ROAD TO THE MEADOWLANDS PACE

Week 2 (of 10) – Thursday, May 13

The Meadowlands Pace is on Saturday, July 17

RANK	HORSE (EARNINGS – MARK)	DRIVER, TRAINER OWNER(S)	DAVE LITTLE'S COMMENTS
1	**PERFECT STING** **($534,300 – 1:49.2)**	D. MILLER, J. HOLLOWAY BRITTANY FARMS, VAL D'OR FARMS	THE WAIT IS OVER. PERFECT STING'S 2021 DEBUT IS SET FOR SUNDAY AT POCONO, WHERE HE WILL DEPART FROM POST 5 IN RACE 9 IN A DIVISION OF THE PENNSYLVANIA SIRE STAKES. HOLLOWAY: "WE HAVE TO START SOMEPLACE. WE'RE READY TO GO. HE'LL GET NEXT WEEK OFF AND THEN WE'LL SEE WHERE WE ARE." **LAST RACE: 4/30 – M1 – QUALIFIER – 1ST (1:52.3)**
2	**SOUTHWIND GENDRY** **($621,633 – 1:49.4)**	Y. GINGRAS, R. BURKE BURKE RACING, PHILLIP COLLURA, KNOX SERVICES, J&T SILVA-PURNEL & LIBBY	AFTER AN IMPRESSIVE 2021 DEBUT, THE SON OF ALWAYS B MIKI MAKES START NO. 2 IN THE PENNSYLVANIA SIRE STAKES SUNDAY AT POCONO, LEAVING FROM POST 6 IN THE 10TH RACE. BURKE: "EVERYTHING SEEMS GOOD WITH HIM. THERE ARE GOOD HORSES IN THERE [ON SUNDAY], HE JUST HAS TO STAY AWAY FROM GETTING INTO A SPEED DUEL WITH A HORSE TRYING TO PROVE A POINT." **LAST RACE: 5/1 – MEA – PENNSYLVANIA SIRE STAKES – 1ST (1:49.4)**
3	**SUMMA CUM LAUDE** **($488,445 – 1:50.2)**	D. DUNN, R. BURKE BURKE RACING, PHILLIP COLLURA, J&T SILVA-PURNEL & LIBBY, WEAVER BRUSCEMI	WILL GO UP AGAINST PERFECT STING SUNDAY AT POCONO, HAVING DRAWN POST 7. HOW HAS HE BEEN SINCE HIS FOURTH-PLACE FINISH? BURKE: "HE WAS MUCH SHARPER TRAINING [TUESDAY]. I THINK HE'LL START COMING BACK TO FORM THIS SUNDAY." **LAST RACE: 5/1 – MEA – PENNSYLVANIA SIRE STAKES – 4TH (1:50.3)**
4	**EXPLOIT** **($391,630 – 1:50.4)**	T. MCCARTHY, T. ALAGNA LEBLANC AND KRIBBS, JOE SBROCCO, IN THE GYM PARTNERS, JOSEPH BARBERA	WAS A GOOD-LOOKING, FAST-CLOSING THIRD IN 3YO DEBUT LAST SATURDAY AND IS RIGHT BACK IN SUNDAY AT POCONO IN THE PASS. HE'S DRAWN POST 5 IN RACE 8. ALAGNA: "YOU CAN SAY WHAT YOU WANT ABOUT HIS 2020 SEASON [WHERE A MAJORITY OF HIS EARNINGS CAME IN THE METRO IN AN UPSET]. I THOUGHT HE WAS VERY GOOD IN HIS FIRST START LAST WEEK. WITH THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE NORTH AMERICA CUP, IT MAKES IT EASIER TO RACE THESE HORSES IN BACK-TO-BACK WEEKS." **LAST RACE: 5/8 – M1 – WINNERS OF 2 NON-WINNERS OF 5 – 3RD (1:49.4)**
5	**CHARLIE MAY** **($340,127 – 1:50.2)**	B. MILLER, S. CARTER DON TIGER	OHIO SIRE STAKES CHAMPION WON 7 OF 9 STARTS A YEAR AGO AND TOOK HIS LAST TWO OUTINGS AT ODDS OF 1-20. ALREADY HAS TWO QUALIFIERS AND THREE PARIMUTUEL RACES UNDER HIS BELT THIS YEAR. CARTER: "WE TURNED HIM OUT FOR 10 DAYS BECAUSE WE WANTED TO GIVE HIM A REST. HE'LL BE BACK TRAINING MONDAY AND WE'LL START PREPARING FOR THE NEXT SIRE STAKES RACES IN THE FIRST PART OF JUNE." **LAST RACE: 5/3 – MVR – OHIO SIRE STAKES – 4TH (1:52.3)**
6	**BAYFIELD BEACH** **($272,376 – 1:52.1)**	D. MILLER, B. BROWN CROSSOVER RACING, COUNTRY CLUB ACRES, RICH LOMBARDO RACING, JOE SBROCCO	WENT PARKED TO THE QUARTER IN :26.3 BEFORE BLASTING DOWN THE ROAD IN 1:52.1 AT THE MEADOWS. LIKE 6 OTHERS IN THE TOP 10, WILL BE AT POCONO SUNDAY, WHERE HE'S DRAWN POST 6 IN RACE 12 IN A DIVISION OF THE STALLION STAKES. BROWN: "HE RACED OK [FRIDAY]. I STILL WOULDN'T SAY I WAS HAPPY WITH HIM. I MADE A LITTLE BRIDLE CHANGE AND HE TRAINED MUCH BETTER [WEDNESDAY]. HE DOESN'T HAVE TO WIN SUNDAY. I JUST WANT HIM TO RACE WELL." **LAST RACE: 5/7 – MEA – NON-WINNERS OF 3 – 1ST (1:52.1)**
7	**LAWLESS SHADOW** **($239,439 – Q1:51)**	B. MCCLURE, I. MOORE IAN MOORE, R G MCGROUP, SERGE SAVARD, FRANK CANNON	SPARKLED IN HIS SEASONAL DEBUT, SCORING FROM THE POCKET IN 1:51.1 AT SCIOTO. WILL RACE SATURDAY AT SCIOTO IN A CONDITIONED EVENT IN RACE 6 FROM POST 7. MOORE: "IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN ONLY A NON-WINNERS OF 6 [ON SATURDAY] BUT THAT'S OK. HE'S AN ONTARIO SIRE STAKES HORSE SO THERE'S NOWHERE ELSE TO RACE HIM. IT LOOKS LIKE WE'LL HEAD TO THE MEADOWLANDS IN JUNE." **LAST RACE: 5/8 – SCD – NON-WINNERS OF 6 – 1ST (1:51.1)**
8	**HEART OF CHEWBACCA** **($269,348 – 1:51)**	D. NOBLE, R. BURKE DENNIS OWENS, NORMAN RAE RACING	OHIO STANDOUT HAS WON THREE IN A ROW AT MIAMI VALLEY, THE MOST RECENT BY 7¼ LENGTHS AT ODDS OF 1-20. WHEN WILL WE SEE HIM LOCALLY? BURKE: "HE'S TURNED OUT BECAUSE I DIDN'T THINK I HAD ANY RACES FOR HIM. NOW, I MIGHT BRING HIM TO THE MEADOWLANDS IN TWO OR THREE WEEKS SINCE THEY ARE OFFERING THOSE EXTRA OPPORTUNITIES FOR 3-YEAR-OLDS." **LAST RACE: 5/3 – MVR – OHIO SIRE STAKES – 1ST (1:51.2)**
9	**ABUCKABETT HANOVER** **($171,335 – 1:49.1)**	A. MCCARTHY, T. ALAGNA CRAWFORD FARMS RACING, ALAGNA RACING, JABLONSKY HELD STABLE, BARBERA N WIENICK STABLE	CRACKED THE TOP 10 AFTER WORKING OUT A PERFECT COVER TRIP ON THE WAY TO AN EASY VICTORY IN HIS SEASONAL DEBUT IN A LIFETIME-BEST 1:49.1 AND WILL TAKE ON PERFECT STING ON SUNDAY AT POCONO FROM POST 2. ALAGNA: "A LOT OF THINGS DID NOT WORK HIS WAY LAST YEAR, BUT YOU DON'T GO OFF AT 1-9 IN THE METRO WITHOUT BACK CLASS AND AN IMPRESSIVE RESUME. [LAST WEEK] HE REALLY IMPRESSED ME, BUT, AT THE SAME TIME, DID NOT SURPRISE ME." **LAST RACE: 5/8 – M1 – WINNERS OF 2 NON-WINNERS OF 5 – 1ST (1:49.1)**
10	**ALWAYS A MIKI** **($331,261 – 1:50.2)**	D. DUNN, N. TAKTER CHRISTINA TAKTER, GORAN ANDERBERG, HERB LIVERMAN, ROJAN STABLES	FINISHED 8TH IN HIS FIRST OUTING OF THE YEAR AFTER LEAVING FROM POST 9 IN A DIVISION OF THE PENNSYLVANIA ALL-STARS. HE'S BACK IN SUNDAY AT POCONO IN A DIVISION OF THE STALLION STAKES (RACE 11, POST 7). TAKTER: "I KNEW THAT HE WOULD BE A LITTLE PACE COMPROMISED FROM THAT POST AND I DIDN'T THINK HE WOULD BE AT HIS BEST BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN A LITTLE SICK. I DROPPED HIM INTO THE STALLION SERIES THIS WEEK FOR A LITTLE CONFIDENCE." **LAST RACE: 5/8 – PCD – PENNSYLVANIA ALL-STARS – 8TH (1:51.4)**

KEY PREP RACES

MEADOWLANDS PACE ELIGIBLES IN CAPS – Supplements are permitted per the conditions of the race

Date	Stakes	Site	Winner	Trainer	Driver	2nd Horse	3rd Horse	Time
5/1	Pa. Sire Stakes	Mea	LITERL LAD HANOVER	R. Burke	D. Miller	STONEBRIDGE REEF	Water Sports Teen	1:51.1
	Pa. Sire Stakes	Mea	SOUTHWIND GENDRY	R. Burke	Y. Gingras	CHASE H HANOVER	Sweet Angel Boy	1:49.4
5/8	Pa. All-Stars	PcD	HELLABALOU	E. Dennis	A. McCarthy	Komodo Beach	Six Degrees	1:52.1

	Pa. All-Stars	PcD	Emblaze Hanover	R. Burke	J. Bongiorno	Crunch Hanover	RED RIGHT HAND	1:50.2
	Pa. All-Stars	PcD	Gamblin Mo	J. Butenschoen	T. Buter	STONEBRIDGE REEF	CAPTAINS PLACE	1:50.1
	Pa. All-Stars	PcD	ONE EIGHT HUNDRED	N. Takter	T. Tetrick	Water Sports Teen	Warrawee Whynot	1:50.1
5/16	Pa. Sire Stakes	PcD						
5/28	N.J. Sire Stakes	M1						
5/30	Pa. Sire Stakes	Phil						
6/26	Pa. Sire Stakes	Mea						
7/2	Messenger	YR						
7/17	Meadowlands Pace	M1						