



An anything but boring BOARmont

SOWell loses chance at Triple Crown as WIGGY PIGGY Trump nips him at the finish

Tough weekend for a scrappy little racing swine that was on the verge of history, but a great weekend for a pompous presidential pig and two other humble hogs that have come out of nowhere to put themselves into a 4-pig race for a series championship at Maris Farms heading into the final weekend of racing at PIGlico Downs.

It's come down to Chuck SOWell (950 Sports Radio KJR, representing the local Seattle DJ personalities presented by Wally's Drive In), BOARack Obama (representing the presidential pack presented by Westside Pizza), WIGGY PIGGY Trump (also representing the presidential pack presented by Westside Pizza) and Jack LaLOIN (representing the fitness fanatics presented by Anytime Fitness of Orting). These four have collected enough wins/points to challenge for the Triple 'PIG' Crown series championship, presented by Washington Healthplanfinder.

SOWell, who only needed to win this past weekend's third leg – The BOARmont Stakes – to all but secure a season series title, was narrowly nosed out at the finish line by WIGGY PIGGY Trump in Saturday's marquee race. SOWell had already won the PIGtucky Derby (worth 1 extra point) and the SQUEAKness (worth 2 extra points) the previous two weekends and also had collected enough qualifying round wins to have a healthy points lead over the 10-pig field of pig racers. But strong weekends by LaLOIN (4 wins out of 6 races) and BOARack (5 wins out of 6 races) shot those two back into contention and the marquee race victory by WIGGY PIGGY Trump gave him an extra point to add him to that field of contenders. SOWell and BOARack are tied at 12 points apiece, while LaLOIN has 9 points and WIGGY PIGGY Trump has 8. Any number of scenarios can play out over the course of the final 6 races this Saturday and Sunday.

"Pure and simple, this is gonna be a helluva last weekend of pig racing," surmised Dennis Riley, longtime pig race announcer. "You've got a pretty humble pair in BOARack and LaLOIN, a quite little scrapper in SOWell and the arrogant porker that manages to stay in the game somehow in WIGGY PIGGY Trump. I'd say SOWell is going to come out with a bit of a chip on his shoulder this weekend, but BOARack has a lot of momentum."

SOWell looked like he was easily going to take the BOARmont on Saturday, as the little speedster exploded out of the chute first and led from start to the final turn, then started to slow up for some reason. Some say he might have experienced an injury, others proclaim he may have taken WIGGY PIGGY a little lightly. Nonetheless, the pompous presidential pack pig passed SOWell less than 10 feet from the finish and edged him by barely a nose.

"I'm amazing when it comes to big moments," WIGGY PIGGY Trump told the media contingent at the post-race press conference. "This is just something else that I can point to as a great accomplishment by me and myself and I."

"Oink," was all anybody got out of SOWell on Saturday.

BOARack and LaLOIN were ecstatic with their respective efforts and results this weekend and now find themselves both in the mix.

"Just got to keep carbo-loading in check and stay in the right mindset," said LaLOIN.

"I'm not making any predictions this weekend," BOARack said. "All I know is that I'll come ready to perform, and I'm going to go out and represent all those underhogs out there that have felt a little slighted by the mainstream pig racing community."

Another highlight of the weekend was the "real" Bender (from KISS 106.1 FM's Bender & Molly show) showed up on Sunday to offer some inspirational words to "his" pig, BenderLOIN, who is tied for least wins on the season.

Bender spent a couple of minutes talking to a capacity crowd before the second racing session on Sunday afternoon. He is a huge fundraising supporter of Seattle Children's Hospital and expressed his appreciation for the pig racing event and those who help support it through their bets/donations of the pig races throughout October.

This past weekend, 599 betting/donation tickets were purchased and \$523 was raised over the course of six qualifying races. A total of 1,272 betting tickets have been sold this October and \$1,170 raised.

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.

Our 10 competitors include:

1. <u>ANYTIME FITNESS Buckley/Orting Fitness Fanatics Competitors:</u>		WINS	SEASON POINTS
• #1	arnold SchwartzenHOGGER	8	8
• #2	Richard SOWmmons	6	6
• #3	Jack LaLOIN	9	9
2. <u>WESTSIDE PIZZA'S Famous Pigs Competitors</u>			
• #6	BOARack Obama	12	12
• #7	HILbur Clinton	4	4
• #8	Mr. WIGGY PIGGY (additional point for marquee win)	8	*9
3. <u>WHITE RIVER DRIVE IN'S Morning Radio DJ Competitors</u>			
• #950	Chuck SOWell (additional 3 points for 2 marquee wins)	9	*12
• #99.9	This Little MIGGY (KISW morning show)	4	4
• #100.7	BACON Fitz (Wolf morning crew, Fitz in the Morning)	5	5
• # 106.1	BenderLOIN (KISS morning crew, Bender & Molly)	4	4





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.

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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

Washington Healthplanfinder is an online marketplace for individuals, families and small businesses in Washington to compare and enroll in health insurance coverage and gain access to tax credits, reduced cost sharing and public programs such as Medicaid. Washington Healthplanfinder is also a major promotional partner for The Haunted Woods at Maris Farms this season. Open enrollment starts November 1.

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.

