ROUNDER WINS \$100,000 HISTORIC-JERSEY CUP IN 1:50

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Little Brown Jug hopeful Rounder held on to win the \$100,000 Historic Series-Jersey Cup in a stakes-equalling record 1:50 Saturday at The Meadowlands as the Road to the Jug winds its way to September 19th at Delaware, Ohio.

In other action involving three-year-old pacers, Boyish Charm upset Image Of Dawn and Hot Rum in the \$85,000 Spring Championship Final at Lexington's Red Mile and Sportster and Midnight Gambit won \$12,000 eliminations of the Motor City Pace at Detroit's Hazel Park.

The Road to the Jug continues next Saturday with \$50,000 eliminations of The Meadowlands Pace, the second leg of the \$1,000,000 Grand Slam Bonus. Also, on next weekend's agenda, is the \$150,000 Motor City Final, \$35,000 John F. Simpson Stakes at Hoosier Park and the \$150,000 Ontario Sires Stakes Gold Final at Flamboro Downs. There are also Maryland, New Jersey and New York Sires Stakes Friday and Saturday.

Rounder's victory came by a neck over Allamerican Ingot. The Western Hanover colt was driven by Mike Lachance and trained by Tommy Haughton. Lachance said after the race, "He showed a lot of class and speed, a lot of speed."

Haughton added, "I thought Allamerican Ingot would blow by him after that trip. I thought the 10 hole would be tough for him, but he keeps proving himself over and over. His next start will be in the Meadowlands Pace elims."

Rounder, a \$40,000 sales yearling, has won 4 of 7 starts this season and earned \$\$182,558 for owners Jonathan and Alan Honig, and Mark Retblatt, all of New York City. Rounder finished second to Monsoon Hall in the \$177,000 Max Hempt Memorial and won a Pennsylvania Sires Stake in 1:53.2 in his last start on May 1st at The Meadows.. He did qualify in 1:51.2 on June 21st at The Meadowlands.

Boyish Charm upset heavily favored Image Of Dawn at The Red Mile with Hot Rum Third. In this race, Boyish Charm raced with cover through three-quarters, and then ducked inside to overhaul Image Of Dawn in the final 100 yards in 1:51.1. Image Of Dawn had won in 1:50.4 the week before. At Haz el Park, Sportster defeated Cheyenne Rei in 1:54.1 and Midnight Gambit downed No Contest Mindale in 1:51.3.