

## Michael's Power Wins 67<sup>th</sup> Little Brown Jug

DELAWARE, OH—Michael's Power led from start to finish to win Thursday's \$487,550 Little Brown Jug by 1  $\frac{3}{4}$  lengths over second elimination heat winner Sweet Lou.

Jeff Snyder's homebred gelding rushed to the top with a :25.2 first quarter, the fastest first quarter in the 67-year history of the Jug. An early attempt by A Rocknroll Dance for the lead was thwarted, forcing him to the rail in third. Sweet Lou was sitting in the pocket unable to shake free until it was too late. Michael's Power tripped the timer in 1:50.

With the victory, Casie Coleman becomes the second female trainer to hoist the Little Brown Jug.

"That :25.2 first quarter scared me," said driver Scott Zeron, "but it allowed us to control the race. She is such a sweetheart and easy to drive. I just can't believe I won the Little Brown Jug."

"I wanted to win the Little Brown Jug since I was a little kid," noted Coleman. "The Little Brown Jug is just awesome. I told (Scott) him to 'win.' That was his only instruction."

The sophomore son of Camluck scored for the 13<sup>th</sup> time in 16 seasonal starts and has earned nearly \$1.3 million lifetime.

Michael's Power paced a conservative 1:52.3 mile to edge Bolt The Duer by a head in the first elimination heat. Michael's Power followed Bolt The Duer until the head of the stretch when Zeron pulled his colt and just squeaked to the front as the two crossed the finish line.

"We took a slow route to the final heat," said Zeron, a native of Oakville, Ontario. "I wanted to stay in the pocket and give my colt a conservative trip. I knew Casie would kill me if I didn't get him out. He should be fine in the second heat because of the slow fractions." Escape The News finished third and Thinking Out Loud fourth.

Sweet Lou led from start to finish to win the second elimination by a half-length over Bettor's Edge in 1:51, final quarter in :28.1 seconds. A Rocknroll Dance, who started from post seven, was parked outside the entire mile and finished third. Simply Business was fourth.

The announced crowd of 48,247.