

Stage Seven.

Lucky number seven is going to be the event that will make the Green Jersey racers champions. Mellen Wisconsin will host the final Green Jersey race for the inaugural Jim Menzel Racing Series and will be the site where an individual can take hold of the Yellow and or Magenta Jerseys also. The Penokee Range Bike Classic has long been a staple of the Wisport Racing Series and this year it will take on a very special meaning to the top sprinters in Wisport. The Penokee Range Classic features 4 hills right from the gun followed by 40 miles of very fast racing. The 47-mile course will be the longest stage in the Menzel Series in 2009 and will test the legs of the strongest riders. There will be plenty of sprinters looking to get into a small break for the always fast, wide, sprint finish. Look for all the heads of state to be there with the winners claiming the Dar and Deb Vollrath Green Jerseys. Who will win? You should be able to look to about 4-5 guys and 3-4 gals to have the legs to come out on top. The Mellen Chamber of Commerce always puts on a great event, so you should put this race on your calendar I know I will.

Stage Eight

With the Dar's and Deb's Green Jerseys already settled at Mellen and the Yellow and Magenta will still be up for grabs, Mauston Wisconsin will feature one of the hardest races on the Wisport and Jim Menzel racing calendars. The Real Wheelin' Race is a single lap 27-mile race through the Alps of Juneau County. You can bet the Polka dot racers and the Yellow and Magenta Jersey contenders will be there to put their stamp on all of those jerseys. With many of the contenders shadow boxing in the field this may be one of those times where a break of lesser riders goes onto victory. Some how I think the Polka dot boys and girls will be in the mood for an early attack to get the outcome settled as soon as possible though. Mauston has one of the better award programs and they always manage to roll out the hospitality to all of the riders. With only three races left in the 2009 Jim Menzel racing series Mauston will be one of the last times to attack other riders on the course because the race of truth will take center stage on stages nine and ten. Stay toon.