiden winner at Colonial Downs three weeks earlier, cruised to the lead at the top of the Virginia track's stretch on Saturday and drew away to a 3/4-length victory in the \$50,000 Randolph D. Rouse Handicap.

Owner-trainer Bethany Baumgardner's Mavourneen, the race's 26.40-to-1 longshot, held on well for second, two lengths ahead of KMSN Stable's maiden Inverness. Owner-trainer Jonathan Sheppard's Wigwam Baby, the Rouse's 2.80-to-1 favorite, finished fourth after setting the pace for more than 1 1/2 miles.

Sent off at 5.90-to-1, Snowie Hill ran the Rouse's 2 1/4 miles in 4:01.87 and paid \$13.80 to win.

Snowie Hill was bred and is trained by F. Hill Parker, and the four-year-old's name honors the memory of his mother, Frances Snowden "Snowie" Hill Myers. Snowie Hill is a full sister to 2016 novice champion Get Ready Set Goes, who finished seventh in the Rouse. Get Ready Set Goes was bred by Mrs. Myers.

Jack Doyle, who had swept Colonial's two jump races when Snowie Hill won her maiden victory against other fillies and mares on Aug. 17, again notched a double and moved into second place in the standings with 11 wins, five behind Michael Mitchell.

Wigwam Baby and jockey Darren Nagle went out to a free-running lead at the start of the Rouse and opened as many as 10 lengths at the top of Colonial's stretch the first time. Mavourneen and jockey Graham Watters kept Wigwam Baby in sight while running second, and Doyle parked Snowie Hill at the back of the field, at times more than 25 lengths behind the leader.



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*Snowie Hill heads for the finish line in Colonial Downs' Rouse Handicap.*

Snowie Hill still was far back as the field entered the backstretch for the last time, and Doyle allowed her to creep closer to the front-runner on the run over the final three fences.

Wigwam Baby began to tire after the next-to-last fence, and Mavourneen attacked in company with Joseph Fowler's Down Royal.

Mavourneen struck to the front over the last fence. Doyle put Snowie Hill on the inside around the final turn and grabbed the lead early in the stretch.

Mavourneen resisted for a while, but Snowie Hill went up by 1 1/2 lengths at the furlong pole and widened her advantage under pressure from Doyle. Keri Brion-trained Inverness made a strong late move to grab third, a nose in front of Wigwam Baby.

Riverdee acquired Snowie Hill from trainer Parker before her nose victory over Inverness in the Colonial maiden hurdle on Aug. 17.

Doyle kicked off his second Colonial double when Willow Oaks Stables' Iconic Artist, coming off the sidelines after more than two years, closed well in Colonial's stretch to score a 2 1/4-length victory in the \$30,000 maiden hurdle. Riverdee Stables' Gostisbehere, the 13-to-10 favorite in a field of six, finished second, a neck ahead of Bon Nouvel Chasers' Sudden Victory.

Trained by Elizabeth Voss, eight-year-old Iconic Artist went off at 8.90-to-1, the second-longest price on the board, and paid \$19.80 to win after running the 2 1/4-mile distance in 4:03.30 on firm turf.



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*Accepting the Rouse Handicap trophy were, from left, Riverdee Stable's Sean Clancy, breeder-trainer F. Hill Parker, and winning jockey Jack Doyle.*



# Looking ahead

## 11 nominated to Belmont's Entenmann

A spring stakes winner, two impressive Saratoga Race Course allowance winners, and an undefeated newcomer are among 11 nominees to Belmont Park's \$75,000 William Entenmann Memorial Novice Stakes on Wednesday, Sept. 18.

Also among the nominees are the second- and third-place finishers in Saratoga's Jonathan Kiser Novice Stakes on July 24.

Riverdee Stable's City Dreamer closed out the spring with a victory in the Iroquois Steeplechase's Marcellus Frost Champion Hurdle for novices on May 11. Well back early, he closed strongly in Iroquois' stretch and secured a neck victory in the final strides.

The Irish-bred is trained by Jack Fisher, who also nominated Bruton Street-US's Snap Decision, a 38½-length winner at Saratoga on Aug. 14, and a newcomer to American racing, Hyggelig Haven's Cracker Factory.

Always close to the pace in his Saratoga

allowance, Snap Decision led by 25 lengths at the furlong marker.

Ricky Hendriks trains the other impressive Saratoga allowance winner, Rosbrian Farm's Teodoro, who wheeled away to a 33¼-length victory on Aug. 28.

A maiden winner at the Fair Hill Races, Teodoro opened a 20-length lead in the early going, drew away steadily on the final turn, led by 30 lengths at the furlong pole, and came home to an easy victory.

Pennsylvania-based Hendriks also nominated Rosbrian's Vener of Charm, who was unplaced in his only jumps start this year.

KMSN Racing's Sportswear won his first two starts over fences handily for Racing Hall of Fame trainer Jonathan Sheppard. The four-year-old most likely would have been favored for the Kiser, but a quickly resolved lameness on race day forced a scratch.


In his inaugural start, he won a Middleburg

Spring maiden hurdle by 2 1/4 lengths, and three weeks later he won an Iroquois Steeplechase allowance hurdle by a half-length.

Jacqueline Ohrstrom's Arch My Boy closed well to be second in the Kiser in his American debut for trainer Richard Valentine. Also nominated was Virginia Lazenby's Help From Heaven, who was third in the Kiser after finishing second in the Marcellus Frost.

Help From Heaven is trained by Kate Dalton, who also nominated Belisarius, most recently third in Saratoga's New York Turf Writers Cup Handicap (Gr.1) on Aug. 22. Both also were nominated to Belmont's Lonesome Glory Handicap (Gr. 1) on Sept. 19.

Irv Naylor nominated Chief Justice, who finished fourth in the Marcellus Frost in his American debut for trainer Cyril Murphy. Completing the nominations is Mason H. Lampton's Maccabee, a three-time winner over fences this spring for trainer Lilith Boucher.



## STEEPLECHASE STANDINGS THROUGH SEPT. 1

OWNERS BY EARNINGS						JOCKEYS BY WINS					
	Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings		Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
Bruton Street-US	28	6	6	5	\$328,000	Michael Mitchell	57	16	9	5	\$496,300
Mrs. S.K. Johnston Jr.	35	8	4	7	226,200	Jack Doyle	55	9	6	8	311,700
Riverdee Stable	14	3	4	2	204,800	Sean McDermott	51	9	5	10	359,550
Hudson River Farms	9	2	0	4	200,800	Thomas Garner	41	6	3	6	344,300
Rosbrian Farm	15	4	3	0	149,300	Willie McCarthy	38	6	7	5	245,900
Irvin S. Naylor	39	4	5	6	132,050	Richard Boucher	16	5	1	2	92,800
Ballybristol Farm	10	2	3	1	98,850	Ross Geraghty	37	4	6	4	208,150
Beverly R. Steinman	22	2	2	3	91,400	Gerard Galligan	37	4	7	3	171,650
Sharon E. Sheppard	11	3	2	3	91,150	Barry Foley	44	3	4	9	139,750
Irvin L. Crawford II	2	2	0	0	90,000	Hadden Frost	10	3	2	0	72,550

TRAINERS BY WINS						HORSES BY EARNINGS					
	Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings		Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
Jack Fisher	96	27	16	10	\$1,003,800	Winston C	3	2	0	1	\$190,000
Jonathan Sheppard	55	11	5	8	455,800	Gibalfaro (Ire)	4	1	1	0	99,000
Leslie F. Young	30	7	7	4	226,100	Senior Senator	2	2	0	0	90,000
Ricky Hendriks	50	6	6	7	233,450	Scorpiancer (Ire)	2	1	0	0	90,000
Katherine Neilson	39	6	5	5	159,450	And'amu (Fr)	2	2	0	0	78,000
Lilith Boucher	12	5	1	2	90,500	Snap Decision	4	2	2	0	71,400
Julie Gomena	37	2	7	3	104,150	City Dreamer (Ire)	2	1	0	0	65,000
Joseph G. Davies	16	2	2	1	114,700	Teodoro	3	2	1	0	62,400
Doug Fout	30	2	2	6	114,550	Market Alley	4	2	0	0	60,000
Neil R. Morris	24	2	2	5	66,050	Moscato (Fr)	2	1	0	1	60,000