

ROAD TO THE MEADOWLANDS PACE

Week 1 (of 10) – Thursday, May 6

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	HOLLOWAY STUDENT COMES INTO 2021 WITH A TARGET ON HIS BACK AFTER A SEASON THAT SAW HIM GO PERFECT IN 10 STARTS AT 2. HAS A PAIR OF MEADOWLANDS QUALIFIERS UNDER HIS BELT WITH HIS FIRST RACE SET FOR MAY 16 IN THE PENNSYLVANIA SIRE STAKES. HOLLOWAY: "HE'S AS GOOD AS CAN BE. I'M THRILLED AT THE WAY HE'S COME BACK." 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	HIS 3-YEAR-OLD DEBUT WAS A SMASHING SUCCESS, TAKING A DIVISION OF THE PENNSYLVANIA SIRE STAKES IN A LIFETIME-BEST 1:49.4. BURKE: "COULDN'T BE HAPPIER WITH HIM. IN REALITY, HE'S BEEN INCREDIBLE. YOU DON'T WIN IN 1:49.4 WRAPPED UP LIKE THAT. THAT'S WHAT GOOD HORSES DO. THAT'S A 1:47 MILE IN THE SUMMER." 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	ENDED HIS 2-YEAR-OLD SEASON ON A HIGH NOTE, FINISHING IN A DEAD HEAT WITH PERFECT STING IN THE BREEDERS CROWN AND WINNING THE KINDERGARTEN CLASSIC BEFORE FINISHING THIRD IN THE GOVERNOR'S CUP. BEGAN HIS SOPHOMORE SEASON WITH A FOURTH TO SOUTHWIND GENDRY AT THE MEADOWS. BURKE: "HE AND SOUTHWIND GENDRY WILL BE IN NEXT WEEK AT PHILADELPHIA. HE'S A MILE-TRACK HORSE. IT'S A TOSSUP BETWEEN THE TWO OF THEM ON A MILE TRACK." LAST RACE: 5/1 – MEA – PENNSYLVANIA SIRE STAKES – 4TH (1:50.3)
4	EXPLOIT (\$389,470 – 1:50.4)	T. MCCARTHY, T. ALAGNA LEBLANC AND KRIBBS, JOE SBROCCO, IN THE GYM PARTNERS, JOSEPH BARBERA	PULLED OFF A 35-1 SURPRISE IN THE 2020 METRO AT WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK TO PAD HIS BANKROLL. HAS A PAIR OF BIG M QUALIFIERS IN PREPARATION FOR HIS 3-YEAR-OLD SEASON. LEAVES FROM POST 7 IN THE FIRST RACE AT THE BIG M SATURDAY IN HIS 2021 DEBUT. ALAGNA: "WE'RE LOOKING FOR A GOOD START, HOPING EVERYTHING SETS UP FOR HIM. THEN, WE'LL GO IN THE SIRE STAKES NEXT WEEK AT POCONO. EVERYTHING IS GOING ACCORDING TO PLAN." LAST RACE: 4/30 – M1 – QUALIFIER – 4TH (1:53.3)
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 STARTS AT ODDS OF 1-20. ALREADY HAS TWO QUALIFIERS AND THREE PARIMUTUEL STARTS UNDER HIS BELT THIS YEAR. CARTER: "HE WAS SICK ON MONDAY [WHEN FOURTH AT MIAMI VALLEY]. MY WHOLE BARN WAS SICK. BY THE END OF LAST YEAR, BRETT MILLER TOLD ME CHARLIE IS THE CALIBER OF HORSE WHO CAN GO IN THE MEADOWLANDS PACE." LAST RACE: 5/3 – MVR – OHIO SIRE STAKES – 4TH (1:52.3)
6	ALWAYS A MIKI (\$331,261 – 1:50.2)	D. DUNN, N. TAKTER CHRISTINA TAKTER, Goran ANDERBERG, HERB LIVERMAN, ROJAN STABLES	THE 2020 GOVERNOR'S CUP WINNER ALSO DID GOOD THINGS THROUGHOUT THE SEASON ON THE PENNSYLVANIA SIRE STAKES CIRCUIT. SHOWS TWO QUALIFIERS THUS FAR THIS YEAR. TAKTER: "I THINK HE WAS PRETTY SOLID LAST YEAR. HE FILLED OUT AND HE LOVES TO RACE. HE'S DRAWN POST 9 SATURDAY AT POCONO [FOR HIS SEASONAL DEBUT] FOR THE PENNSYLVANIA ALL-STARS, NOT AN IDEAL SPOT GIVEN HOW SPEEDY IT IS AT POCONO." LAST RACE: 4/24 – M1 – QUALIFIER – 4TH (1:52)
7	BAYFIELD BEACH (\$267,626 – 1:52.4)	D. MILLER, B. BROWN CROSSOVER RACING, COUNTRY CLUB ACRES, RICH LOMBARDO RACING, JOE SBROCCO	MISSED CASHING A CHECK ONLY TWICE A YEAR AGO FROM 13 STARTS. GOT NAILED ON THE MONEY, SETTLING FOR SECOND IN THE 2020 METRO. ALREADY HAS A PAIR OF STARTS THIS YEAR FOR BROWN, WHO HAD A POWERHOUSE PAIR OF HORSES IN 2017 WITH DOWNBYTHESEASIDE AND FEAR THE DRAGON. BROWN: "HE HASN'T BEEN IMPRESSIVE YET. WE STARTED IN THE THE STALLION STAKES LAST WEEK JUST TO GIVE HIM AN EASIER RACE. HE'S RIGHT BACK IN FRIDAY [RACE 1, POST 5 AT THE MEADOWS]. I EXPECT HIM TO BE SHARPER THIS WEEK." LAST RACE: 5/1 – MEA – PENNSYLVANIA STALLION SERIES – 3RD (1:52.3)
8	LAWLESS SHADOW (\$232,439 – Q1:51)	B. McCLURE, I. MOORE IAN MOORE, R G McGROUP, SERGE SAVARD, FRANK CANNON	SOLID PERFORMER IN ONTARIO A YEAR AGO WAS SECOND IN THE ONTARIO SIRE STAKES FINAL AND THIRD IN THE METRO IN HIS FINAL TWO OUTINGS OF THE YEAR. LEAVES FROM POST 2 IN RACE 2 SATURDAY AT SCIOTO FOR HIS FIRST OUTING OF THE YEAR. MOORE: "I'M VERY EXCITED ABOUT HIM. HE HAS FILLED OUT SO WELL. I SEE MAYBE TWO STARTS IN OHIO, THEN, COME THE 1 ST OF JUNE, IF NOTHING IS HAPPENING IN CANADA, WE'LL HEAD FOR THE MEADOWLANDS." LAST RACE: 4/23 – SOTC – QUALIFIER – 1ST (1:51)
9	CHASE H HANOVER (\$245,079 – 1:51)	B. SEARS, S. COX JASON ASH, SCOTT COX	RACKED UP 4 WINS AND 5 SECONDS FROM 10 STARTS A YEAR AGO, HIGHLIGHTED BY A WIN IN A SIX-FIGURE DIVISION OF THE PENNSYLVANIA SIRE STAKES. STARTED HIS 2021 WELL, WITH A SECOND-PLACE FINISH TO SOUTHWIND GENDRY. COX: "HE'S GOTTEN BIGGER OVER THE LAST YEAR. HE'S A LAID-BACK HORSE, AND THAT'S WHAT I LIKE THE MOST. I THINK HE'LL BE IN THE SIRE STAKES A WEEK FROM SUNDAY AT POCONO." LAST RACE: 5/1 – MEA – PENNSYLVANIA SIRE STAKES – 2ND (1:50)
10	HEART OF CHEWBACCA (\$269,348 – 1:51)	D. NOBLE, R. BURKE DENNIS OWENS, NORMAN RAE RACING	HAS REGISTERED 8 WINS AND 3 SECONDS FROM 11 LIFETIME STARTS. OHIO STANDOUT HAS WON THREE IN A ROW AT MIAMI VALLEY, THE MOST RECENT BY 7¼ LENGTHS AT ODDS OF 1-20. BURKE: "HE'S AS GOOD AS EITHER OF MY OTHER ONES. HE DOES THINGS OTHER HORSES CANNOT DO. I THINK THIS HORSE IS SPECIAL." LAST RACE: 5/3 – MVR – OHIO SIRE STAKES – 1ST (1:51.2)

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 Pa. Sire Stakes	Mea Mea	LITERL LAD HANOVER SOUTHWIND GENDRY	R. Burke R. Burke	D. Miller Y. Gingras	STONEBRIDGE REEF CHASE H HANOVER	Water Sports Teen Sweet Angel Boy	1:51.1 1:49.4
5/8	Pa. All-Stars	PcD						
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						