Mach Three, Allamerican Ingot And Three Olives Head Solid Group Of Little Brown Jug Contenders



Three Olives, shown winning \$147,000 KY Sires Stakes Championship last fall at The Red Mile, is one of the early favorites for the 57th Little Brown Jug. (Photo by Nigel Soult)



Allamerican Ingot (Photo courtesy of <u>The US Trotting</u> Association)

By Tom White April 22, 2002

Delaware, Ohio--One year ago Real Desire and Bettor's Choice were ranked one-two on the U.S. Trotting Association's preseason Experimental Ratings. The two colts each won two of their division's most glamorous events. Bettor's Delight took the \$1,148,000 North America Cup and the \$646,050 Little Brown Jug. Real Desire beat his arch rival in the \$1,009,000 Meadowlands Pace and the \$781,050 Breeders Crown.

Earlier this year Stan Bergstein, author of the Experimental Ratings, gave Western Shooter a "nose" edge over Mach Three in the 2002 ratings. This is the same margin that Western Scooter had beaten Mach Three in last October's Breeders Crown. Bergstein also rated Louie Louie Too, Allamerican Ingot and Three Olives in his top five.

Then, in a span of four days, everything changed. On March 27 Louie Louie Too died on the track of a likely heart attack and on March 30 Western Shooter was euthanized after the colt was afflicted with a severe case of Toxemia.

Based on the Experimental Ratings, Mach Three, Allamerican Ingot and Three Olives appear to be the early leaders for the 57th renewal of the \$550,000-est. Little Brown Jug scheduled for Thursday afternoon, September 19 at the Delaware, Ohio County Fair.

The Jug is the second leg of Pacing's Triple Crown along with the Cane and Messenger and is one of four races that make up the \$1,000,000 Grand Slam bonus. A pacer that wins the North America Cup (Woodbine), Meadowlands Pace

(The Meadowlands), Little Brown Jug and their division of the Breeders Crown (Woodbine) will earn the \$1,000,000 bonus.

A total of 180 three-year-olds are eligible to the Little Brown Jug including eight of the top 10 colts on the USTA Experimental Ratings. The first important three-year-old engagements are the \$300,000 Berry's Creek eliminations on May 4 at The Meadowlands and the \$165,000 Max Hempt Memorial on May 25 at Pocono Downs. However, elims for the \$600,000 Prix de Montreal and the \$500,000 New Jersey Classic, both on May 25, are usually the first real tests of the division leaders and pretenders.

The Grand Slam begins with the North America Cup (June 15 and June 22); Meadowlands Pace (July 6 and July 13); Little Brown Jug (September 19) and Breeders Crown (October 12 and October 19). The Cane Pace kicks off the Triple Crown Series (August 24 and September 2), Little Brown Jug (September 19) and Messenger Pace (October 26).

In early season action, Mach Three defeated seasoned older pacers in 1:52.3 in his first start at Mohawk; Kilowatt won at The Meadowlands in 1:50.3; and Brad's Gold scored in 1:53.1 in the \$61,400 Youthful Series Final at Mohawk.

Following are resumes of 18 three-year-olds who likely will be in Delaware, Ohio on September 19 to race in the Little Brown Jug Pacing Classic.

ALLAMERICAN INGOT (Western Hanover-Incredible Margie)

Owner: Robert Waxman Trainer: Robert McIntosh

2001 Record: 7-4-1-2 \$421,915 1:51.3

Major Stakes: Won Woodrow Wilson Final and Smullin Memorial; third in Metro

Elimination.

Experimental Rating: 4th

ASHLEE'S BIG GUY (Life Sign-Lady Ashlee Ann)

Owners: Jim Wheeler, Philip and Donna Steinberg

Trainer: Tom Artandi

2001 Record: 10-3-1-1 \$111,138 1:53

Major Stakes: Won Div. Bluegrass Stakes; second in Div. International

Stallion Stakes; Third in Nassagaweya.

Experimental Rating: 23rd

BRAD'S GOLD (Cam's Card Shark-Winbak The Gold)

Owner: Jeffrey Snyder Trainer: Bill Robinson

2001 Record: 12-2-3-1 \$282,986 2,1:53.4; 3, 1:53.1

2002 Record; Won \$61,400 Hopeful Series Final (4-19) at Mohawk Major Stakes: Won NYSS Final; second in Champlain and Niatross.

Experimental Rating: 24th

CAMYSTIC (Camluck-Mystic Mistress)

Owner: Millar Farms Trainer: Gregg McNair

2001 Record: 13-7-2-2 \$443,171 1:52.4s

Major Stakes: Won Champlain and Ontario SS Final; third in Nassagaweya

Experimental Rating: 18th

DREAMFAIR VOGEL (Village Jiffy-JC's Nathalie)

Owners: John and Mary Lamers

Trainer: Jason Libby

2001 Record: 13-4-1-2 \$251,547 1:54.4h

Major Stakes: Won Ontario SS Final; third in Ontario SS Final.

Experimental Ratings: Not Rated

ELEPHANTS CAN FLY (Jenna's Beach Boy-Dawn Q)

Owners: Richard P. and Joanne Young

Trainer: Lora Sodano

2001 Record: 10-2-2-0 \$64,360 1:52.4

Major Stakes: Won Champlain; second in Governor's Cup Elim and Metro Elim.

Experimental Rating: Not Rated

IFIHADYOURLUCK (Camluck-Respectfully Yours)

Owners: Schoor Racing Stable, TH Stable LLC and Laura DeLucia

Trainer: Brad McNinch

2001 Record: 15-5-3-2 \$283,010 1:52s

Major Stakes: Won Ontario SS; second in Breeders Crown Elim and Champlain.

Experimental Rating: 11th

KILOWATT (Western Hanover-Very Rare)

Owners: McDonald Racing Stable, J. Celii, Val D'Or Farm

Trainer: Joe Holloway

2001 Record: 11-4-2-1 \$172,041 1:52.4; 3, 1:50.3 2002 Record: Won April 14 in 1:50.3 at The Meadowlands.

Major Stakes: Won Div. International Stallion Stakes and Woodrow Wilson Elim;

second in PASS Championship. Experimental Rating: 21st

MACH THREE (Matt's Scooter-All Included)

Owner: Linda Magid Trainer: Shawn Robinson

2001 Record: 9-7-2-0 \$954,708 1:51.1s

2002 Record: Won an overnight (4-20) at Mohawk in 1:52.3

Major Stakes: Won Metro Elim and Final, Breeders Crown Elim, Nassagaweya and

Champlain; second in Breeders Crown Final.

Experimental Rating: 2nd

MATT'S WALLER (Matt's Scooter-Jazzabel Hanover)

Owners: JA Konen, JB Hawks, SE Oldford and J. Cummings

Trainer: Nathaniel Varty

2001 Record: 13-5-4-2 \$171,836 1:52.4s

Major Stakes: Won Fox Stake, Tompkins-Geers, American-National Elim, Nassagaweya; second in American-National Final and third in Bluegrass.

Experimental Rating: 20th

MILLION DOLLAR CAM (Cam's Card Shark-Jate Mate)

Owner: Jeffrey Snyder Trainer: Monte Gelrod

2001 Record: 7-3-1-0 \$150,552 1:53.3s Major Stakes: second in Governor's Cup Final

Experimental Rating: 14th

MONSOON HALL (Cambest-Matt's Sunshine) Owners: Val D'Or Farm and Schoor Racing Stable

Trainer: Monte Gelrod

2001 Record: 5-3-1-0 \$240,404 1:53.2

Major Stakes: Won Niatross and Woodrow Wilson Elim; second in Wilson Final.

Experimental Rating: 19th

PACIFIC TITAN (Camluck-Flat Foot Fluzy)

Owner; John Grant Trainer: Scott McEneny

2001 Record: 16-5-4-2 \$507,918 1:51.3s

Major Stakes: Won Breeders Crown Elim; 2nd in Canadian Breeders

Championship, third in Metro and fourth in Breeders Crown.

Experimental Rating: 12th

RED RIVER HANOVER (Western Hanover-Rich N Elegant)

Owners: Lothlorien Equestrian Center and Jeffrey Snyder

Trainer: Shawn Robinson

2001 Record: 12-6-0-0 \$142,231 1:52.2s

Major Stakes: Won Metro Elim, Champlain and Nassagaweya.

Experimental Rating: 13th

ROYAL MATTJESTY (Matt's Scooter-Lady Hathaway)

Owners: Perretti Farms, John Rizzo and Sampson Street Stable

Trainer: Tom Artandi

2001 Record: 10-3-2-1 \$163,043 1:50.3

Major Stakes: Won International Stallion Stakes and Bluegrass; second in

Nassagaweya and Champlain. Experimental Rating: 10th

THIRD STRAIGHT (Western Hanover-Terri Letsgo)

Owner: North Woodland Stables

Trainer: John Hubbard

2001 Record: 13-2-2-3 \$176,604 1:53.3s

Major Stakes: second in Breeders Crown Elim; third in Governor's Cup Elim and

Final; fifth in Breeders Crown Final.

Experimental Rating: 25th

THREE OLIVES (Jenna's Beach Boy-Mood Indigo)

Owners: Lee and Linda DeVisser

Trainer: Joe Seekman

2001 Record: 10-6-2-2 \$600,637 1:52s

Major Stakes: Won KYSS Championship, Metro Elim, Review, Hanover and American-National; second in Metro Final; third in Breeders Crown elim and

Final.

Experimental Rating: 5th

WESTERN MAVERICK (Western Hanover-Diamond Dawn)

Owner: Robert Waxman Trainer: Robert McIntosh

2001 Record: 10-4-2-2 \$200,346 1:52

Major Stakes: Won Abe Lincoln, Bluegrass and Arden Downs; second in

Nassagaweya and Champlain; third in International Stallion Stakes.

Experimental Rating: 17th