

ROAD TO THE MEADOWLANDS PACE

Week 4 (of 10) – Thursday, May 27

The Meadowlands Pace is on Saturday, July 17



RANK	HORSE (EARNINGS – MARK)	DRIVER, TRAINER OWNER(S)	DAVE LITTLE'S COMMENTS
1	PERFECT STING (\$547,061 – 1:49.2)	D. MILLER, J. HOLLOWAY BRITTANY FARMS, VAL D'OR FARMS	THE RUBBER IS ABOUT TO MEET THE ROAD. 'STING' WILL TAKE ON ABUCKABETT HANOVER AND LITERL LAD HANOVER SUNDAY AT HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA, AND WILL LEAVE FROM POST 5 IN RACE 6. HOLLOWAY: "HE'S DOING WELL HE TRAINED GOOD [WEDNESDAY]. LET'S SEE HOW IT GOES ON SUNDAY." LAST RACE: 5/16 – PcD – PENNSYLVANIA SIRE STAKES – 2ND (1:50)
2	SOUTHWIND GENDRY (\$634,394 – 1:49.4)	Y. GINGRAS, R. BURKE BURKE RACING, PHILLIP COLLURA, KNOX SERVICES, J&T SILVA- PURNEL & LIBBY	TAKES ON EXPLOIT AND ONE EIGHT HUNDRED FROM POST 2 IN RACE 14 ON SUNDAY AT HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA. BURKE: "HE TIED UP A LITTLE BIT IN HIS LAST RACE SO HE WASN'T AT HIS BEST. NOW, EVERYTHING IS FINE AND BACK TO NORMAL." LAST RACE: 5/16 – PcD – PENNSYLVANIA SIRE STAKES – 2ND (1:50.4)
3	ABUCKABETT HANOVER (\$196,857 – 1:49.1)	A. MCCARTHY, T. ALAGNA CRAWFORD FARMS RACING, ALAGNA RACING, JABLONSKY HELD STABLE, BARBERA N WIENICK STABLE	UPON FURTHER REVIEW, MOVES TO NO. 3 HAVING BEATEN HIS STABLEMATE [AND LAST WEEK'S NO. 3] EXPLOIT BACK ON MAY 8. WILL LOOK TO STAY PERFECT IN 3 STARTS THIS YEAR LEAVING FROM THE RAIL IN THE SIXTH RACE SUNDAY AT PHILLY, TAKING ON PERFECT STING. ALAGNA: "WE'RE NOT DUCKING COMPETITION BUT I DON'T WANT TO FACE PERFECT STING EVERY WEEK. IT'S A LONG YEAR. JOE [HOLLOWAY] HAS DONE A PERFECT JOB WITH PERFECT STING. [ON SUNDAY] THE RAIL SHOULD SET UP FOR A TRIP FOR US." LAST RACE: 5/16 – PcD – PENNSYLVANIA SIRE STAKES – 1ST (1:50)
4	EXPLOIT (\$417,152 – 1:50.3)	J. BONGIORNO, T. ALAGNA LEBLANC AND KRIBBS, JOE SBROCCO, IN THE GYM PARTNERS, JOSEPH BARBERA	DRAWS A TOUGH POST [7 IN RACE 14] FACING THE CURRENT NOS. 2 AND 5 IN THE TOP 10 SUNDAY AT HARRAH'S. ALAGNA: "I DON'T WANT TO BRUTALIZE THE HORSE IN A SIRE STAKES WHEN OUR MAIN FOCUS IS TO WIN THE PACE OR THE NORTH AMERICA CUP OR BREEDERS CROWN. BUT, RACES LIKE THESE ARE IMPORTANT TO PROVE YOU ARE A PLAYER IN THE DIVISION." LAST RACE: 5/16 – PcD – PENNSYLVANIA SIRE STAKES – 1ST (1:50.3)
5	ONE EIGHT HUNDRED (\$76,820 – 1:50.1)	T. TETRICK, N. TAKTER BRIXTON MEDICAL, NANCY TAKTER	STILL PLAYING CATCH-UP AFTER AN ABBREVIATED 2YO SEASON BUT IS MAKING STRIDES, AS HIS SEASONAL RECORD OF 4 WINS FROM 5 STARTS PROVES. TAKTER: "I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO RACING HIM ON SUNDAY [POST 6 IN RACE 14 AT PHILLY]. HE'S A VERY VERSATILE HORSE BUT I'D LIKE TO RACE HIM FROM OFF THE PACE TO BOTH TEACH AND STRENGTHEN HIM. IF THINGS CONTINUE TO GO HIS WAY, AND HE STAYS HEALTHY AND SOUND, THE SKY'S THE LIMIT FOR THIS GUY." LAST RACE: 5/16 – PcD – PENNSYLVANIA SIRE STAKES – 1ST (1:50.3)
6	SUMMA CUM LAUDE (\$488,445 – 1:50.2)	D. DUNN, R. BURKE BURKE RACING, PHILLIP COLLURA, J&T SILVA-PURNEL & LIBBY, WEAVER BRUSCEMI	WILL NOT JOIN HIS STABLEMATES ON SUNDAY. BURKE: "I'M NOT DOING THE 5/8THS-MILE TRACK WITH HIM ANYMORE. I WANT TO HAVE HIM GOOD FOR THE BIG-TRACK RACES. THERE'S NO PLACE TO RACE HIM RIGHT NOW. SO, WE CAN QUALIFY FOR NOW. IF I NEED TO, I CAN ALWAYS PUT HIM IN WITH OLDER HORSES [TO GET READY FOR THE PACE]." LAST RACE: 5/16 – PcD – PENNSYLVANIA SIRE STAKES – 6TH (1:51.4)
7	LAWLESS SHADOW (\$246,439 – 1:50)	R. WRENN JR., I. MOORE IAN MOORE, R G MCGROUP, SERGE SAVARD, FRANK CANNON	TRAINER HASN'T SEEN HIS HORSE IN SOME TIME, HAVING SENT HIM TO OHIO WHILE HE REMAINED IN ONTARIO. MOORE: "ON MONDAY, HE HAD A MILD TIE-UP. SO, I'M BRINGING HIM HOME FOR A FEW WEEKS SO I CAN MESS WITH HIM MYSELF. HE PROBABLY WON'T RACE FOR TWO WEEKS. I WANT TO HAVE HIM READY FOR ALL OF THE BIG RACES." LAST RACE: 5/15 – ScD – NON-WINNERS OF \$8,000L4 – 1ST (1:50)
8	CHARLIE MAY (\$340,127 – 1:50.2)	B. MILLER, S. CARTER DON TIGER	HIS ROAD TO THE PACE WILL BE A TOUGH ONE. CARTER: "HE'S DOING GOOD. WE ARE GOING TO QUALIFY NEXT WEEK AT SCIOTO, THEN RACE IN A NON-WINNERS OF 8 THERE. FROM THERE, WE WANT TO GO IN THE MESSENGER, AND THEN, THE PACE." CAN THIS HORSE EXCEL WITH THAT TOUGH SCHEDULE? CARTER: "IF HE'S GOOD ENOUGH, YES." LAST RACE: 5/3 – MVR – OHIO SIRE STAKES – 4TH (1:52.3)
9	HEART OF CHEWBACCA (\$269,348 – 1:51)	D. NOBLE, R. BURKE DENNIS OWENS, NORMAN RAE RACING	HASN'T RACED IN A WHILE BUT HIS TRAINER ISN'T CONCERNED. BURKE: "HE'S DOING GREAT. LAST WEEKEND, WE TRAINED HIM FAST WITH THE IDEA OF RACING AT THE MEADOWLANDS, BUT THERE'S NO RACE FOR HIM. WE'LL TAKE ANOTHER WEEK OFF AND COME UP WITH A PLAN. MAYBE WE'LL GO TO SCIOTO. THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE NORTH AMERICA CUP MESSED EVERYBODY UP." LAST RACE: 5/3 – MVR – OHIO SIRE STAKES – 1ST (1:51.2)
10	LITERL LAD HANOVER (\$145,967 – 1:51.1)	D. MILLER, R. BURKE BURKE RACING, J&T SILVA-PURNEL & LIBBY, WEAVER BRUSCEMI, WINGFIELD FIVE	LET'S SEE WHAT YOU GOT, KID. BURKE: "HE TRAINED REALLY GOOD AND NOW HE GETS A TASTE OF FACING THE BEST [LEAVING FROM POST 2 IN RACE 6 SUNDAY AT HARRAH'S]. THIS WILL GIVE US A MEASURING STICK OF HOW GOOD HE IS. I'M EXCITED TO SEE HIM RACE." LAST RACE: 5/16 – PcD – PENNSYLVANIA SIRE STAKES – 3RD (1:50.4)

KEY PREP RACES

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

Date	Stakes	Site	Winner	Trainer	Driver	2 nd Horse	3 rd 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	HELLBALOU	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	EXPLOIT	T. Alagna	J. Bongiorno	Gamblin Mo	LITERL LAD HANOVER	1:50.3
	Pa. Sire Stakes	PcD	ABUCKABETT HANOVER	T. Alagna	A. McCarthy	PERFECT STING	RED RIGHT HAND	1:50.0
	Pa. Sire Stakes	PcD	ONE EIGHT HUNDRED	N. Takter	T. Tetrick	SOUTHWIND GENDRY	ROCKYROAD HANOVER	1:50.3
5/30	Pa. Sire Stakes	Phil						
6/26	Pa. Sire Stakes	Mea						
7/2	Messenger	YR						
7/17	Meadowlands Pace	M1						