



SOWmmons, BOARack top racers so far, but This Little MIGGY may be the fastest

Six other hogs still vying for 'wildcard' spot in Saturday's 9th running of PIGtucky Derby

It is all hogs on deck for final qualifying this Saturday morning as six racing pigs still remain in contention for the 2 pm PIGtucky Derby at the PIGlico Downs in Buckley.

After this past weekend, over the course of two days of qualifying rounds at Maris Farms, one thing is certain: three thoroughHOGS have emerged as strong contenders to capture the 9th running of this first leg in the Triple 'PIG' Crown series presented by Washington Healthplanfinder: Richard SOWmmons (Anytime Fitness) of the Fitness Fanatic Group, BOARack Obama (Westside Pizza) of the Presidential Group and This Little MIGGY (Wally's Drive In) of the Seattle Radio Personalities Group.

"Indeed we have as strong a field as I've seen over the course of my time announcing here," said Dennis "HOGfather" Riley, longtime track and race announcer. "They're fast, they're furious and they're a little bit flatulent...high octane racers!"

Clearly, SOWmmons and BOARack dominated their respective groups in first-day qualifying Saturday, each collecting three wins in three races. They both slowed on Sunday, only able to capture one win in three races. This Little MIGGY, representing 99.9 KISW, picked things up on Sunday with two wins after collecting only one on Saturday. He may be the fastest of all of them though.

"He seems to get out of the gate fastest and actually pull away from his race mates over the course of the race," Riley observed. "I think he's got a shot at really smoking the others if he can maintain his sizzling pace for this weekend's big race."

'MIGGY' wanted nothing to do with any post-race press conference, giving one-snort responses to all questions thrown his way. He's known for having a bit of a bacon chip on his pork shoulder, often being referred to as the "Grumpy Grunter" by his racing colleagues.

"He doesn't have much to squeal about," said BACON Fitz, a teammate from Seattle WOLF. "He likes to eat, sleep and race and doesn't spend a lot of time socializing or talking shop with anybody. He's got a slow roast going on inside."

There are still several hogs vying for the fourth and final "wildcard" spot into the PIGtucky Derby, given to the racer with the most wins besides the top performers from each racing group. Right now, the top wildcard prospect appears to be Chuck SOWell (Wally's Drive In) from the radio personalities, who has 2 victories. He's followed by Arnold SchwartzenHOGGER and Jack LaLOIN (both from Anytime Fitness), Mr. WIGGY PIGGY and HILbur Clinton (both from Westside Pizza) and BACON Fitz (from Wally's Drive In), all with one victory apiece.

"There will be some seriously motivated hogs competing Saturday morning for that final spot," Riley surmised. "Don't be surprised if you hear some mud-slinging this week, especially from WIGGY PIGGY and HILbur, but certainly you'll see some 'competitive moves' on the track on Saturday."

In addition to the title sponsors – Anytime Fitness, Westside Pizza and Wally's Drive In - several other sponsors are contributing cash and/or prizes to this event, including Applebee's of Bonney Lake, Monster Energy Drink and Smith Bros. Dairy. In addition to the PIGtucky Derby (Saturday, 2 pm), there will be two more marquee races: The SQUEAKness (Oct. 15th, 2 pm) and The BOARMont Stakes (Oct. 22nd, 2 pm).

Our 10 competitors include:

	<u>WINS</u>
1. <u>ANYTIME FITNESS Buckley/Orting Fitness Fanatics Competitors:</u>	
• #1 arnold SchwartzenHOGGER	1
• #2 Richard SOWmmons	4
• #3 Jack LaLOIN	1
2. <u>WESTSIDE PIZZA'S Famous Pigs Competitors</u>	
• #6 BOARack Obama	4
• #7 HILbur Clinton	1
• #8 Mr. WIGGY PIGGY	1
3. <u>WHITE RIVER DRIVE IN'S Morning Radio DJ Competitors</u>	
• #950 Chuck SOWell	2
• #99.9 This Little MIGGY (KISW morning show)	3
• #100.7 BACON Fitz (Wolf morning crew, Fitz in the Morning)	1
• # 106.1 BenderLOIN (KISS morning crew, Jackie & Bender)	0





HOW IT WORKS:

On a small round track near the animal barn, several races will occur during the course of a weekend day. Prior to each racing session (3 races per session, 3 sessions per day), racing fans can make donations of \$1 (1 ticket) or \$5 (6 tickets) and pick a pig they feel will win that race.

After someone donates, they will receive a numbered raffle ticket – they will keep half and put the other half in the slot of their “chosen” winner. At the end of the race, the announcer will draw a name from the “winning” pig’s slot, and that individual will win a prize from one of our sponsors. **ALL DONORS will earn a special “pignostication” pig nose for their contribution.** ALL DONATIONS will go to Seattle Children’s Hospital.

This past weekend, 202 betting/donation tickets were purchased and \$225 was raised over the course of those six qualifying races. The unprecedented racing series has raised over \$24,000+ for charity during its eight-year run.

As one of the nation's top five pediatric research centers, Seattle Children's Research Institute is dedicated to making breakthrough discoveries that help prevent, treat and eliminate childhood disease. Their researchers have pioneered groundbreaking cystic fibrosis treatments and cutting-edge cancer therapies that help a child's immune system defeat cancer, and made other major contributions to pediatric medicine. Now, with more than 330,000 square feet of clinical and laboratory space, a workforce of over 1,500 people and nearly \$99 million in total extramural funding for the 2015 fiscal year, they are working toward the next wave of lifesaving discoveries. To accelerate their progress, the research institute is organized into [eight centers](#), each one specializing in areas like cancer immunotherapy, neuroscience and child health and behavior. The centers are supported by faculty from the [Treuman Katz Center for Pediatric Bioethics](#), the nation's first pediatric bioethics center

Maris Farms, in its 17th year of operation at this current site, is located in scenic east Pierce County about 3 miles west of Buckley, Washington, at 25001 Sumner-Buckley Highway. It has been selling pumpkins for 19 years (first three years were at a different location). Check www.MarisFarms.com for more details.

