

GRAND NATIONAL - April 18, 2026 - Race 1

STAKES Grand National Steeplechase S. - Thoroughbred

FOR FIVE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. To be ridden by amateur riders acceptable to the race committee. Riders must comply with the NSA's Amateur Rider Policy. Five-year-olds, 160 lbs.; older, 165 lbs.

Distance: Three And One Fourth Miles On The Timber **Current Track Record:** (Monbeg Stream (IRE) - 5:43.80 - April 22, 2023)

Purse: \$50,000 Guaranteed

Available Money: \$50,000

Value of Race: \$47,500 1st \$30,000, 2nd \$9,000, 3rd \$5,000, 4th \$3,500

Weather: Clear, 77° **Track:** Firm

Off at: 2:27 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Hand

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	1m	2m	21/2	23/4	Str	Fin	Comments
10May25 ⁴ WIL ¹	5	Mr. Fine Threads (Davies, Teddy)	165 L v	5	5 ⁴	4 ^{2 1/2}	1 ³	1 ^{2 1/2}	1 ³	1 ³	repelled challengers
2Nov25 ³ UNI ⁴	3	Shootist (Scully, Elizabeth)	165 L	3	6 ^{2 1/2}	6 ⁵	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{2 1/2}	2 ^{3 1/2}	2 ¹³	rallied strong
2Nov25 ³ UNI ¹	1	Master Seville (Nevin, Dan)	165 L	1	3 ^{1/2}	5 ²	2 ²	2 ^{3 1/2}	3 ²⁰	3 ⁵⁰	stayed on
12Oct24 ⁴ MID ³	7	Royal Ruse (Wyatt, James)	165 L	7	7	7	4	4	4	4	trailed, got round
10May25 ⁴ WIL ⁶	6	Storm Team (Batoff, Justin)	165 L	6	1 ^{4 1/2}	1 ³	---	---	---	---	collision, lost rider
11Apr26 ¹ MON ¹	4	Uco Valley (IRE) (Barlow, Paddy)	165 L	4	2 ^{2 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	---	---	---	---	collision, lost rider
11Apr26 ⁴ MON ⁴	2	Huyana (Hannum, Chloe)	165 L	2	4 ^{1 1/2}	3 ¹	---	---	---	---	forced off course

Final Time: 6:30.00

Run-Up: 0 feet

Winner: Mr. Fine Threads, Bay Gelding, by Sightseeing out of Seven Counties, by Wayne County (IRE). Foaled Mar 13, 2013 in Maryland.

Breeder: William R. Harris

Owner: Armata Stable

Trainer: Davies, Joseph

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	1m	2m	21/2	23/4	Str	Fin
5	Mr. Fine Threads	5 ⁹	4 ^{4 1/2}	1 ³	1 ^{2 1/2}	1 ³	1 ³
3	Shootist	6 ¹³	6 ⁹	3 ⁵	3 ⁶	2 ³	2 ³
1	Master Seville	3 ⁷	5 ⁷	2 ³	2 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{6 1/2}	3 ¹⁶
7	Royal Ruse	7 ^{15 1/2}	7 ¹⁴	4 ^{5 1/2}	4 ^{8 1/2}	4 ^{26 1/2}	4 ⁶⁶
6	Storm Team	1 ^{4 1/2}	1 ³	---	---	---	---
4	Uco Valley (IRE)	2 ^{4 1/2}	2 ³	---	---	---	---
2	Huyana	4 ^{7 1/2}	3 ^{3 1/2}	---	---	---	---

Trainers: 5 - Davies, Joseph; 3 - McKenna, Todd; 1 - Beecher, Mark; 7 - Neilson, Sanna; 6 - Dowling, William; 4 - Young, Leslie; 2 - Dowling, William

Owners: 5 - Armata Stable; 3 - Upland Partners; 1 - South Branch Equine LLC; 7 - Fenwick, Jr., Charles C. and Fenwick, Danielle B.; 6 - Oakdene Stables; 4 - Potter Group USA, LLC, Gaskells Waste Services and Ashwell Stable, LLC; 2 - EHB Racing;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

MR. FINE THREADS rated well, inherited the lead due to mishaps of others, led the final mile and repelled two challengers. SHOOTIST settled towards the rear, third when field was reduced to four runners, rallied strong to gain second over the last two fences and at the wire. MASTER SEVILLE settled, had a few awkward jumps, was second on the final circuit, then overtaken two out and stayed on for third. ROYAL RUSE trailed, got round the course, far back at the finish. STORM TEAM led early, rider steered horse severely to stay inside a beacon slamming into UCO VALLEY at the beacon, unseating riders of both horses. HUYANA was then forced off course by a loose horse and pulled up. UCO VALLEY (IRE) was slammed into by STORM TEAM at a beacon, unseating the rider.