

**ROAD TO THE MEADOWLANDS PACE**  
**Week 7 (of 10) – Thursday, June 15**  
**The Meadowlands Pace is on Saturday, July 15, 2023**

RANK	HORSE (EARNINGS – MARK)	DRIVER, TRAINER OWNER(S)	DAVE LITTLE'S (AND TRAINER'S) COMMENTS
1	<b>CHRISTCHURCH</b> (\$43,225 – 1:48.4)	T. MCCARTHY, N. TAKTER DIAMOND CREEK RACING, FARHI STANDARDBREDS CORP., SPREYDON LODGE LTD	MADE A BIG MOVE ON THE FAR TURN TO WIN THE 1 <sup>ST</sup> NORTH AMERICA CUP ELIM, SO HE REPLACES VOUKEFALAS AS THE TOP DOG IN THE POLL. DEPARTS FROM POST 3 IN THE FINAL SATURDAY NIGHT. TAKTER: "HE'S NEVER LOST ON THE FRONT. HE'S MORE OF A STRONG HORSE THAN A QUICK HORSE. I SPOKE TO DEXTER. IT TOOK HIM A LONG TIME TO MAKE THE DECISION (TO DRIVE FULTON). IT WAS A TOUGH DECISION, BUT HE HAD COMMITTED TO FULTON AT THE START OF THE YEAR." <b>BREEDING: ALWAYS B MIKI-DARLINONTHEBEACH</b> <b>LAST RACE: 6/10/2023 – WMP – NORTH AMERICA CUP ELIMINATION – 1<sup>ST</sup> (1:48.4)</b>
2	<b>CONFEDERATE</b> (\$469,950 – 1:48.4)	T. TETRICK, B. PELLING DIAMOND CREEK RACING	PUT ON A SPEED SHOW IN ELIM 4. HAS POST 5 AND IS THE MORNING-LINE FAVORITE. PELLING: "HE WAS REALLY GOOD. HE JUST DID EVERYTHING PRETTY PERFECT. GOOD DRIVE. HAD GOOD PACE. TO ME, THE TWO FAVORITES ARE THE MOST VERSATILE, MINE AND (PACE INELIGIBLE) IT'S MY SHOW. IT'LL BE VERY STRATEGIC." <b>BREEDING: SWEET LOU-GEOTHERMAL</b> <b>LAST RACE: 6/10/2023 – WMP – NORTH AMERICA CUP ELIMINATION – 1<sup>ST</sup> (1:48.4)</b>
3	<b>FULTON</b> (\$340,053 – 1:48.2)	D. DUNN, L. TOSCANO LET IT RIDE STABLES INC, BOTTOM LINE RACING LLC	USED AN OPENING PANEL OF :25.4 TO TAKE CONTROL DURING A WIRE-TO-WIRE ELIM 2 WIN. HAS POST 4 IN THE FINAL. "HE HASN'T BEEN RACING BAD," SAID DUNN. "HIS LAST COUPLE STARTS, HE HASN'T BEEN 100 PER CENT. BUT (SATURDAY) HE WAS REALLY GOOD. LINDA CHANGED HIS BRIDLE, AND HE WAS SHARP AND RAN RIGHT TO THE LINE." <b>BREEDING: HESTON BLUE CHIP-BETTOR BE STEAMIN</b> <b>LAST RACE: 6/10/2023 – WMP – NORTH AMERICA CUP ELIMINATION – 1<sup>ST</sup> (1:48.2)</b>
4	<b>VOUKEFALAS</b> (\$400,463 – 1:49.4)	J. STRATTON, M. RUSSO MICHAEL PAGONAS	TOOK BAD STEPS IN THE FIRST TURN, SAT MID-PACK BEFORE GETTING BACK IN THE GAME, RALLIED WELL LATE GAINING ON CHRISTCHURCH IN WHAT WAS A GOOD EFFORT IN ELIM 1. HAS POST 6 IN THE FINAL. WHAT HAPPENED IN THE FIRST TURN? RUSSO: "IT WAS VERY DISHEARTENING. HE'S USED TO EVERYTHING BACK HOME. HE JUMPED OVER SOMETHING. WITH THAT SAID, I FELT REALLY GOOD ONCE HE SETTLED. IT WAS A BAD BREAK, HIS NOSE ALMOST HIT THE GROUND. HE FACED ADVERSITY AND SHOWED HOW TOUGH HE IS." <b>BREEDING: LAZARUS N-INITTOWINAFORTUNE</b> <b>LAST RACE: 6/10/2023 – WMP – NORTH AMERICA CUP ELIMINATION – 2<sup>ND</sup> (1:48.4)</b>
5	<b>AMMO</b> (\$439,208 – 1:50.3)	D. MILLER, J. HOLLOWAY VAL D'OR FARMS, TED GEWERTZ	SECOND BEST IN ELIM 2, SECURING A SPOT BEHIND THE GATE (POST 10) FOR THE FINAL. HOLLOWAY: "HE THREW A SHOE LEAVING THE GATE. MAYBE IT AFFECTED HIS PERFORMANCE, MAYBE IT DIDN'T. DAVID THOUGHT HE WAS GOING BY, BUT HE DIDN'T." WHAT ABOUT POST 10? "SOMEBODY ELSE HAS TO MAKE A MISTAKE, BUT THE HORSE IS IN GREAT SHAPE, THE HORSE FEELS TREMENDOUS." <b>BREEDING: SWEET LOU-BEACH GAL</b> <b>LAST RACE: 6/10/2023 – WMP – NORTH AMERICA CUP ELIMINATION – 2<sup>ND</sup> (1:48.3)</b>
6	<b>SAVE AMERICA</b> (\$366,380 – 1:48.1)	Y. GINGRAS, N. TAKTER 3 BROTHERS STABLES, CAVIART FARMS	RALLIED PAST STOCKADE SEELSTER TO LOCKUP A SPOT BY FINISHING SECOND IN ELIM 3. POST 9 IN THE FINAL. TAKTER: "I WAS SUPER HAPPY WITH HIM. I WAS SURPRISED YANNICK STAYED IN, IT'S RISKY. HE'S ONE MORE WEEK INTO BEING A GELDING NOW. HE GOT GELDED BETWEEN HIS FIRST AND SECOND QUALIFIER." <b>BREEDING: CAPTAINTEACHEROUS-MY LADY DAY</b> <b>LAST RACE: 6/10/2023 – WMP – NORTH AMERICA CUP ELIMINATION – 2<sup>ND</sup> (1:48.2)</b>
7	<b>STOCKADE SEELSTER</b> (\$743,826 – 1:49.3)	J. JAMIESON, I. MOORE SALLY MACDONALD, PAUL MACDONALD	RACED IN THE POCKET BUT COULD NOT HOLD ON TO SECOND IN THE THIRD ELIM. OF THE FOUR THIRD-PLACE FINISHERS, WAS THE FOURTH HORSE CHOSEN FOR A SPOT IN THE FINAL. MOORE: "I'M VERY DISAPPOINTED. BUT NOT WITH THE HORSE. HE NEEDED ONE MORE RACE TO BE READY FOR THAT. THE MEADOWLANDS PACE IS VERY MUCH STILL OUR FOCUS. HE'LL RACE SATURDAY IN THE CUP CONSOLATION." <b>BREEDING: STATE TREASURER-SOIREE SEELSTER</b> <b>LAST RACE: 6/10/2023 – WMP – NORTH AMERICA CUP ELIMINATION – 3<sup>RD</sup> (1:48.3)</b>
8	<b>SEVEN COLORS</b> (\$79,209 – 1:48.1)	T. TETRICK, B. BROWN COUNTRY CLUB ACRES INC., JOE SBROCCO, BILL ELLIOT, MILTON LEEMAN	WENT FIRST-UP AGAINST IT'S MY SHOW, HUNG IN THERE TO GRAB A FOURTH-PLACE CHECK, WHICH IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH TO RACE ON SATURDAY. WHAT HAPPENS FROM HERE? BROWN: "WE WERE VERY HAPPY WITH THE HORSE. THE HORSE WAS GREAT, IT JUST WASN'T GOOD ENOUGH. WE'LL GO IN THE MESSENGER ELIMS ON JUNE 23." <b>BREEDING: STAY HUNGRY-RAINBOWINTHEDARK</b> <b>LAST RACE: 6/10/2023 – WMP – NORTH AMERICA CUP ELIMINATION – 4<sup>TH</sup> (1:48.3)</b>
9	<b>LYONS SURFING</b> (\$205,476 – 1:50.1)	A. MCCARTHY, J. KING JR. THREELYONSRACING	WAS SENT TO THE GATE IN THE FOURTH ELIM AT 24-1 AND WAS A SURPRISING SECOND. OR WAS IT SURPRISING? KING: "I WAS NOT SURPRISED AT ALL. HE WAS JUST A BIG HEAVY HORSE WHEN HE STARTED THE YEAR AND HAD TO GET IN SHAPE. I DON'T KNOW IF ANY OF THEM ARE THAT MUCH BETTER THAN HIM." <b>BREEDING: STAY HUNGRY-SURFSIDE SEXY</b> <b>LAST RACE: 6/10/2023 – WMP – NORTH AMERICA CUP ELIMINATION – 2<sup>ND</sup> (1:49.1)</b>
10	<b>CANNIBAL</b> (\$143,298 – 1:48.3)	S. ZERON, N. TAKTER DIAMOND CREEK RACING	DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE NORTH AMERICA CUP. GETS A BERTH IN THE TOP 10 OFF HIS 2-FOR-2 RECORD IN THE PA. STALLION SERIES. ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO THE PACE? TAKTER: "ABSOLUTELY! HE MIGHT BE THE LAST MAN STANDING. HE'S HOME GETTING HIS WORKOUTS IN. HE'LL RACE IN AN OVERNIGHT NEXT WEEK." <b>BREEDING: SWEET LOU-NO MORE LOSSES</b> <b>LAST RACE: 5/28/2023 – PHL – PA STALLION SERIES – 1<sup>ST</sup> (1:48.3)</b>

**KEY PREP RACES**

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

Date	Stakes	Site	Winner	Trainer	Driver	2 <sup>nd</sup> Horse	3 <sup>rd</sup> Horse	Time
5/6	NJ Sire Stakes	M1	VOUKEFALAS	M. Russo	J. Stratton	HANDLELIKEAPORSCH	Lifes A Puzzle	1:50.3
5/6	Pa. Sire Stakes	Mea	BAMBOOZLER	V. Morgan	D. Dunn	Loubet	SEVEN COLORS	1:50.1
			Ken Hanover	R. Mallar	D. Miller	Ervin Hanover	All Class	1:49.4
			Annapolis Hanover	M. York	H. Myers	NAZARE	Just Bet It All	1:50.3
			FULTON	L. Toscano	D. Dunn	Flight Craft	ADMIRAL HILL	1:49.2

5/13	NJ Sire Stakes	M1	VOUKEFALAS	M. Russo	J. Stratton	HANDLELIKEAPORSCHÉ	Laz	1:50
5/14	Pa. All-Stars	PcD	Idiosyncratic Command Ken Hanover	R. Burke B. Pelling R. Mallar	S. Allard T. McCarthy D. Miller	MAMBA Hunters Hero LYONS SURFING	Stay Grounded Panettone Hanover IM HUNGRY	1:50.3 1:51.1 1:51.4
5/21	Pa. Sire Stakes	PcD	AMMO FULTON It's My Show Ken Hanover	J. Holloway L. Toscano L. Toscano R. Mallar	D. Miller D. Dunn S. Zeron D. Miller	Flite Craft LYONS SURFING BAMBOOZLER Larceny	Just Bet It All Annapolis Hanover Captain Batboy All Class	1:50.3 1:50.2 1:49.2 1:49
5/27	NJ Sire Stakes	M1	VOUKEFALAS	M. Russo	J. Stratton	VICI	Lifes A Puzzle	1:49.4
5/28	Pa. Sire Stakes	Phi	It's My Show Ervin Hanover SEVEN COLORS	L. Toscano R. Burke B. Brown	S. Zeron Y. Gingras T. Tetrick	AMMO BAMBOOZLER Annapolis Hanover	LYONS SURFING Larceny Tip Top Cat	1:49.1 1:49.2 1:48.1
6/3	Somebchsomewhere	Wbsb	Redwood Hanover Annapolis Hanover STOCKADE SEELSTER	A. Beaton M. York I. Moore	J. MacDonald D. Miller J. Jamieson	FULTON BAMBOOZLER Moment Is Here	DUPREE HANOVER ANTS MARCHING GUNG HO	1:49 1:49.3 1:50.1
6/10	N.A. Cup elims	Wbsb	CHRISTCHURCH FULTON It's My Show CONFEDERATE	N. Taker L. Toscano L. Toscano B. Pelling	D. Dunn D. Dunn S. Zeron T. Tetrick	VOUKEFALAS AMMO SAVE AMERICA LYONS SURFING	Moment Is Here Redwood Hanover STOCKADE SEELSTER HUNGRY ANGEL BOY	1:48.4 1:48.2 1:48 1:48.4
6/16	NY Sire Stakes	VD						
6/17	N.A. Cup final	Wbsb						
6/23	Messenger elims	YR						
6/24	NY Sire Stakes	Stga						
6/30	Messenger final	YR						
7/8	Meadowlands Pace elim.	M1						
7/15	Meadowlands Pace Final	M1						