

ROAD TO THE MEADOWLANDS PACE
Week 7 (of 10) – Thursday, June 13
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's Quarters (\$430,206 – 1:49.1)	J. Jamieson, H. Holland Rich P Stiles	(Departs from post 5 in The N.A. Cup final) Gapped his cover a tad on the far turn, but it didn't matter in what was a superb effort, as he gunned down Captain Albano to take over the top spot in the poll. Holland: "I still think I have the best colt in North America, all things being equal. Things can go right or wrong in a race but I have a lot of faith in my horse." Breeding: Captaintreacherous-Prescient Beauty Last Race: 6/8/2024 – Wbsb – N.A. Cup elimination – 1 st (1:49.1)
2	Funtime Bayama (\$303,108 – 1:49.1)	S. Filion, R. Moreau Bayama Farms Inc	(Post 6) Moves all the way up to No. 2 after gunning down Legendary Hanover at the wire. Filion: "My horse relaxed down the stretch [in the pocket]. I thought he might get locked in but then I got room. When I moved him, he hesitated, and I shook him up a little bit and then he moved full tilt. He wanted to win. That's a good sign. I think the Cup is going to be a very exciting race." Breeding: He's Watching-Tymal Sugrbabydoll Last Race: 6/8/2024 – Wbsb – N.A. Cup elimination – 1 st (1:50.1)
3	Nijinsky (\$164,890 – 1:49)	L. Roy, A. Beaton West Wins Stable, John D Fielding, Mark B Dumain	(Post 4) Stayed perfect in 4 seasonal starts after a safe score in the softest elimination. Beaton: "I thought we were in a softer division but he did perform exceptionally again, and that's all we can ask from him. We hope we saved a little for this week." Breeding: Bettor's Delight-Pirouette Hanover Last Race: 6/8/2024 – Wbsb – N.A. Cup elimination – 1 st (1:50.2)
4	Captain Albano (\$500,355 – 1:49.2)	T. McCarthy, N. Daley Patricia Stable, L A Express & Sjoblom Inc, Michael E Dolan	(Post 2) A nice effort, but he could not deal with Captain's Quarters late in his elim. Daley: "I was happy with his effort. I didn't really have him all prepped up. I figured he'd get the most improvement out of the race than the others. He will be a lot sharper this week. There looks to be six horses in there [who can win the Cup] and the others can be spoilers." Breeding: Captaintreacherous-Angelou Last Race: 6/8/2024 – Wbsb – N.A. Cup elimination – 2 nd (1:49.2)
5	Legendary Hanover (\$344,359 – 1:48.3)	J. MacDonald, A. Beaton Eric K Good, West Wins Stable, Mark B Dumain	(Post 8) Drops two spots after losing for the second time this year – in no-shame fashion – to Funtime Bayama. Beaton: "I wouldn't say he's tailed off. The front end the other night, it seemed like the track was playing to horses coming from off the speed. We trained him and Nijinsky [Wednesday] morning and they were both super." Breeding: Huntsville-Lillian Hanover Last Race: 6/8/2024 – Wbsb – N.A. Cup elimination – 2 nd (1:50.1)
6	McCrunch (\$35,775 – 1:49)	Y. Gingras, N. Takter 3 Brothers Stable, Caviart Farms, Joe Sbrocco, JAF Racing LLC	(Did not go to The N.A. Cup) His trainer will look for a race before the Pace at The Meadowlands, where this year he has 5 wins in 5 tries. Takter: "I thought it was maybe a bit hard to go to the North America Cup with a June foal who really is not even 3-years-old yet, but I do like his development from 2 to 3." Breeding: Captain Crunch-McGibson Last Race: 5/31/2024 – M1 – W1-NW3 – 1 st (1:49)
7	Captain Luke (\$346,874 – 1:49.3)	S. Zeron, T. Alagna Robert J Leblanc, Pryde Stables Inc, Bradley J Grant, Steven Head	(Post 3) Closed ground in his elim to grab a 3 rd -place check. Alagna: "The trip worked out well. He's a horse that needs time to get rolling and he lacked room until late in his elimination, and by that time, the race was pretty much over. We got a good draw and he's had a good week." Breeding: Captaintreacherous-Bodacious Hanover Last Race: 6/8/2024 – Wbsb – N.A. Cup elimination – 3 rd (1:50.3)
8	Mirage Hanover (\$180,313 – 1:49.3)	T. Tetrick, J. Leamon Marvin J Rounick	(Post 3 in the consolation) Finished fourth in his elim, did not display his usual sharp late kick, but the trip prevented that, after he was left first-over. Leamon: "He raced his eyeballs out, it was just bad luck, and the track was not really good. We'll see how he goes in the consolation." Breeding: Bettor's Delight-Mayhem Seelster Last Race: 6/8/2024 – Wbsb – N.A. Cup elimination – 4 th (1:50.3)
9	Total Stranger (\$92,465 – 1:49)	T. Tetrick, N. Takter Mitchell E Friesen, Caviart Farms, Chuck Pompey	(Post 9) Flashed his usual speed, led to the stretch, hung in there for third in Nijinsky's win, but his trainer doesn't think her horse is a one-trick pony. Takter: "I think he'd be fine off a helmet, too." Breeding: Bettor's Delight-Precocious Beauty Last Race: 6/8/2024 – Wbsb – N.A. Cup elimination – 3 rd (1:50.4)
10	Gem Quality (\$488,401 – 1:50)	D. Dunn, C. Ryder Let It Ride Stables Inc, Odds On Racing, Bradley J Grant, Enviro Stables Ltd	Wilted to 5 th in the Captain's Quarters win, failing to earn a spot in the final. You have 4 weeks to get ready for the Pace. What's the plan? Ryder: "I was a bit disappointed. We are not going in the consolation. I'm just going to get home, train him, make sure he's on his game and go from there. I'm going to see how he is before I decide if we race him before the Pace." Breeding: Captain Crunch-Twinkle Last Race: 6/8/2024 – Wbsb – N.A. Cup elimination – 5 th (1:51)

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 Booming Economy Captain Fear Not	L. Toscano R. Burke K. Troy	D. Palone M. Wilder J. Indof	Timeisonmyside Tenacious Hanover LYONS BENJAMIN	Solid Character Hugh Heston Solar Solution	1:50.1 1:51.4 1:51.2
5/4	NJSS	M1	Arbitrage Hanover Endofstory	B. Pelling D. Dilloian Jr.	T. McCarthy T. McCarthy	BETTER IS NICE Royal Desire	Alritealrite Ain't Nostopn Time	1:51.4 1:51.1
5/11	Pa All-Stars	PcD	Solid Character	R. Burke	D. Miller	Target Aquired	Solar Solution	1:51.3

			GEM QUALITY IVY PARK Women Layer	C. Ryder N. Takter B. Pelling	D. Dunn Y. Gingras T. McCarthy	Timeisonmyside Armada Hanover Southwind Celcius	Dream Bird Captain Fear Not Americagreatagain	1:53 1:51.3 1:51.3
5/11	NJSS	M1	Arbitrage Hanover Endofstory	B. Pelling D. Dilloian Jr.	T. McCarthy T. McCarthy	Bonaparte Mr Three O Five	BETTER IS NICE Royal Desire	1:51 1:50.4
5/18	PaSS	PcD	Sweet Beach Life CAPTAIN ALBANO Rush In GEM QUALITY	T. Alexander N. Daley L. Toscano C. Ryder	M. Kakaley T. McCarthy S. Zeron D. Dunn	Solid Character IVY PARK CAPTAIN SKIPPY Armada Hanover	Tenacious Hanover ITS SATURDAY NIGHT LYONS BENJAMIN Lou's World	1:50.4 1:50.4 1:50.2 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	Phl	Rush In CAPTAIN SKIPPY CAPTAIN ALBANO	L. Toscano A. Svanstedt N. Daley	S. Zeron D. Dunn T. McCarthy	IVY PARK Southwind Celcius GEM QUALITY	LYONS BENJAMIN Armada Hanover ITS SATURDAY NIGHT	1:49.4 1:50.2 1:49.4
6/1	Somebchsomewhere	Wbsb	FUNTIME BAYAMA NIJINSKY	R. Moreau A. Beaton	S. Fillion L. Roy	LEGENDARY HANOVER CAPTAIN'S QUARTERS	Fast Louie NEWSROOM	1:49.1 1:49
6/8	N.A. Cup eliminations	Wbsb	CAPTAIN'S QUARTERS FUNTIME BAYAMA NIJINSKY	H. Holland R. Moreau A. Beaton	J. Jamieson S. Fillion L. Roy	CAPTAIN ALBANO LEGENDARY HANOVER STORM SHADOW	IVY PARK CAPTAIN LUKE TOTAL STRANGER	1:49.1 1:50.1 1:50.2
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						