

Road to the Jug - Final Week

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Each week the Jay Wolf, Assistant Publicity Director of the Little Brown Jug will rank the Top 10 eligibles for the 64th edition of the Little Brown Jug on Thursday, September 24, 2009.

Final Week - September 16, 2009

#1 (Last Week #1) Well Said

Owners: Jeffrey Snyder (NY) and Lothlorien (Ont)

Trainer: Steve Elliott

Driver: Ron Pierce

Career Mark: 1:47.3

Career Earnings: \$2,218,438

Well Said returned to action in the Simcoe Stakes on September 12 in Ontario with a quarter length victory over Carnivore in 1:50 2/5. All systems appear to be a go for the Well Said team.

#2 (Last Week #2) Vintage Master

Owners: Brittany Farms (KY) and Brian Monieson Trust (IL)

Trainers: Jimmy Takter

Drivers: Daniel Dube

Career Mark: 1:49.2f

Career Earnings: \$1,135,522

Won the \$325,000 Cane Pace by 5 1/2 lengths in 1:50 4/5 on September 7. "He is absolutely the strongest three-year-old I've ever been around. Heats will definitely not bother that horse at all," Takter recently told the Horseman and Fair World.

#3 (Last Week #3) If I Can Dream

Owner: Bulletproof Enterprises (FL)

Trainer: Tracy Brainard

Driver: Jim Morrill, Jr.

Career Mark: 1:49.4f

Career Earnings: \$1,029,263

Has raced 14 times in 2009 and is currently enjoying some rest before the Jug.

#4 (Last Week #4) Sheer Desire

Owner: Burke Racing Stable (PA), Randy Ringer (PA), JJK Stables (FL) and Lawrence Karr (NJ)

Trainer: Ron Burke

Driver: Matt Kakaley

Career Mark: 1:49.2m

Career Earnings: \$323,192

The Real Desire colt is on a four race win streak, all at the Red Mile in Lexington, Kentucky.

#5 (Last Week #7) Carnivore

Owners: Jack Darling Stables (ONT)

Trainer: Noel Daley

Driver: Jody Jamieson

Career Mark: 1:50.3

Career Earnings: \$465,546

He punched his ticket to Delaware with a solid effort against Well Said in the Simcoe. His last quarter was in :27 1/5. "I've never raced him on a half-mile track but I think he'll like it, noted Darling.

#6 (Last Week #5) Mr Wiggles

Owners: Elmer Fannin (DE) and George Teague, Jr. Inc. (DE)

Trainers: Brenda and George Teague, Jr

Drivers: Corey Callahan and Jim Morrill, Jr.

Career Mark: 1:49.1f

Career Earnings: \$808,787

The Badlands Hanover son is one of Teague's top challengers.

#7 (Last Week #6) Chasin Racin

Owners: Elmer Fannin (DE) and George Teague, Jr. Inc. (DE)

Trainers: Brenda and George Teague, Jr.

Drivers: David Miller

Career Mark: 1:51.1m

Career Earnings: \$500,209

The Panderosa son may just get Teague his long awaited Jug victory.

#8 (Last Week #8) Clear Vision

Owners: John Fielding (ONT) and David McDuffee (NH)

Trainers: Richard Norman

Drivers: David Miller

Career Mark: 1:49.3f

Career Earnings: \$275,995

Was the beaten favorite in the Pennsylvania Sires Stakes Final by a neck in 1:51 4/5 on September 12 at Pocono Downs.

#9 (Last Week #NR) Doubleshotascotch

Owner: David Sharf (NY), Adam Victor and Son (NY), Lindy Farms of Conn (CT) & Kenneth Tucci (NJ)

Trainer: Noel Daley

Driver: Jim Morrill, Jr.

Career Mark: 1:51.4f

Career Earnings: \$222,982

Winner of 6 of 15 starts in 2009. Last time out won the \$200,000 PASS Final on September 12 in a lifetime best 1:51 4/5.

#10 (Last Week #10) River Shark

Owner: El Lobo LLC (NY), Aaron Waxman (ONT) and VIP Internet Stable (NJ)

Trainer: Tracy Brainard

Driver: Luc Ouellette

Career Mark: 1:50.4m

Career Earnings: \$301,779

Won a qualifier at Pocono Downs on September 3 by more than 15 lengths in 1:53 2/5.

He will qualify again on September 17.