Seven Drivers To Make First Jug Start

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The 56th edition of the Little Brown Jug will definitely have a "rookie" feel to it. Seven drivers will be making their first Little Brown Jug start, even though many of them are among North America's top reinsmen. A pair of Quebec natives lead the rookie class. Stephane Bouchard has steered 499 winners in 2001, which places him second in North America. Sylvain Filion's mounts have won \$4,301,530 this season which places him ninth in North America.

Ohioans Brett Miller, Jim Pantateano, Jamie Dunlap and Ron Steck along with Saratoga regular Stephen Smith will also be making their first Jug trips around the famed half-mile. Steck is a resident of Marengo, Ohio just a half an hour from the Delaware County Fairgrounds.

Campbell, Lachance To Do Battle For 2nd Elim and History While John Campbell (Real Desire) and Mike Lachance (Bettor's Delight) are expected to do battle in the second elimination of the Little Brown Jug, they will also be battling for the all-time Jug earnings lead. Campbell has driven in 61 Jug races, scoring 13 wins and \$1,205,197 in Jug earnings. Mike Lachance has needed just 42 starts to match Campbell's 13 wins. Lachance needs just \$57,342 to catch Campbell in earnings. Lachance leads Campbell in the most important stat, Lachance's four Jug titles to Campbell's three. How good are the two Canadian natives? While Lachance and Campbell have teamed up for 26 wins and \$2.3 million, the rest of the drivers in the 56th Jug have earned a combined \$1,617,266 and 10 victories.