Hawaiian Cowboy Wins \$200,000 Nat Christie; On The Attack, Four Starzzz Shark Win Cane Elims

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Hawaiian Cowboy and driver Luc Ouellette grabbed the lead soon after the first quarter and went on to win the \$200,000 Nat Christie Memorial at Calgary's Stampede Park. The Western Hanover colt stretched out to a 4 1/2 lengths victory over Ma Belle Hall and Mortified.

Hawaiian Cowboy, trained by Brian Pinske, is owned by Brian Pinske Stable, R and D Samson Stable and White Birch Farm, has now won three times in 11 starts this season, and Sunday's \$100,000 paycheck swelled his lifetime earnings to \$601,275. The bulk of his money came when he finished second to Bettor's Delight in the \$1,148,500 North America Cup Final at Woodbine.

Non-Jug eligibles won both \$57,616 elims of Saturday's Cane Pace at Freehold Raceway. However, five of Monday afternoon's starters in the \$300,000 Final may be Delaware, Ohio bound.

Four Starzzz Shark won the first elimination in 1:53.3 by four lengths over JK Bandit, Lotsa Clout and Royal Art. All but the winner are eligible to the Jug. On The Attack took the second elim by one length over Jug eligible Full Of Fun in 1:53.1. Gunthatwonthewest finished third over Jug eligible Keen Mind.

The 56th Little Brown Jug is only 23 days off and a few major events remain to settle the question...who's starting and who isn't.

The \$40,000 Hayes Memorial is slated for Saturday, September 1 at Du Quoin, II; the \$145,000 Kentucky Sires Stakes Final is Sunday, September 2 at Bluegrass Downs; and Monday's Labor Day afternoon \$300,000 Cane Pace is at Freehold Raceway in New Jersey. The Cane Pace is the first leg of Pacing's Triple Crown Series followed by the Jug on September 20 and the Messenger Pace on October 27 at The Meadows.

The final weekend of pre-Jug competition is Saturday, September 8. Scioto Downs is the site of the \$200,000 Jug Preview and Mohawk Raceway in Campbellville, Ontario plays host to the \$254,000 Simcoe Stakes. Heavy Jug favorite Real Desire is expected to race in the Simcoe.