Darena Hanover Defeats Stablemate To Take Jugette Crown

Darena Hanover used a perfect drive from Yannick Gingras to capture the \$296,050 Jugette during Wednesday action at the Delaware County Fairgrounds.

After finishing second in the second elimination, Darena Hanover drew the three hole in the \$177,630 winner-take-all second heat. As the field was sent on their way Bettor B Lucky grabbed the early lead forcing Gingras to be parked in the first quarter of :26 4/5. Darena Hanover led the field of seven past the half mile station in :55.



John Campbell tipped Shelliscape off the pylons at the 5/8 pole to attack the leader. At the three quarters in 1:22 3/5 Darena Hanover remained on the engine, Shelliscape second on the outside and Bettor B Lucky (Jim Morrill, Jr.) was boxed in sitting in third. Darena Hanover used a :28 2/5 last quarter to score a ¾ length victory over stablemate Bettor B Lucky and Shelliscape in 1:51.

The sophomore daughter of Yankee Cruiser is owned by the Burke Racing Stable of Fredericktown, PA and conditioned by Ron Burke, the nation's leading trainer.

"At the top of the lane she was on fumes," noted Gingras. "At that point the race was up for grabs. But when I looked back near the finish line I felt real comfortable."

The victory was the second Jugette title for the Burke/Gingras duo. They won the 2007 Jugette with Western Graduate.

Shelliscape established a new world record in the second elimination. As the starting gate's wings opened Dave Palone sent Economy Terror to the lead from the outside post #7. Angel Scent (Jody Jamieson) protected the rail and forcing Palone to be parked through the opening quarter of :26. Economy Terror cleared to the lead and led the field of seven past the half in :54 1/5 and the three-quarters in 1:22 4/5. Campbell sent the eventual winner three wide in the final turn and sprinted clear to score a 6 ¼ length victory over Darena Hanover in 1:50 3/5. Economy Terror kept the show spot and Angel Scent held on to the final advancing spot.

In the first elimination, Moonlit Dragon (David Miller), Bettor Be Lucky and American Jewel (Tim Tetrick) were sent after the early lead. Bettor B Lucky cleared to the lead and Moonlit Dragon closed up the hole forcing the heavy favorite American Jewel to race on the outside. Bettor B Lucky controlled the fractions in :26 4/5, :55 4/5 and 1:23 1/5. The tiring American Jewel forced Sectionline Yankee (Brett Miller) three wide around the final turn. Bettor B Lucky used a :28 3/5

final to score a ¾ length victory over Sectionline Yankee. American Jewel held on for third and a boxed in Moonlit Dragon rallied for fourth to advance to the final.

Racing wraps up with the Little Brown Jug card going postward tomorrow at 11:00 AM.