



MONDAY REPORT

A weekly report from the National Steeplechase Association

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Storm Team wins Aflac Supreme Hurdle

Storm Team set the pace from the start of the Steeplechase at Callaway Gardens' \$75,000 Aflac Supreme Hurdle and turned back two challenges in the stretch to claim a one-length victory over City Dreamer on Saturday.

Michael Mitchell rode the winner and pulled into a tie for the year's jockey title with Jack Doyle, who was aboard City Dreamer. Each has 20 victories for the year.

Jack Fisher trained both Storm Team, owned by Sheila Williams and Northwoods Stable, and Riverdee Stable's City Dreamer to the top spots in the year's final stakes race for novices, or horses in their first seasons of racing over fences.

Maccabee, an overachiever owned by Steeplechase at Callaway Chairman Mason Hardaway Lampton, finished third, a length behind City Dreamer, and Iranistan was fourth, a half-length farther back.

On a Georgia race course that was favoring speed, Mitchell pushed to the lead at the start with Storm Team, a Candy Ride five-year-old who had finished third in the Far Hills Races' Foxbrook Champion Hurdle for novices on Oct. 19.

Hudson River Farms' Iranistan, the reigning novice champion who is coming back after more than a year on the sidelines, pressed Storm Team's pace throughout and challenged him for the lead at the last fence. By no means done, Storm Team and Mitchell quickly fought back and pulled away as Iranistan began to tire.

City Dreamer, winner of the Iroquois Steeplechase's Marcellus Frost Champion Hurdle in May and fifth in the Foxbrook, mounted a strong attack in the stretch, but Storm Team had plenty in reserve and maintained his lead to the finish line.

Maccabee, a maiden claimer winner in the spring who had moved up into the top three on the final run down the backstretch, ran well to the finish line under Richard Boucher to claim third money over Iranistan.

Storm Team ran the Aflac Supreme Hurdle's 2¼ miles in 4:00 1/5 on turf rated as good. He collected his second victory of the year in the Aflac Supreme Hurdle. He had set all the pace in a Carolina Cup allowance hurdle on March 30 and won by three lengths under Doyle.



Tod Marks

Sheila Williams' and Northwoods Stable's Storm Team jumped the last fence with a half-length lead over Iranistan and held off City Dreamer to win the \$75,000 Aflac Supreme Hurdle at the 35th annual Steeplechase at Callaway Gardens.

The Steeplechase at Callaway Gardens' other four races yielded horses to watch in the 2020 season. The first three races were won by horses coming out of the Irish point-to-point races, and Leslie Young trained two of them.

Meadow Run Farm's Goodoldtimes drew away to a 14½-length victory in the first, a novice timber race, with Brian Linehan in the saddle. Young also won the second race, a maiden claiming hurdle, with her Court Ruler, who won by 5¾ lengths with Linehan in the saddle.

Hudson River Farms' Galway Kid scored a three-length victory in the \$30,000 Crown Royal, a Sport of Kings maiden hurdle, with Darren Nagle in the saddle for trainer Jonathan Sheppard.

The meet concluded with a seven-length victory by Irv Naylor's Family Tree in the

\$30,000 Standard Concrete Cup for four-year-olds. Ridden by Barry Foley, the Galileo gelding gave up a significant amount of ground with a stumble three fences out, but he recovered and drew away from a strong field.

Neil Morris trained Family Tree to his second victory in two starts over fences.

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Looking ahead

Charleston closes out 2019 jump-racing season

The National Steeplechase Association's 2019 season concludes on Sunday with the Steeplechase of Charleston at Stono Ferry in Hollywood, S.C. First post time will be 1 p.m. for a program of six races, with five of them over fences.

Under the management of the Randolph Company, the Steeplechase of Charleston offers \$100,000 in purses.


The Stono Ferry meet will provide a racing opportunity for the sport's youngest competitors, the three-year-olds in the \$25,000 Alston Cup, an allowance hurdle. Heading that field is Rosbrian Farm's Global Freedom, winner of the Far Hills Races' Gladstone Stakes on Oct. 19.

Missing from Charleston will be leading jockeys Jack Doyle and Michael Mitchell. Doyle sustained injuries in a fall at the Steeplechase at Callaway Gardens, and Mitchell declined to ride because he did not want to vie for the title while his fellow jockey was sidelined. They end the season as co-champions with 20 victories each.




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Rosbrian Farm's Global Freedom led Irv Naylor's Must See The Doc to the finish line in Far Hills' Gladstone Stakes. Both were entered for the Alston Cup, a three-year-old allowance.



STEEPLECHASE STANDINGS

THROUGH NOV. 11



OWNERS BY EARNINGS						JOCKEYS BY WINS					
	Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings		Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
Bruton Street-US	39	9	7	6	\$614,500	Jack Doyle	95	20	14	11	\$597,250
Riverdee Stable	24	5	7	2	317,250	Michael Mitchell	86	20	12	12	733,550
Hudson River Farms	22	6	1	4	313,300	Willie McCarthy	58	10	11	5	422,300
Irvin S. Naylor	75	8	11	10	280,900	Sean McDermott	70	9	8	11	473,850
Mrs. S.K. Johnston Jr.	50	10	6	8	277,750	Thomas Garner	51	7	5	6	404,750
Michael Buckley	1	1	0	0	270,000	Ross Geraghty	58	7	8	6	371,400
Rosbrian Farm	26	5	6	1	217,150	Barry Foley	66	6	7	11	211,350
Ballybristol Farm	18	4	5	1	154,000	Darren Nagle	40	6	3	4	136,650
Wendy Hendriks	7	1	2	1	140,850	Hadden Frost	15	5	3	0	142,050
Sharon E. Sheppard	20	4	3	3	138,750	Richard Boucher	22	5	1	3	103,550

TRAINERS BY WINS						HORSES BY EARNINGS					
	Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings		Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
Jack Fisher	141	37	23	17	\$1,590,550	Brain Power (Ire)	1	1	0	0	\$270,000
Jonathan Sheppard	101	20	8	14	690,500	Winston C	4	2	0	1	197,500
Leslie F. Young	63	13	15	7	412,450	Scorpioncer (Ire)	4	1	1	0	177,000
Ricky Hendriks	84	9	12	11	459,450	Snap Decision	6	4	2	0	176,400
Katherine Neilson	64	8	6	9	213,600	Gibralfaro (Ire)	5	2	1	0	144,000
Neil R. Morris	43	7	4	7	173,550	Surprising Soul	4	1	1	0	133,000
Lilith Boucher	16	5	1	3	100,250	And'amu (Fr)	4	3	1	0	115,500
Doug Fout	55	3	3	9	151,400	Schoodic	6	5	1	0	109,500
Mark Beecher	34	3	3	2	88,150	Moscato (GB)	4	1	0	2	105,000
Todd Wyatt	25	3	5	5	80,650	Senior Senator	2	2	0	0	90,000