This is the seventh and final week on the "Road to the Little Brown Jug."

Little Brown Jug Top 10 Contenders (Week #7– September 10)

By Jay Wolf – Little Brown Jug Publicity Director

1. Vegas Vacation (Last Week #2)

Owners: West Wins Stable (ONT), Adriano Sorella (ONT), Anthony Beaton (ONT) & Phyllis

Saunders (ONT)

Trainer: Casie Coleman

Driver: Brian Sears & Scott Zeron

Career Earnings: \$646,516

Career Mark: 1:48.3 TgDn

He won the \$114,948 Simcoe Stakes (9/7) at Mohawk Raceway in 1:48.3, equaling his lifetime best.

2. Sunfire Blue Chip (Last Week #5)

Owners: Christina Talker (NJ), John & Jim Fielding (ONT), Brixton Medical AB (SWE) and

RAW Equine Inc. (ONT)

Trainer: Jimmy Takter

Driver: Yannick Gingras

Career Earnings: \$476,819

Career Mark: 1:48.3 Mea

The son of American Ideal was third in the Simcoe Stakes on September 7.

3. Sunshine Beach (Last Week #6)

Owners: Hudson Standardbred Stable (QUE), Conrad Leber (QUE) and Diane Bertrand (ALB)

Trainer: Mark Steacy

Driver: Chris Christoforou, Jr./George Brennan

Career Earnings: \$531,565

Career Mark: 1:47.4 PcD

He was second to Vegas Vacation in the Simcoe at Mohawk Raceway (9/7).

4. Johny Rock (Last Week #8)

Owners: William C. Wiswell (WI), Jean A. Goehlen (IL) and Eugene W. Schick (IL)

Trainer: John Butenschoen

Driver: Andy Miller

Career Earnings: \$387,498

Career Mark: 1:48.0 PcD

He set a new lifetime mark with a 1:48 win at Pocono Downs (9/7) in a conditioned event.

5. Lucan Hanover (Last Week #NR)

Owners: West Win Stable (ONT) and Christine Calhoun (ONT)

Trainer: Casie Coleman

Driver: David Miller

Career Earnings: \$232,284

Career Mark: 1:48.3 M

Finished third in a \$114,948 division of the Simcoe Stakes (9/7).

6. Twilight Bonfire (Last Week #7)

Owners: Robert J. Key (PA)

Trainer: Danny Collins

Driver: David Miller

Career Earnings: \$681,489

Career Mark: 1:50.1 Mea

Took the fifth spot in the Cane Pace Final at Tioga Downs (9/2).

7. Wake Up Peter (Last Week #3)

Owners: Wake Up Peter Partners (IL), Brittany Farms (KY), Louis Willinger (KY) and Eagles

Soar Partners (NY)

Trainer: Tony Alagna

Driver: Ron Pierce

Career Earnings: \$532,680

Career Mark: Q1:50.0 M

The son of Rocknroll Hanover has yet to win in 2013. He could set Jug history with a win.

8. Word Power (Last Week #9)

Owner: Bradley Grant (ONT)

Trainer: Larry Remmen

Driver: Jody Jamieson

Career Earnings: \$225,802

Career Mark: 1:49.4 M

He was just a nose short of an upset of Captaintreacherous in the Cane Pace Final.

9. Odds On Equuleus (Last Week #NR)

Owners: Odds On Racing (IL)

Trainer: Tony Alagna

Driver: John Campbell

Career Earnings: \$622,801

Career Mark: 1:50.0 M

Recently moved to the Tony Alagna Barn. He only has a couple of weeks to straighten him out.

10. Lonewolf Currier (Last Week #10)

Owners: Francis Azur (PA)

Trainer: Kevin McDermott

Driver: John Campbell/Jason Bartlett

Career Earnings: \$274,495

Career Mark: 1:48.4 Mea

Did not race last week.

This week's celebrity sections come from a Dave Briggs. Briggs is the publisher and editor for the *Canadian Sportsman* magazine. He was presented the Harness Tracks of America's Dan Patch Award for exceptional media, publicity and public relations contributions to the sport of harness racing earlier this year.

Little Brown Jug Top 10 Contenders

By Dave Briggs – Canadian Sportsman

- 1. Vegas Vacation inherits top spot after winning the Simcoe and the connections of Captaintreacherous elected not to race in Delaware. Can trainer Casie Coleman win back-to-back Jugs?
- 2. Sunshine Beach was a solid second to Vegas Vacation for trainer Mark Steacy and has a 1:47.4 mark set a month ago beating Captaintreacherous in the Battle of Brandywine.

- 3. Sunfire Blue Chip has been a consistent money-maker all year for trainer Jimmy Takter and topped Vegas Vacation in the Adios on July 27.
- 4. Lucan Hanover, Casie Coleman's other horse, won the New Jersey Classic on Hambletonian Day and has been a solid producer all year.
- 5. Word Power was just a neck behind Captaintreacherous in the Cane Pace and the Larry Remmen trainee has cashed a check in all but one start this year.
- 6. Twilight Bonfire was second to Captaintreacherous in the \$1 million Pepsi North America Cup in June and the Danny Collins pupil has cashed a cheque in six of the seven starts since.
- 7. Johny Rock has been a solid performer his last five starts for trainer John Butenschoen.
- 8. Wake Up Peter is, perhaps, the best winless sophomore pacing colt on the continent. Though a little on the inconsistent side, when he is on, he's near the front-runners.
- 9. Emeritus Maximus is a sizable longshot, yet the Alagna trainee has been on the board nine times this year in 14 starts against stakes competition and sports a 1:48.4 mile at Pocono.
- 10. Lonewolf Currier has won a third of his starts, but has been either on or out of it too much to be a serious Jug threat.