Coleman Looks For Back-To-Back Jugs

Only six times has a trainer won the Little Brown Jug in back-to-back years, most recently Tom Artandi in 1988 and 1989 when he reached the winner’s circle with BJ Scoot and Goalie Jeff, respectively.

Hoping to bring the number on the exclusive list to seven this year is Casie Coleman, who captured the 2012 Jug with Michael’s Power. Nineteen 3-year-old male pacers have been entered in this year’s renewal of the pacing classic on Thursday afternoon at the Delaware, Ohio fairgrounds, and if the oddsmaker is correct, then Coleman has a great chance of repeating as her two entries—Vegas Vacation and Lucan Hanover—have been listed as the morning-line choices in their respective eliminations.

Driven by Brian Sears, Vegas Vacation starts from post 5 in the first six-horse elimination, while the David Miller-driven Lucan Hanover will start from post 4 in the second seven-horse elim. The top three finishers in each elimination will advance to the second heat, but if none of the elim winners are successful, then a race-off between that trio and the second-heat winner will determine the Jug champion.

This year’s Little Brown Jug lost some of its luster when it was announced that top-ranked Captaintreacherous would not be entered. Coleman said she wasn’t fearing “The Captain.”

“He’s beaten me a million times, I’d like to have a chance to beat him once,” Coleman said with a laugh. “I love to make money and it’s easier to make money with him not there, but I also would love to have the challenge.”

In eight career match-ups, Vegas Vacation has yet to finish ahead of Captaintreacherous, but there have been several close encounters, including a trio of second-place finishes by just a neck, including the Max Hempt Memorial final in June at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs.

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Vegas Vacation, who comes into the Jug off a career best-equaling 1:48.3 victory in a Simcoe division Sept. 7 at Mohawk, also finished fourth—by just three-quarters of a length—to Captaintrecherous in the $360,211 Cane Pace.
“He pretty much hasn’t raced a bad start yet this year, but he just hasn’t had the best of luck,” she added of Vegas Vacation, who has seven wins in 13 starts this year and $549,905 in earnings. “He was extremely good in the Simcoe, with a quarter of :25.4 on the end, and Brian never spoke to him, and that is scary.”

Coleman also heavily disputes any notion that Vegas Vacation is neither handy nor has any gate speed.

“I don’t understand why people say he doesn’t have gate speed,” she said. “The horse has more gate speed than anybody, we just choose not to use it. In his 2-year-old season he left in :26.1 in the Metro. I kind of laugh when I hear people say he doesn’t have gate speed. “And he’s actually very handy. You can do anything you want with this horse.”

As for Lucan Hanover, the son of Western Ideal has won half his 12 starts this year, including a career-best 1:48.3 effort in capturing the $250,000 New Jersey Classic on Hambletonian day at the Meadowlands. Lucan Hanover comes into the Jug off a sixth-place finish in the Cane and a third-place outing in a Simcoe division.

“The start at Tioga (in the Cane) was a throw-out as he got away last and obviously they had fast fractions,” she said. “They got to the three-quarters in 1:21 and a piece and he just hasn’t had the best of luck, “ she added of Vegas Vacation.

“I wasn’t disappointed in the way he raced (in the Simcoe). He came first-over and finished third. Dave (driver Miller) told me that he thought he was making some gargling noises, so I scoped him after. He didn’t choke, but his allergies are really bothering him. We’ve been working on that to get it cleared up in time for the Jug.” — By Gordon Waterstone

**Little Brown Jug Eliminations**

**Thursday, Sept. 19, 1st elimination, Race 13, Post Time: 4:30 pm**

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Takter Takes Two To Jug

Trainer Jimmy Takter has a pair of Little Brown Jug starters this year as he goes in search of his second win in the pacing classic, but this time around his entries come with a caveat. While Rockin Amadeus appears ready for a full afternoon of racing on Thursday at Delaware, Ohio, Sunfire Blue Chip will return for the second heat only if he is victorious in his elimination.

“We decided at the last minute to put Sunfire Blue Chip in there,” said Takter of this year’s winner of the Delvin Miller Adios at The Meadows. “We want to see if he wins the first heat, and if he doesn’t win the first heat, then we’ll take him out for the second.”

Yannick Gingras will drive Sunfire Blue Chip from post 3 in the third of the three Jug elims. Takter said the reason behind the possible “one-and-done scenario” only for Sunfire Blue Chip is simple: “I think he’s a little better horse (than Rockin Amadeus). He has the Breeders Crown coming up and that’s my main target. You have to play it by ear in these races.”

Takter’s strategy is the same trainer Pete Foley used last year with Bolt The Duer. Foley announced beforehand that Bolt The Duer had to win his elim in order to return for a second heat, and although the colt finished second by just a head to Michael’s Power in the elim, he stuck to his guns and scratched out of the second heat.

“Heat races are very difficult and tough on them,” noted Takter, who won the 2006 Jug with Mr. Feelgood. “You don’t want to kill them for just checks as the money isn’t that great unless you win.”

Sunfire Blue Chip has made just two prior starts on a half-mile track, finishing fourth despite making a break in the stretch in his Art Rooney elimination and then finishing fourth again in the Rooney final. Takter said he isn’t concerned about Sunfire Blue Chip’s chances on the two-turn oval at Delaware.

“You can never compare Yonkers with Delaware,” he said. “I definitely think he’ll be alright there. I don’t worry about things like that.”

Rockin Amadeus capped off his freshman season in 2012 with a win in the Breeders Crown final, and this year he comes into the Jug with three wins in 11 starts, including the $150,000 New Jersey Sires Stakes final. His most recent start came on Aug. 27 when he won a non-winners of six races lifetime event at Yonkers.

“He had never been on a half so I wanted to see how he’d do, although I expected him to be OK,” Takter explained of the conditioned start at Yonkers. “He’s coming into the race in good shape. He has a good spot, and it seems he is in a good division with only Vegas Vacation. Amadeus is very quick off the gate so it will help him a lot to race there.”

Rockin Amadeus will start from post 3 in the first Jug elim with Gingras driving. Takter said he may also consider not bringing Rockin Amadeus back for a second heat without an elim victory.

“I don’t know as it’ll depend on how the horse feels. But definitely with Sunfire, he’s not,” said Takter.— By Gordon Waterstone
Alagna Sends Out A Trio Of 8-1 Jug Starters

Just call him “8-1 Tony.” Although trainer Tony Alagna and the Captaintreacherous team decided not to enter that colt in the Little Brown Jug, the conditioner did put three other horses in the box and all three are listed at morning-line odds of 8-1 in their respective eliminations.

Wake Up Peter drew post 6 in the first elim with driver Ron Pierce, with Emeritus Maximus starting from post 3 in the second elim and Odds On Equuleus, making his first start since being moved to Alagna’s barn earlier this month, lining up in post 5 in the third elim, both with Tim Tetrick driving.

“It just is a matter of how things shake out, but I think it is fair odds on all three horses,” said Alagna.

Wake Up Peter is winless in 11 starts this year, but he has been close, including third-place finishes in the $1 million North America Cup at Mohawk and the $360,211 Cane Pace at Tioga Downs. The son of Rocknroll Hanover hasn’t had the best of luck at the post position draws in 2013, starting inside post 5 just twice (both post 3s). Three times he has started from post 9: the $150,000 New Jersey Sires Stakes final (third), the $635,750 New Jersey Classic (seventh) and the $250,000 New Jersey Classic (ninth).

“The six hole is far from ideal at Delaware for any horse, and it just goes along with every poor draw that horse has had all year,” said Alagna. “But that horse is as good as anything in there on a good day, so I’m not worried about that. If they can’t make the final in a six-horse field, then they shouldn’t be in it anyway.”

Emeritus Maximus comes into the Jug off a fifth-place finish in a Simcoe division at Mohawk.

“He is in a nice division and is coming off a good race,” said Alagna. “He was loaded with pace in his last start in the Simcoe. We raced him at Yonkers (on Aug. 27 when he finished third to fellow Jug starter Rockin Amadeus) and he got around the half great there. It shapes up for that horse to have a good go.”

Odds On Equuleus has been in the Alagna barn for only a few weeks after trainer and co-owner Robin Schadt sent him the colt so he could be “looked at by a new set of eyes.” One of the pre-season choices as a top divisional contender, Odds On Equuleus showed brief signs of returning to form this year (i.e. a second-place finish in the Meadowlands Pace) but he comes into the Jug winless in eight starts as a sophomore. Schadt also noted earlier that Odds On Equuleus has been fighting some sickness throughout the campaign.

Alagna qualified Odds On Equuleus on Sept. 12 at The Red Mile, driving the colt himself to a 1:50.1 victory.

“He came out of the qualifier very well,” said Alagna. “Everything checks out good on him.”

Alagna said he trained all three Jug starters on the infield half-mile track at The Red Mile on Monday morning, Sept. 16.

“I trained Emeritus Maximus separate and I trained the other two together,” said Alagna. “I trained Odds On Equuleus a little bit faster because he didn’t race last week. All systems are a go.” —By Gordon Waterstone
Butenschoen Hopes For Sweet Ending With Johny Rock

Has there ever been a Little Brown Jug winner put into quarantine one day after the celebration ends in Delaware, Ohio? Trainer John Butenschoen and Johny Rock might become the first to encounter this strange development.

Johny Rock, who recently rattled off a blistering 1:48 lifetime mark at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs in his last start, has been sold to New Zealand interests and will be sent into quarantine immediately after the Jug in order to begin his Down Under racing career as soon as possible.

“We are not going to hold anything back in the Jug,” said Butenschoen. “I was hoping he would stay until after the Breeders Crown, but the 4-year-old season for New Zealand starts now. They want Johny Rock over there as soon as possible since their 4-year-old year is like our 3-year-old stakes season.”

This is not Butenschoen’s first opportunity at Delaware. He sent Falcon Scooter to the Jug in 1996, but did not have much luck in that edition. However, the Pennsylvania-based trainer sees a brighter future with his second chance in the Jug.

“Johny is really good off the gate. He showed that last start when he went to the quarter in :25.4 and still held off older horses to win a great mile at Pocono,” said Butenschoen. Besides gate speed, Butenschoen commended Johny Rock on his toughness on and off the track. “He doesn’t mind getting roughed up to the quarter. He likes to fight on the track and off. The tougher you are with him the more he likes it, and I think it keeps him more interested in the race,” Butenschoen said.

With one final hurrah with his prized pacer, Butenschoen hopes to send Johny Rock Down Under as a champion. It would not be easy to bid farewell to his first Jug champion, but Butenschoen sees the bright side.

“It would be sort of weird to sell a horse who just won the Jug,” he said. “My heart would tug against my business sense, but it would also be special for the people in New Zealand to see a Jug winner there.” — By Jay Hochstetler

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Mach It So Hopes To Make It So In Jug

Mach It So was a last-minute addition to the Little Brown Jug field, but trainer Nifty Norman thinks the gelding fits in nicely among the 19 horses entered in Thursday's pacing classic.

Mach It So, who has won eight of 12 races this year and earned $336,751 for owner Bamond Racing, is in the second of the three first-heat divisions. He will start from post two with driver Scott Zeron and is the 4-1 second choice on the morning line, behind Lucan Hanover from the stable of trainer Casie Coleman. Incidentally, the 24-year-old Zeron last year became the youngest driver to win the Jug, with Coleman-trained Michael's Power.

“He’s a good little horse,” Norman said about Mach It So. “He won’t get embarrassed. I think he fits in there pretty good. It helps when you draw inside like that. He’s not the best horse in there, but I think he’s good enough to get in the final and good enough to get a check in the final.

“You need a lot of luck in that race, it doesn’t matter how good a horse you’ve got. The best horse doesn’t always win.”

Jeffrey Bamond and his son Jeffrey Jr. purchased Mach It So in a private sale last September. Mach It So, a son of Mach Three-Beach Dancer, is a half-brother to 2009 Woodrow Wilson Pace winner Windfall Blue Chip.

Originally, the connections were going to skip the Little Brown Jug, but reconsidered when it was announced that top contenders Captaintreacherous and Sunshine Beach would bypass the race.

Mach It So is the leader in points in the Ontario Sire Stakes Gold Series for 3-year-old male pacers, where he is four-for-four this season, and Norman wanted the horse to race prior to the Sept. 28 Super Final.

“We’ve got to race him somewhere, so we might as well race him for $500,000,” said Norman.

In his most recent start, Sept. 7, Mach It So was fourth in a division of the Simcoe Stakes at Mohawk Racetrack. Mach It So was in last place on the final turn, more than nine lengths from the front, but came home in :26 to finish three lengths from winner Fool Me Once.

“He was really good,” Norman said. “He just got a little bit held up, his cover wasn’t that great, but the horse himself was very good. He finished up really strong.”

Norman doesn’t anticipate Mach It So having difficulty getting around Delaware’s half-mile oval. On Aug. 28 in a sires stakes event, Mach It So won at half-mile Grand River Raceway in a track-record 1:51.4.

“He can get away from the gate good when you want him to,” Norman said. “I think he’ll be fine.” —Harness Racing Communications

82 BRIGHT BABY BLUES, b.f. PA
Andover Hall-Bar Slide-Yankee Glide
First foal from Hambletonian Oaks winner BAR SLIDE 3,1:52.4 ($647,971). Second dam a half-sister to the dam of 2013 Hambletonian Oaks runner-up CLASSIC MARTINE 3,1:53.1f-'13 ($495,244).

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Yankee Glide-Timelesswinner Two-Broadway Hall
First living foal from multiple stakes winner TIMELESSWINNER TWO 3,1:54.4f ($209,699). Second dam is a half-sister to BIBA BI 3,1:58.2 ($251,402) and ETERNAL GODDESS 3,1:59.3 ($145,347).

356 HABITAT, br.c. NY
Conway Hall-Habit's Best-Muscles Yankee
Half-brother to Chasin Clouds Away 3,2:04h-'13. Third foal from a full or half-sister to 6 in 1:55, including CIVIL ACTION 3,1:53 ($1,123,053) and HABIT'S LADY 3,1:54.2 ($104,796-dam of TAKE MY PICTURE 1:52.3-'13-$775,936 and ROYAL ASSETS 2,1:55f-$454,492).

500 KAHLUA AND CREAM, b.f. PA
Donato Hanover-Mai Tai-Conway Hall
Half-sister to MOJITO 4,1:58.2f ($34,280). First by Donato Hanover from a half-sister to W ANDERIN' DREAM 4,1:58.1h ($162,705) and to the dam of MOTIVATIONAL 3,1:53.2-'13-$302,128).

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Yankee Glide-Yankee's Catch-Muscles Yankee
Half-brother to stakes winner BELLA VERDE 2,1:55.1 ($75,200). From a half-sister to the great MONI MAKER 1:52.1 ($5,589,256-dam of stakes winner CAN'T HAVE MY MONI 3,1:54.2f-$146,059).

648 PUT ON THE DAY, b.c. PA
Chocolatier-Possess Me-Self Possessed
First living foal from multiple stakes placed POSSESS ME 3,1:55.2 ($54,614). Second dam is a full or half-sister to RATE EXCHANGE 1:55 ($394,940) and MY ROYAL AIM 4,1:54 ($244,139).

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Half-sister to MOJITO 4,1:58.2f ($34,280). First by Donato Hanover from a half-sister to W ANDERIN' DREAM 4,1:58.1h ($162,705) and to the dam of MOTIVATIONAL 3,1:53.2-'13-$302,128).

532 PINSTRIPE PLAYER, b.c. PA
Yankee Glide-Yankee's Catch-Muscles Yankee
Half-brother to stakes winner BELLA VERDE 2,1:55.1 ($75,200). From a half-sister to the great MONI MAKER 1:52.1 ($5,589,256-dam of stakes winner CAN'T HAVE MY MONI 3,1:54.2f-$146,059).

648 PUT ON THE DAY, b.c. PA
Chocolatier-Possess Me-Self Possessed
First living foal from multiple stakes placed POSSESS ME 3,1:55.2 ($54,614). Second dam is a full or half-sister to RATE EXCHANGE 1:55 ($394,940) and MY ROYAL AIM 4,1:54 ($244,139).

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Right Touch Right At Home In Delaware

Delaware, Ohio, is almost home for 3-year-old pacer Right Touch. The gelded son of Always A Virgin-Touch Of Bogart was born and raised just 45 minutes east of the track, in Mount Vernon, Ohio, at the farm of his breeder and co-owner, Carolyn Brechler, and the family’s Knox Services Inc.

Right Touch has post four in the first of three Little Brown preliminary heats at odds of 6-1. He’s coming off two straight wins, including a career-best 1:50.1 in the $200,000 Indiana Sire Stakes championship at Hoosier Park on Sept. 11, after four consecutive second-place efforts.

Right Touch has five wins in 12 starts this year and career earnings of $448,404, made primarily in Indiana-bred company.

“We’ll find out Thursday if he’s up to it, but we’re all Buck-eyes that own him so that’s something you always look forward to—the Jug,” said trainer Ray “Tommy” Paver, a Columbus native who is part of the ownership group, along with Circleville’s John Rhoads Jr.

“We don’t know if we’ll ever have another chance to get to it, so we might as well put him in.”

Paver says Right Touch’s strengths include his diverse racing style.

“You can really race him any way, but he’s actually better coming off cover,” Paver said. “He explodes coming out of a hole so I’m hoping he has one of those :25.4 quarters (his last quarter in a second-place finish at Hoosier on Aug. 21) on Thursday.

“He races any way you can, it doesn’t matter to him if he’s on the front or coming from behind or first up. He likes looking at a horse, so I just play it by ear and see what happens when the gate folds.”

Paver will have to be on the lookout for what other horses do in the race, but beforehand, it’s a different type of horse power he’ll have to be alert for.

“He doesn’t like tractors,” Paver said. “He goes to the outside fence and wants to buck and kick by them.” (HRC)
At Delaware, One Is The Luckiest Number

The Little Brown Jug is one of the most closely watched post position draws in racing, most due to the highly desirable rail position on the half-mile oval at the Delaware County Fair. While post 1 is the most successful in Delaware history with a win average of 16.7 percent, the number goes even higher in the Jug.

Since stats began being kept in 1966, post 1 in the Jug eliminations have a win average of 21.9 percent in the first heat, with a top-three finish occurring 46.5 percent of the time. In the second and third heats the win average is even much higher, with post one winning 50 percent of the time.

With longshots Eddie Sweat and Ilikeitrealhot in post 1 for the first two eliminations, the advantageous positioning could be the perfect scenario for a Jug shocker. The rail position may also give top contender Twilight Bonfire the slight edge over his stiff competition in the third elimination.

EDDIE SWEAT

Trainer and co-owner Ed Zubkoff Jr. may live in LaSalle, Mich., just two hours north of Delaware, but this is his first-ever trip there to the races. Zubkoff said a recent rash of breaks by Eddie Sweat came as a result of a quarter crack, but he said it’s no longer a problem. Zubkoff said Dan Noble, who will drive Eddie Sweat for the first time, trained the colt over the Delaware track on Monday, Sept. 16, to get a feel for the horse.

“Danny trained him and he was superb; we trained him hard. I wanted somebody local as I didn’t want someone driving the first heat then jumping off for the second heat. “I was very happy to see the rail, but on the other hand, there’s not a horse in there that can beat us off the gate. He can fly off the gate. This is my first time ever at the Jug and I’m 20-1, so there’s no pressure.”

ILIKEITREALHOT

The Ron Potter-trained entrant may not be the 15-1 longshot that he appears to be on paper. Potter, winner of the 2011 Jug with Big Bad John, sees some serious potential in his hometown hero.

“Training down I thought he was really good,” said Potter. “He won his first two starts impressively. Then, he battled sickness and had throat surgery this summer. Combine all of that with bad post positions, and he has not been able to show all he has.

“My cousin owns part of this colt, and he is 81 years old and never had a Jug starter. He figured this might be his last shot so he wanted to take the chance. It would be pretty special to win it for him.”

TWILIGHT BONFIRE

The Danny Collins-trained entry goes into the Jug after finishing second, after making a brief break in stride, in the $260,000 Pennsylvania Sires Stakes championship on Friday night, Sept. 13, at The Meadows.

“All our driver John Campbell could say was that maybe the track was a little loose there, and that’s why he lost him for a minute,” said Robert Key, who bred and owns Twilight Bonfire. “My horse gave up a couple of lengths with that, and he only lost by a half length, so he went a big race. I’m not going to make the trip to Delaware, but I’d love to win the Jug. I won a heat with Tyler’s Best with John (Campbell) driving (1989) and I won the Jugette with Amneris (1985), and I’ve got enough Old Oaken Buckets (winning with Super Pleasure, American Winner and Mac’s Crown). I’d really like to have a Jug trophy.”
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Beach Memories Will Have Large Buckeye Following

Beach Memories will likely have the largest and most vocal fan base at the Delaware County Fair on Little Brown Jug day. His owners include the Kantzer family from nearby Marion, Ohio, Jim Koehler, a real estate developer from Findlay, and real estate entrepreneur Allen Schmidtthorst and his wife, Carol, who race their horses as AWS Stables. King McNamara of Naples, Fla. also shares ownership. Plus, Beach Memories is trained by Brian Brown, who is based at the Delaware fairgrounds.

Beach Memories will start from post 5 in the second elimination of the Jug. He comes into the race after winning the $260,000 Pennsylvania Sires Stakes championship at The Meadows Friday night, Sept. 13.

“His last several races he’s had such poor post positions,” said Brown after winning the Pennsylvania championship from post 6. “When he drew outside, if you tried to get him in the race early you’ve used him so hard that he doesn’t have a kick on the end. If you don’t use him they go a half in :54 or :55 and they still come home that fast. So he never has a chance to be in the race.”

Brown trained Beach Memories a “light trip” at Delaware on Tuesday morning before walking the horse over to the Jug Barn.

“He came out of the Pennsylvania race good and he seems fine,” said Brown.

With David Miller, who drove Beach Memories to victory in the Pennsylvania championship, committed to Lucan Hanover, Brown tapped Yannick Gingras to drive his horse.

“I hope we get to the final and have to worry about who to use then,” he quipped.

The second Jug elim also includes a horse who has perhaps the most impressive last start on his lines. Word Power, who will start from post 6, has yet to win a stakes, but he finished second to Captaintreacherous in the Cane Pace, beaten by only a neck.

“He does have a chance, even though he didn’t draw that good,” said Ray Remmen, who trains Word Power for owner Bradley Grant, whose late father, John, won the 2001 Jug with Bettor’s Delight. “He’s never won a stake race in his life, at least when he wasn’t the best horse in the race.”

Remmen said Word Power’s best attribute is that he is game. “His attitude is tremendous,” he said. “He always tries really hard.”

Jody Jamieson drove Word Power in the Cane for the first time and will be up behind the Western Ideal colt in the Jug. “Jim Morrill Jr. was driving until he had a conflict, and Jody is Mr. Grant’s driver in Canada, and he was planning to be in Delaware. But as we all know, most of the time it’s the horse, not the driver, that matters the most,” said Remmen.

Beach Memories won the Pennsylvania championship over Twilight Bonfire, who will compete in the third Jug elimination, with fourth-place finisher Lonewolf Currier starting from post 2 in the first elim.

Lonewolf Currier, who won an elimination for the Adios in July, turned in one of his better efforts of the season in the Pennsylvania championship. Following the Adios, the son of The Panderosa began battling respiratory issues which had caused him to struggle in the final quarter-mile of races.

Trainor Kevin McDermott revealed prior to the Pennsylvania championship that Lonewolf Currier was treated more aggressively for his respiratory problems in early September, and he was pleased with his colt’s effort, as was Dave Palone, who drove him and will be back in the sulky at Delaware.

“He was really loaded with pace, and it was a nice, easy trip for him,” said Palone of their pylon-skimming journey, which he was forced to stick to late in the race when the second tier kept advancing and didn’t falter.

Twilight Bonfire was racing second-over in the last turn when driver John Campbell tipped three wide with that colt, who had a momentary break in stride. “If John’s horse had gone on an extended break, I would have had clear sailing and we would have won,” added Palone.

McDermott said he left The Meadows early Saturday morning with Lonewolf Currier, headed west for Delaware.

“He came out of the race super,” said McDermott, who added that he had jogged his colt and planned to train him on Tuesday morning. “I think we’ve got a good spot. Fran (owner Fran Azur) will be at Delaware, and he doesn’t go to too many races!” — By Kathy Parker
Shadow Play Got His Chance To Shine When “Beach” Skipped Jug

The decision by the owners of top colt Captaintreacherous to skip the Little Brown Jug generated debate about the Jug conditions. Many questioned the Jug’s condition that a horse must win twice in one day to be the race winner.

The debate spawned one suggestion on Facebook to race the Jug eliminations on Ohio’s Super Night program at Scioto Downs every year, with the top eight finalists then advancing to a Little Brown Jug final at the Delaware County Fairgrounds. Another poster disagreed and simply wrote: “Two heats. At Delaware. End of story.” Yet another post cautioned that Jug officials be careful to not alienate the Jug’s big fan base.

Here’s another way to look at the absence of the top colt Captaintreacherous in this year’s Jug. With 19 other 3-year-old pacing colts entered, one of them will have his chance to shine on Jug Day.

I thought back to 2008, when trainer Brent MacGrath decided he wanted to go after the all-time speed record with his horse Somebeachsomewhere at The Red Mile. Because of the vagaries of weather, MacGrath wanted to be ready to take a shot during the first week of racing at The Red Mile. Because he didn’t think his colt could race heats in the Jug and then one week later be at his best for an assault on the clock, Somebeachsomewhere skipped the Jug.

So was the 2008 Jug a letdown for me? Far from it. I saw the beautiful dark-bay colt Shadow Play not only shine on a sunny Delaware day, but also show me and others that he had both speed and a big heart. He won his elimination heat, but at one point was a questionable starter in the final heat because he had stepped on a shoe and needed to be fit with a new shoe to protect his sensitive hoof.

Prior to the Jug, Shadow Play’s only major victory was the Adios. He had won an elimination heat of the Confederation Cup, too, but drew post 8 against Somebeachsomewhere in the final and wasn’t a factor, finishing fifth. So I wondered what Dr. Ian Moore, who trained and co-owned Shadow Play, thought about the Jug victory in terms of his horse’s resume.

“It certainly enhanced his credentials,” said Dr. Moore of Shadow Play’s Jug triumph.

I asked Dr. Moore if he had any concerns about racing a horse heels then or now. “I believe that if you condition a horse to race heats, it’s not a problem,” said Dr. Moore, who is also an equine veterinarian. “Now the half-mile track is a little more difficult, but I’ve got no problem with it. If you draw bad, that’s just bad luck and the way it is.”

Dr. Moore is presently racing offspring from Shadow Play’s first crop of foals and has a couple of talented colts, among them Arthur Blue Chip, who was favored to win the Metro but became ill before the race.

“Next year, if we’re capable, we’ll be doing the Jug,” said Dr. Moore. “I just think it’s a fantastic race. I’ve heard that with the gaming in Ohio they are hoping to get the purse up to $1 million. I can tell you this, I don’t think there will be any excuses for skipping the Jug if the purse is $1 million.”

Heat racing will certainly be debated again in the coming weeks as the Kentucky Futurity, set for Sunday, Oct. 6, at The Red Mile, is conducted with a heat format.

The connections of Royalty For Life, who won the Hambletonian and Canadian Trotting Classic, initially planned to skip the Futurity because of the heats coming so close to Breeders Crown eliminations, but changed their minds and now will race him in the Futurity.

Hall of Fame trainer Chuck Sylvester said he plans to have his colt Spider Blue Chip, the third-place finisher in the Hambo, in the Futurity. Bob Stewart, who trains Creatine, who won his Hambo elimination and just turned in a big performance in Pennsylvania Sires Stakes action, also plans on a Futurity start, and added that the racing schedule is as much a management matter as heat racing for trainers.—By Kathy Parker

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GREG BLANCHARD, racing manager at Western Fair Raceway and an avid fan.

FIRST ELIMINATION —

5—VEGAS VACATION. Right up at the top of the division all season long.
2—LONENWOLF CURRIER. Quality colt gets good post to work with.
6—WAKE UP PETER. Will need to rely on his closing speed to get through.

SECOND ELIMINATION —

2—MACH IT SO. Entering this in sharp form and draws well.
3—EMERITUS MAXIMUS. Should be within range in this short field.
4—LUCAN HANOVER. Could finish higher with any racing luck.

THIRD ELIMINATION —

1—TWILIGHT BONFIRE. Rail control is a major factor.
5—ODDS ON EQUULEUS. Will get attention after that sparkling 1:50.1 qualifier.
4—SUNFIRE BLUE CHIP. Good enough if he brings his “A” game.

SECOND HEAT —

1st—VEGAS VACATION
2nd—TWILIGHT BONFIRE
3rd—MACH IT SO

Jug Action Live Via TV, Internet

HRTV (Dish channel 404, plus cable networks) will once again bring harness racing fans live coverage of the 67th edition of the Little Brown Jug. HRTV has carried the Jug every year since the network’s launch in 2002. The stakes-filled Jug card is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. ET/8 a.m. PT.

In addition, Delaware, Ohio, radio station WINF (98.5-FM) and Marysville, Ohio, radio station WQTT (1270-AM) will broadcast with live racing coverage from the fairgrounds. All coverage will be simulcast on www.985winf.fm.com and www.qt1270.com.

The broadcasts will include the live call of each race, interviews, handicapping analysis of each race, updated odds and mutual results. Airtime begins at 10:30 a.m.

Also, live video streaming of the Jug day card will be available at www.ustrotting.com.

Little Brown Jug Trivia

- Most Jug Wins By Driver
  - Mike Lachance—5
  - Billy Haughton—5
  - Ron Pierce—4
  - Stanley Dancer—4

- Most Jug Wins By Trainer
  - Billy Haughton—6
  - Stanley Dancer—4
  - Brett Pelling—4

- Largest Jug Purse
  - $646,050—2001

- Largest Jug Field
  - 30 starters—1995 & 2002

- Smallest Jug Field
  - 7 starters—1948 & 1965
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37 Lima Art, BC 2/19/12
Rocknroll Hanover-Art's Fantasy
Half-brother to multiple stakes winner SOME KINDA BEACH p,3,1:50f-'13 ($157,180).

62 Lima Revenue, BC 2/13/12
Well Said-Riverbank Hanover
First foal from multiple stakes winner RIVERBANK HANOVER p,1:50.4 ($239,035).

84 Lima Cookiesncream, BF 2/7/12
Muscle Hill-Celebrity Deville
Second foal (oldest now 2) from multiple stakes winner CELEBRITY DEVILLE 3,1:54.3 ($338,744).

169 Lima Deacon, BC 2/11/12
Rock N Roll Heaven-Desirable Cindy
First colt from stakes winner DESIRABLE CINDY p,3,1:52.3 ($171,664).

220 Lima Pride, BC 3/1/12
Muscle Massive-Pacific Legacy
Half-brother to multiple stakes winner LIMA PLAYMATE 2,1:57 ($265,755) and 2YO stakes winner BOSAK, 2,2:05.4h-'13 ($16,913).

314 Lima Oasis, BF 3/14/12
Bettor's Delight-Odds On Beth
Half-sister to MILITIA MAN p,3,1:52.4f-'13 ($63,847) and from ODDS ON BETH p,4,1:52.2 ($195,236).

355 Lima Notable, BF 2/12/12
Yankee Glide-No Pictures Please
First foal from a full sister to Hambletonian winner VIVID PHOTO 4,1:50.2 ($3,273,387).

391 Lima Pizazz, BF 1/2/12
Yankee Glide-Pinery
Half-sister to PLAYFUL CREDIT 2,1:59 ($38,981) and from PINERY 2,1:58 ($129,424).

510 Rock A Daisy, BF 3/24/12
Rocknroll Hanover-Hurrikane Cleo
Full sister to CYCLONE 2,Q1:55.4 ($12,440) and from a full sister to UPFRONT HANNAHSBOY p,3,1:49.2 ($331,829).

522 Lima Melody, BF 2/16/12
Donato Hanover-Meconopsis
From stakes winner MECONOPSIS 3,1:55.4 ($103,512), half-sister to FILLY AT BIGS 3,1:54 ($655,773).

633 Lima Ballet, BF 3/14/12
Andover Hall-Better Credit
Half-sister to BETTER CAVIAR 3,1:55.3f ($60,090) and from the family of LUCKY JIM 4,1:50.1 ($1,930,402).

657 Lima Time, BF 2/14/12
Conway Hall-Take Credit
Half-sister to stakes winner COUNT YOUR CREDIT 4,1:56.4f ($91,178).

684 Lima Bailout Plan, BC 2/28/12
Andover Hall-Blue And Blue
First Andover Hall from a half-sister to BLACKTUXWHITESOCKS 1:53.1 ($874,805).

Indiana Premier Yearling Sale
October 10 & 11

13 Lima Real Easy, BC 4/3/12
Real Desire-Rose Parade
Full brother to REALLY SHOWING OFF p,1:51.4f ($161,476).

103 Lima Juggernaut, BC 4/17/12
World Of Rocknroll-Johnnie U
First colt from a half-sister to HOPETOBEBEDEST p,1:52.1 ($143,219-dam of HOPETOBEFIRST p,2,1:52.4-$102,050).  

114 Rockin Sockem, BF 4/20/12
Rocknroll Hanover-Hurrikane Cleo
Half-sister to ARCH VILLAIN p,1:52.3-'13 ($90,832), ARCH NEMESES p,3,1:54.2 ($64,253) & ARCH RIVAL p,3,1:55.2h ($49,876).

135 Mor Paper Money, BF 2/7/12
Mr. Wiggles-Pauls Peanut
Half-sister to ALL CASH p,3,1:54.4-'13 and from PAULS PEANUT p,3,1:55.4f ($84,917).

155 Lima Native, BC 3/27/12
Palone Ranger-Nassau Loop
Half-brother to FOREVER LUCKY p,3,1:55.4h ($62,219) and stakes placed Island Celebration p,2,Q2:00.2f-'13 ($7,706).

201 Lima Bliss, BF 2/13/12
Swan For All-Lima Blessings
First foal and from the family of multiple stakes winner BLACKTUXWHITESOCKS 1:53.1 ($874,805).

210 Lima Affair, BF 3/13/12
Jailhouse Jesse-Armbro Cozy
First Jailhouse Jesse from a half-sister to the dam of ARMBRO BARRISTER 1:53.1f ($1,025,617).

FIRST ELIMINATION—
5—VEGAS VACATION. After a year which saw him win once, he’s proven himself a much more adept 3 year old with seven tallies, including three of his last four. Sears seems to fit perfectly for trainer Coleman and they have a BIG post edge here.

6—WAKE UP PETER. He’s drawn outside after a break in a qualifier. He has a current class edge on my third choice.

3—ROCKIN AMADEUS. He will use his speed to secure a good spot in turn one. He may not pass my choice late, however.

SECOND ELIMINATION—
5—BEACH MEMORIES. He’s my pick for a minor upset here. I loved the effort by the gelding in the PA finals at The Meadows. He can fly out of the gate and that might help. Also, it’s never hard to root for Ohio-based connections in the Jug.

4—LUCAN HANOVER. He’s the choice of David Miller and the fans, but he could be a touch vulnerable here on the half. At the expected low price, I feel he’s worth going against.

2—MACH IT SO. Saw his good and lucky streak end in the Simcoe. He drew a nice post here and should tag along to make the final.

THIRD ELIMINATION—
3—SUNFIRE BLUE CHIP. Wasn’t visually impressive in the Simcoe, finishing a distant third, but he needed that race and figures to improve dramatically in Delaware for Takter. The key post, inside the two faves, gives Gingras the gas pedal option early and I think he’s both dangerous and value.

4—JOHNY ROCK. He might be the fave, based on his Pocono form, but this ain’t Pocono! He’s got to prove it somewhere else. We’ll see.

5—ODDS ON EQUULEUS. A huge question mark and I don’t see him offering much value from what will be a very tough post. Overbet?

SECOND HEAT—
1st—VEGAS VACATION
2nd—SUNFIRE BLUE CHIP
3rd—BEACH MEMORIES

FIRST ELIMINATION—

5—VEGAS VACATION. With The Captain not entered, Vegas Vacation is the big gun in the group. Only Achilles’ heel seems to be a lack of total blast-off gate speed. His efforts in the Hempt and Adios finals were amazing just to get close from off the pace. Coleman loves the Jug, Sears is as good as there’s ever been, and this colt can overpower ‘em first-up if need be.

2—LONEWOLF CURRIER. Talented colt reminds me of trainer Kevin McDermott’s brother John’s big horse Hurrikan Kingcole. When he’s good he’s awesome, but he seems to be hit or miss. Should be forwardly placed off the wings.

4—RIGHT TOUCH. The Indiana champion is sharp and perhaps more importantly, he’s fairly fresh. Paver is an excellent horseman who never cowboys his stock around and puts a ton of money on their cards. Can get to the second heat, especially if he can follow Vegas Vacation.

SECOND ELIMINATION—

6—WORD POWER. I’ve never seen a colt race as tough as he did early on this summer with so few career starts. Tends to be a little “snaky” steering-wise at times which has cost him valuable ground and momentum. Love the colt and respect his connections.

4—LUCAN HANOVER. Comes off a solid Simcoe effort where he made up ground in a fast third quarter. New Hall of Famer Dave Miller runs the show at Delaware every year.

2—MACH IT SO. Rock-solid Ontario star loves to win, can finish fast, and has proven he can handle a half-mile track with no problem. Big shot to make the second heat and possibly much more.

THIRD ELIMINATION—

5—ODDS ON EQUULEUS. Loved this colt last year with his push-button speed and professionalism. If he’s over lingering health issues, he could be extremely dangerous. Debuts for Alagna and Tetrick and sometimes a fresh set of eyes and a change of scenery can make a difference.

3—SUNFIRE BLUE CHIP. The most talented colt in the field by far and a legitimate contender to win the whole thing if he’s on top of his game. Missed a month going into the Simcoe. Team Takter usually has them right for the big races.

1—TWILIGHT BONFIRE. That brief break in the PASS final may have cost him a win. Will scoot off the gate to sit close and master tactician Campbell will have him perfectly positioned to make the second heat.

SECOND HEAT—

1st—VEGAS VACATION
2nd—WORD POWER
3rd—LUCAN HANOVER
JASON SETTLEMORI, general manager and CEO of the Meadowlands Racetrack who loves to announce, and is the second race-caller at the Delaware fairgrounds.

FIRST ELIMINATION—
5—VEGAS VACATION. Looks the best of the LBJ as Casie Coleman tries to repeat. Post 5 provides many options but also many dilemmas he could find himself in as well. Not as easy as 1-2-3.

6—WAKE UP PETER. From way back if things get testy up front early on.

3—ROCKIN AMADEUS. Has been a little disappointing but he can step out of there. Interesting possible play!

SECOND ELIMINATION—
2—MACH IT SO. Zeron could be dreaming of back-to-back Jugs. If he can land on the front and cut some soft early fractions early on and leave enough for the second heat, his dream could come true.

6—WORD POWER. Sam McKee has loved this horse all year long and has said, “If he can steer straight.” In his start at Tioga Downs in the Cane Pace he was tripping out but came up just short after steering problems.

3—BEACH MEMORIES. He has enough speed and has shown just that when he paced in a lifetime-best 1:48.3 at Pocono Downs. The only question is if he can work out a trip and put it all together again. We shall see.

THIRD ELIMINATION—
3—SUNFIRE BLUE CHIP. Has the speed to dictate the fractions and roll home a winner. Sunfire's last race was a little disappointing at Mohawk in the Simcoe but he had been off a few weeks and Hall of Fame trainer Takter always has them ready.

5—ODDS ON EQUULEUS. New trainer and new driver. It will be interesting to see if the change of scenery will bounce him back into the winner’s circle.

1—TWILIGHT BONFIRE. The rail could provide an exciting first quarter and he could just land a perfect trip. Look for him ducking and diving between horses late.

SECOND HEAT—
1st—ODDS ON EQUULEUS. Get the lights ready for a race-off!

2nd—VEGAS VACATION

3rd—SUNFIRE BLUE CHIP

RACE-OFF—
1st—VEGAS VACATION

Guaranteed Pools Added To Jug Week

The Little Brown Jug has joined forces again this year with the U.S. Trotting Association’s Strategic Wagering program, guaranteeing minimums on several exotic pools during the week. On Thursday, Sept. 19, there will be a $40,000 guaranteed early Pick 4 as well as a $70,000 guaranteed late Pick 4 that includes all three Jug elimins. Also, a Pick 3 that has a $25,000 guarantee encompasses all three Jug elimins. All pools have just a 15-percent takeout.

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**Eye On Delaware**

There are two guaranteed Pick 4s on the Jug day program at Delaware, Ohio, and HarnessRacing Special Preview’s Gordon Waterstone offers his selections on both. The first Pick 4 (Races 7-10) carries a $40,000 guarantee while the second Pick 4 (Races 12-15)—which includes all three Jug elimins—has a $70,000 guarantee. There is also a $25,000 guaranteed Pick-3 pool on the three Jug elimins (Races 13-15). The guaranteed pools offer a $1 minimum wager and takeout of just 15 percent.

**1ST PICK 4 ($40,000 GUARANTEE)**

**RACE 7**

ROYAL ENGAGEMENT gets some much-needed post relief in post 1 and also gets newly-named Hall of Famer David Miller in the sulky. Yannick Gingras picks up the drive on CRUZIN TOTHE DANCE and shows the speed to get a stalking trip. Look for Tim Tetrick to make a strong bid with REVIVAL ROCK.

**RACE 8**

With a single in the next leg, hit the “ALL” button here. In my economy play ticket I went with TSM WARHOL T, PAPAKNOWSBEST and FORTUNE AWAITS as they look to be the ones in front.

**RACE 9**

BOURBON ST. HANOVER is on a roll with three straight at the Ohio fairs and already owns a 1:51.3 mark set earlier this year at The Meadows. Picks up Corey Callahan in the bike and that makes him a single.

**RACE 10**

While MAVEN looked early to dominate her rivals, the division has become a hotly-contested one and D’ORSAY and BEATGOESON HANOVER are definitely in the mix and can reverse. CEDAR DOVE can also be a major threat with her speed.

**PLAY:** 1,2,4/All/4/2,4,5,6; **$1 TICKET COST:** $96

**ECONOMY PLAY:** 1,2,4/2,3,4/4/2,4,6 ($27)

**2ND PICK 4 ($70,000 GUARANTEE)**

**RACE 12**

THAT FRISKE FEELIN raced poorly in last year’s Ohio Sires Stakes championship and then bounced back with a big second-place finish by just a nose in an OBC contest at Delaware. Comes into this year’s OBC off another sub-par Sires Stakes final outing and I look for a big turnaround here. Enough to single him.

**RACES 13-14**

My Jug picks can be found on the left, but my Pick-4 ticket has expanded a bit to include a couple more in the second elim leg and hitting the “ALL” button in the last elim that anchors this pool.

**PLAY:** 3/3,5,6/2,3,4,5,6/All; **$1 TICKET COST:** $90

**ECONOMY PLAY:** 3/3,5,6/2,3,4/1,3,5 ($27)
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* Triple Crown Winners; (f): filly; Record of 1:51.1 set by Western Dreamer in 1997