

ROAD TO THE MEADOWLANDS PACE

Week 5 (of 10) – Thursday, May 29

The Meadowlands Pace is on Saturday, July 12, 2025

Rank	Horse (Earnings – Mark)	Driver, Trainer Owner(s)	Dave Little’s (and trainer’s) Comments
1	Louprint (\$798,821 – 1:48.4)	R. Wrenn Jr., R. Burke Burke Racing Stable LLC, Weaver Brusceci LLC, Phillip Collura, Lawrence R. Karr	Needed the length of the stretch to catch Fallout at Chester after that one had cut out soft fractions, but he got the job done just like his trainer wanted him to, from off the pace. Burke: “He did it easy. That’s a good horse in front of him. I don’t think Ronnie was ever worried. He could not go into the North America Cup more perfectly prepped. He’ll train a little bit this weekend.” Breeding: Sweet Lou-Rockin Racer Last Race: 5/25/2025 – Phl – PaSS – 1st (1:50.2)
2	Captain Optimistic (\$464,910 – 1:49)	D. Dunn, N. Takter 3 Brothers Stables, Marvin Katz, Caviart Farms	Took the lead with a big move to the half, but could not deal with Pace ineligible Twisted Destiny, who was a giant two-move winner. Not in to go this week. The 2024 Governor’s Cup champion has the North America Cup up next. Breeding: Captaintreacherous-Cinamony Last Race: 5/25/2025 – Phl – PaSS – 2nd (1:50)
3	Fallout (\$583,380 – 1:48.4)	T. Tetrick, T. Alagna Robert J. LeBlanc, Pryde Stables Inc, Caviart Farms	A nice try on the engine, but ended up second best to the horse who’s been No. 1 since the start of the Top 10. Alagna: “I was very happy. He’s not a sprinter. That’s not normally his style. Our horse is much like his father. He can stay in gear a long time and go :26 and change. We’ll take the week off, then train him up for the Cup.” Breeding: Captaintreacherous-Aria Hanover Last Race: 5/25/2025 – Phl – PaSS – 2nd (1:50.2)
4	Prince Hal Hanover (\$312,416 – 1:49.3)	D. Miller, Dr. I. Moore Prince Hal Hanover Stable	Took last week off. Moore: “I trained him [Tuesday] in preparation for the Somebeachsomewhere. He just trained fair. He doesn’t like training alone, but all is good. we’re in good shape.” Breeding: Captaintreacherous-Percy Bluechip Last Race: 5/17/2025 – PcD – PaSS – 1st (1:49.3)
5	Manolete (\$307,243 – 1:50.3)	S. Zeron, B. Saunders M and L of Delaware LLC, M & M Harness Racing LLC	Went a huge mile in the NJSS final, digging in to the wire but falling just short of holding off Pace ineligible Smooth Dream. Saunders: “I thought it was his best race ever. He did all of the heavy lifting and never stopped fighting. No North America Cup for him. He’ll take this week off and then we will supplement to the Messenger at Yonkers.” Breeding: Cattlewash-Glancewithme Last Race: 5/24/2025 – M1 – NJSS Final – 2nd (1:50.3)
6	Papi’s Rocket (\$320,601 – 1:50.4)	Y. Gingras, R. Burke Burke Racing Stable LLC, Weaver Brusceci LLC, Knox Services Inc, Slaughter Racing Stable LLC	Went an inside trip, ended up third in the Twisted Destiny-Captain Optimistic tussle while never threatening. Burke: “He didn’t race terribly, but we’ve got to find a way to find more. We’ll take the week off. I’m not sure yet when he will race next.” Breeding: Papi Rob Hanover-Real Touch Last Race: 5/25/2025 – Phl – PaSS – 3rd (1:50.1)
7	Making History (\$42,500 – 1:52.1)	B. Beckwith, T. Alagna Riverview Racing LLC	Crisp late to get third against Smooth Dream and Manolete but was never a threat. Alagna: “I think he’s just not quite as experienced as the other colts. Once he got in gear, he was airborne, you just have to get him through that last turn. I think Brett’s done a great job of educating him. We’re still on the bubble about going to the North America Cup.” Not in this week. Breeding: American History-Mystery Game Last Race: 5/24/2025 – M1 – NJSS Final – 3rd (1:51.4)
8	Fusion	T. McCarthy, B. Pelling	Took some serious backstretch pressure before repelling that challenge and prevailing with ease in a Stallion Series dash. Pelling: “He’s never raced in front, so I was sort of quite happy he rolled on.

	(\$116,322 – 1:50.4)	Diamond Creek Racing	<p>He’s a tough bugger. a big, strong easy-going horse. I’d like to get two more race miles under his belt before the Pace eliminations.” Not in this week.</p> <p>Breeding: Always B Miki-Pure Country</p> <p>Last Race: 5/25/2025 – Phl – TSS – 1st (1:51.2)</p>
9	American Son (\$176,815 – 1:49.3)	D. Dunn, C. Ryder Henderson Farms	<p>Sat a two-hole to Papis Pistol and sprinted past that foe in a good-looking try. Ryder: “He showed a bit of life. Obviously, we need a race, but he did go [1]:51 in the qualifier, so I’m kind of happy. He’s in to go in the Somebeachsomewhere.”</p> <p>Breeding: American Ideal-Lady Captain</p> <p>Last Race: 5/24/2025 – M1 – Qualifier – 1st (1:51)</p>
10	Papis Pistol (\$184,867 – 1:49.3)	A. Miller, S. DePinto Shannon C. DePinto, Chris Arvanitis, Anthony Perretti, Brad Shackman	<p>Did he get outsprinted? Yes. Did he look bad? Absolutely not! DePinto: “I thought the horse was OK. His liver [count] is still high but by Saturday, hopefully, it’s fine. That was my biggest concern. We’re in the Somebeachsomewhere.”</p> <p>Breeding: Papi Rob Hanover-Bang Bang</p> <p>Last Race: 5/24/2025 – M1 – Qualifier – 2nd (1:51.3)</p>

KEY PREP RACES

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

Date	Stakes	Site	Winner	Trainer	Driver	2nd Horse	3rd Horse	Time
5/3	PaSS	Mea	Twisted Destiny	C. Ryder	D. Dunn	Railroad Station	PRINCE HAL HANOVER	1:49.1
			LOUPRINT	R. Burke	R. Wrenn Jr.	Dreamboat Hanover	WILD BILL WYATT	1:49.3
			Go Go Grasshopper	J. Bongiorno	D. Palone	PAPI’S ROCKET	Shipmaster	1:50
5/3	NJSS	M1	MAKING HISTORY	T. Alagna	B. Beckwith	MANOLETE	Expedited Service	1:52.1
			Smooth Dream	N. Daley	T. McCarthy	Twin Fury	TOM HORN	1:49.3
5/10	Pa All-Stars	PcD	Beach Club Monty	B. Pelling	S. Zeron	Shipmaster	SEAWORTHY HANOVER	1:51.2
			Lou’s Starr	S. Warnick	M. Kakaley	WAFFLE BLUE CHIP	Wedlock Blue Chip	1:51.2
			Snack Attack	J. Bongiorno	J. Bartlett	PAPI’S ROCKET	Delray Beach	1:51.1
			Railroad Station	R. Burke	Y. Gingras	Odds On No Limit	Federer	1:50.4
			Makes Sense	R. Cleary	A. McCarthy	Bulldozer	Dreamboat Hanover	1:51.4
5/10	NJSS	M1	MANOLETE	B. Saunders	S. Zeron	Odds On Broward	Expedited Service	1:50.3
			Smooth Dream	N. Daley	T. McCarthy	Twin Fury	MAKING HISTORY	1:50.4
5/17	PaSS	PcD	LOUPRINT	R. Burke	R. Wrenn	Twisted Destiny	Th Kay C Crunch	1:50.2
			Wedlock Blue Chip	R. Mallar	D. Miller	PAPI’S ROCKET	Shipmaster	1:51.3
			PRINCE HAL HANOVER	Dr. I. Moore	D. Miller	Railroad Station	Lou’s Starr	1:49.3
5/24	NJSS final	M1	Smooth Dream	N. Daley	T. McCarthy	MANOLETE	MAKING HISTORY	1:50.3
5/24	OnSS Gold	WMP	Sterling Choice	B. MacIntosh	B. Davis Jr.	SET SHOT	Aquinas Hanover	1:50.4
			Control Rocks	J. Darling	T. Borth	Tip Of Time	Fifth And Five	1:50.1
5/25	PaSS	Phl	Twisted Destiny	C. Ryder	T. McCarthy	CAPTAIN OPTIMISTIC	PAPI’S ROCKET	1:49.4
			Wedlock Blue Chip	R. Mallar	D. Miller	Railroad Station	Charge Me Up	1:50.3
			LOUPRINT	R. Burke	R. Wrenn Jr.	FALLOUT	Go Go Grasshopper	1:50.2
5/31	Somebchsomewhere	WMP						
6/7	N.A. Cup elims	WMP						
6/14	N.A. Cup final	WMP						
6/20	Messenger elims	YR						

6/27	Messenger final	YR						
6/28	OnSS Gold	WMP						
7/5	Meadowlands Pace elims	M1						
7/12	Meadowlands Pace final	M1						