

ROAD TO THE MEADOWLANDS PACE
 Week 5 (of 10) – Thursday, May 30
 The Meadowlands Pace is on Saturday, July 13, 2024

RANK	HORSE (EARNINGS – MARK)	DRIVER, TRAINER OWNER(S)	DAVE LITTLE'S (AND TRAINER'S) COMMENTS
1	Captain Albano (\$491,230 – 1:49.2)	T. McCarthy, N. Daley PATRICIA STABLE, L A EXPRESS & SJOBLOM INC, MICHAEL E DOLAN	IF THIS IS NOEL DALEY'S WAY OF TAKING HIS TIME WITH HIS PRIZED PUPIL, IT'S GOING TO BE A BIG YEAR, AS THE HORSE NAMED FOR THE FAMED WRESTLING MANAGER HAS A STRANGLEHOLD ON THE TOP SPOT AFTER A SECOND STRAIGHT GOOD-LOOKING SCORE IN THE KEYSTONE STATE. DALEY: "MY HORSE IS THE ONE THEY HAVE TO BEAT. WE'VE BEEN LUCKY. HE GOT A NICE TRIP IN HIS FIRST START AND HE GOT AN EASY ENOUGH HALF IN HIS SECOND THE OTHER DAY. IF WE GET ALL THINGS BEING RIGHT, HE'LL GET BETTER EACH WEEK. I'M HAPPY WITH WHERE WE ARE AT. WE'LL GET UP TO MOHAWK NEXT WEEK [FOR THE NORTH AMERICA CUP] AND WE'LL HAVE MORE TO DEAL WITH." Breeding: Captaintreacherous-Angelou LAST RACE: 5/26/2024 – PHL – PASS – 1ST (1:49.4)
2	Captain's Quarters (\$396,808 – 1:49.3)	J. Jamieson, H. Holland Rich P Stiles	WILL BE MAKING HIS SECOND START OF THE SEASON SATURDAY IN THE SOMEBEACHSOMEWHERE. ARE YOU IN CATCH-UP MODE? HOLLAND: "I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE JUST ONE MORE START BUT IT'S PRETTY HARD TO DANCE EVERY DANCE AND HAVE THEM 100% EVERY WEEK, SO WE'LL TAKE THE WEEKS AS THEY COME." Breeding: Captaintreacherous-Prescient Beauty LAST RACE: 5/18/2024 – WBSB – WQ2-4RL – 1ST (1:50.1)
3	Legendary Hanover (\$319,904 – 1:48.3)	J. MacDonald, A. Beaton Eric K Good, West Wins Stable, Mark B Dumain	DID HE NEED THE WEEK OFF AFTER THAT SCORCHING 1:48.3 EFFORT? BEATON: "IT WAS A PLANNED WEEK OFF. WE DON'T WANT TO RACE EVERY WEEK. WE POSSIBLY HAVE THREE BIG WEEKS HERE [AT MOHAWK]. OUR PLAN HAS WORKED OUT SO FAR. THERE ARE BIGGER TASKS AT HAND." NEXT UP: THE SBSW. Breeding: Huntsville-Lillian Hanover LAST RACE: 5/18/2024 – WBSB – WQ4-7RL – 1ST (1:48.3)
4	Gem Quality (\$486,576 – 1:50)	D. Dunn, C. Ryder Let It Ride Stables Inc, Odds On Racing, Bradley J Grant, Enviro Stables Ltd	I KNOW, I KNOW, IT'S A TOUGH ROOM WHEN YOU'RE A GOOD SECOND TO THE NO. 1 HORSE AND YOU DROP A SPOT IN THE POLL. THAT'S HOW STACKED THIS TOP 10 IS. RYDER: "MY HORSE WAS VERY GOOD [ON SUNDAY] BUT ALL CREDIT TO [CAPTAIN ALBANO]. HE HAD US ALL BOTTLED UP UNTIL THE STRETCH. WE'RE TAKING THE WEEK OFF AND GOING TO THE NORTH AMERICA CUP." Breeding: Captain Crunch-Twinkle LAST RACE: 5/26/2024 – PHL – PASS – 2ND (1:50)
5	Captain Luke (\$342,494 – 1:49.3)	S. Zeron, T. Alagna Robert J Leblanc, Pryde Stables Inc, Bradley J Grant, Steven Head	FIRST START OF THE YEAR: SECOND TO MCCRUNCH. SECOND START OF THE YEAR (LAST WEEK): A HUGE 10-HOLE WIN OVER A PAIR OF PACE ELIGIBLES (REMEMBER THE ALAMO AND NUMBER CRUNCHER). AS A RESULT, HE JUMPS OVER HIS STABLEMATE INTO THE 5 SPOT. WERE YOU EXPECTING THAT KIND OF EFFORT? ALAGNA: "ABSOLUTELY. WITH WHAT HE HAS COMING UP IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS THE PLAN WAS TO RACE HIM AGGRESSIVELY ENOUGH TO HAVE THIS WEEK OFF TO GIVE HIM TIME TO RECOVER." NEXT UP IS THE NORTH AMERICA CUP. Breeding: Captaintreacherous-Bodacious Hanover LAST RACE: 5/25/2024 – M1 – 3YO NW3 – 1ST (1:49.3)
6	Better Is Nice (\$581,220 – 1:50.3)	A. McCarthy, T. Alagna Alagna Racing LLC, Pryde Stables Inc, Birnarn Wood Farms	ADDED LASIX AND HAD ANOTHER NICE EFFORT, BUT CAME UP SHORT TO PACE INELIGIBLE ARBITRAGE HANOVER FOR A THIRD STRAIGHT START. ALAGNA: "I THOUGHT OUR HORSE WAS VERY GOOD THE OTHER DAY. HE'S ABOUT WHERE I NEED HIM TO BE. I THINK THIS WEEK OFF WILL DO HIM A LOT OF GOOD." Breeding: Bettor's Wish-Thatsoveryverynice LAST RACE: 5/25/2024 – M1 – NJSS FINAL – 2ND (1:49.1)
7	Clever Cody (\$415,872 – 1:50.1)	A. Merriman, Dr. I. Moore Clever Cody Stable	AFTER THE SNAP ON HIS SPLIT MARTINGALE BROKE IN HIS MAY 18 TH START, DOC MOORE WORKED THE HORSE LAST SATURDAY IN 1:50 AT MOHAWK. NOW, HE WILL SHIP TO OHIO TO RACE IN THE SIRES STAKES. MOORE: "HE JOGGED SUPER [WEDNESDAY] AND WILL JOG [THURSDAY], THEN SHIP EARLY FRIDAY MORNING TO NORTHFIELD. I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NORTH AMERICA CUP." Breeding: The Panderosa-Cams Van Go LAST RACE: 5/18/2024 – WBSB – WQ4-7RL – 8TH BE (1:51.3)
8	Mirage Hanover (\$177,393 – 1:49.3)	T. Tetrick, J. Leamon Marvin J Rounick	DISPLAYED HIS POWERHOUSE LATE KICK IN LAST, BUT CAME UP SHORT TO THE TOUGH BINGE ON YANKEE. LEAMON: "[TIM] HAD TO CHECK HIM HALFWAY DOWN THE LANE OR IT WOULD HAVE BEEN INTERESTING. MY HORSE TAKES CARE OF HIMSELF. WE'LL TAKE THE WEEK OFF AND THEN HEAD TO THE NORTH AMERICA CUP." Breeding: Bettor's Delight-Mayhem Seelster LAST RACE: 5/25/2024 – M1 – NW14,000 – 2ND (1:48.4)
9	Total Stranger (\$88,085 – 1:49)	Y. Gingras, N. Takter Judith S Taylor, Caviart Farms, Chuck Pompey	NEXT START FOR THIS SPEEDBALL WILL BE IN THE NORTH AMERICA CUP. TAKTER: "HE'S GOING TO TRAIN AT THE MEADOWLANDS [THURSDAY]. I THINK HIS BIGGEST ATTRIBUTE IS HE IS EFFICIENTLY GAITED. I THINK RIGHT NOW WE JUST KIND OF HAVE TO RACE THE HORSE AS THINGS UNFOLD. I THINK HE'D BE FINE OFF A HELMET." Breeding: Bettor's Delight-Precocious Beauty LAST RACE: 5/19/2024 – PHL – NW3 – 1ST (1:49)
10	McCrunch (\$28,490 – 1:49.4)	Y. Gingras, N. Takter 3 Brothers Stable, Caviart Farms, Joe Sbrocco, JAF Racing LLC	TALK ABOUT A HORSE FOR THE COURSE. 4 MEADOWLANDS STARTS, 4 MEADOWLANDS WINS. TAKTER: "HE WILL RACE AT THE BIG M FRIDAY (IN RACE 5) AND NO PLACE ELSE UNTIL THE MEADOWLANDS PACE. I THINK IT WAS A MATTER OF CIRCUMSTANCE IN THE TWO RACES HE BROKE. HE'S STILL A VERY GREEN HORSE." Breeding: Captain Crunch-McGibson LAST RACE: 5/18/2024 – M1 – 3YO NW3 – 1ST (1:49.4)

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
5/4	PaSS	Mea	Rush In	L. Toscano	D. Palone	Timeisonmyside	Solid Character	1:50.1
			Booming Economy	R. Burke	M. Wilder	Tenacious Hanover	Hugh Heston	1:51.4
			Captain Fear Not	K. Troy	J. Indof	LYONS BENJAMIN	Solar Solution	1:51.2
5/4	NJSS	M1	Arbitrage Hanover	B. Pelling	T. McCarthy	BETTER IS NICE	Alritealritealrite	1:51.4
			Endofstory	D. Dilloian Jr.	T. McCarthy	Royal Desire	Ain't Nostopn Time	1:51.1
5/11	Pa All-Stars	PcD	Solid Character	R. Burke	D. Miller	Target Aquired	Solar Solution	1:51.3
			GEM QUALITY	C. Ryder	D. Dunn	Timeisonmyside	Dream Bird	1:53
			IVY PARK	N. Takter	Y. Gingras	Armada Hanover	Captain Fear Not	1:51.3
			Women Layer	B. Pelling	T. McCarthy	Southwind Celcius	Americagreatagain	1:51.3
5/11	NJSS	M1	Arbitrage Hanover	B. Pelling	T. McCarthy	Bonaparte	BETTER IS NICE	1:51
			Endofstory	D. Dilloian Jr.	T. McCarthy	Mr Three O Five	Royal Desire	1:50.4
5/18	PaSS	PcD	Sweet Beach Life	T. Alexander	M. Kakaley	Solid Character	Tenacious Hanover	1:50.4
			CAPTAIN ALBANO	N. Daley	T. McCarthy	IVY PARK	ITS SATURDAY NIGHT	1:50.4
			Rush In	L. Toscano	S. Zeron	CAPTAIN SKIPPY	LYONS BENJAMIN	1:50.2
			GEM QUALITY	C. Ryder	D. Dunn	Armada Hanover	Lou's World	1:51
5/25	NJSS Final	M1	Arbitrage Hanover	B. Pelling	T. McCarthy	BETTER IS NICE	Mr Three O Five	1:49.1
5/26	PaSS	Phi	Rush In	L. Toscano	S. Zeron	IVY PARK	LYONS BENJAMIN	1:49.4
			CAPTAIN SKIPPY	A. Svanstedt	D. Dunn	Southwind Celcius	Armada Hanover	1:50.2
			CAPTAIN ALBANO	N. Daley	T. McCarthy	GEM QUALITY	ITS SATURDAY NIGHT	1:49.4
6/1	Somebchsomewhere	Wbsb						
6/5	NYSS	BR						
6/8	N.A. Cup eliminations	Wbsb						
6/14	NYSS	VD						
6/15	N.A. Cup final	Wbsb						
6/21	Messenger elims	YR						
6/28	Messenger final	YR						
7/6	Meadowlands Pace elims	M1						
7/13	Meadowlands Pace Final	M1						