

Rock N Roll Heaven Takes The 65th Little Brown Jug
Sets Two Heat World Record
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Rock N Roll Heaven and Daniel Dube won the 65th edition of the Little Brown Jug in straight heats with a world record performance before 48,118 at the Delaware County Fair.

A textbook drive by Dube and the big heart of Rock N Roll Heaven were necessary to win the \$604,100 pacing classic.

In the \$289,969 second heat, the elimination winners I'm Gorgeous (Andy Miller), Rock N Roll Heaven and Classic Rock Nroll (John Campbell) left to gain control. I'm Gorgeous led at the 1/8 pole, but Dube aggressively sent the eventual winner to the lead at the quarter in :27 1/5. Rock N Roll Heaven kept the field of eight at bay with the half in :55 3/5 and the three quarters in 1:23. As the field straighten out for the wire, Rock N Roll Heaven used a last quarter of :26 2/5 to score a 2 ¼ length victory over I'm Gorgeous to establish a new two-heat world record of 3:38 4/5, eclipsing the 3:40 1/5 mark set by Shadow Play in 2008.

"He is an amazing colt," noted Dube. "I was really happy with the way he paced in the first half, but even more surprised the way he finished."

"You sure need a special horse to win the Jug and we have one," added Bruce Saunders the winning trainer.

The son of Rocknroll Hanover is owned by Frank J. Bellino of Bronxville, NY.

The win gave Saunders and Dube with their first career Jug victory. Rock N Roll Heaven was bred by Steve Stewart, Charles Nash, Julie Nash and Francene Nash.

In the first elimination the action started early and often with Douglas McNair sending Aracache Hanover flying off the gates wings and battling Kyle Major (Mark MacDonald) in the first eighth of a mile. Kyle Major quickly retook at the quarter in :26 1/5. Rock N Roll Heaven pressured Kyle Major to the half in :54. Kyle Major took a bad step past the half and made a nasty break. Rock N Roll Heaven took advantage of the mistake and cruised past the three-quarters in 1:21 4/5. Rock N Roll Heaven sprinted home in :27 3/5 to score a 3 length victory over Razzle Dazzle (John Campbell) and Dreamlands Art (George Brennan) in a stakes record and world record equaling 1:49 2/5.

In the middle elimination, Delmarvalous (Brian Sears) defended the rail and led the field through the quarters in :25 4/5, :53 3/5 and 1:22 2/5. John Campbell brought Classic Rock Nroll first over and passed Delmarvalous mid stretch to score a 1 ½ victory over Piece Of The Rock (Paul MacDonell) and Doc's Yankee (Dan Noble) in 1:50 4/5.

In the final \$64,437 elimination, I'm Gorgeous (Andy Miller), One More Laugh (Tim Tetrick) and Rockin Image (Yannick Gingras) battled early trading the lead three times in the first three-quarters of a mile.

I'm Gorgeous battled back gamely in the deep stretch to score a head victory over Rockin Image in 1:50 2/5. One More Laugh held on for third but was scratched out of the final. The winner's check of \$280,303 increases the colt's career earnings to \$1,803,904.