| RANK | Horse | DRIVER, TRAINER | DAVE LITTLE'S COMMENTS |
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| | (EARNINGS – MARK) | OWNER(S) | |
| 1 | CAPTAIN CRUNCH (\$616,113 – 1:49.1) | S. ZERON, N. JOHANSSON 3 BROTHERS STABLES, CHRISTINA TAKTER, ROJAN STABLES, CAVIART FARMS | PACED HIS FINAL QUARTER IN :26.3 ON THE WAY TO AN EASY QUALIFYING WIN AT THE MEADOWLANDS SATURDAY MORNING. PLAN IS TO BEGIN HIS SEASON ON MAY 19 IN PENNSYLVANIA SIRE STAKES ACTION. JOHANSSON: "HE TRAINED WEDNESDAY MORNING AND COULD NOT HAVE BEEN ANY MORE PERFECT." LAST RACE: 5/4 – M1 – QUALIFIER – 151 (1:51.2) |
| 2 | PROOF (\$451,039 – 1:51) | D. MILLER, B. BROWN DIAMOND CREEK RACING | MOVED TO THE LEAD AT THE HALF BUT HAD TO SETTLE FOR SECOND IN HIS FIRST OUTING OF THE YEAR SATURDAY IN A SOLID TRY. BROWN: "HE WAS GOOD. SOUTHWIND OZZI CAME FROM A LONG WAY BACK TO BEAT HIM. THE WINNER PACED HIS BACK HALF IN :53. I BELIEVE PROOF WILL IMPROVE AS THE SEASON GOES ON. I THINK THESE HORSES WILL GO 1:48 CONSISTENTLY THIS YEAR." LAST RACE: 5/4 – MEA – PASS – 2ND (1:50.4) |
| 3 | BLOOD MONEY (\$357,244 – 1:50) | S. ZERON, N. JOHANSSON DIAMOND CREEK RACING | AFTER A STIRRING SEASONAL DEBUT THAT SAW HIM CIRCLE UP FROM EIGHTH AT THREE-QUARTERS TO FLY HOME AND RECORD A 2-LENGTH SCORE IN A LIFETIME BEST 1:50 AT THE MEADOWLANDS, HE TOOK LAST WEEK OFF. HE IS SET TO GO SATURDAY AT POCONO IN A DIVISION OF THE PENNSYLVANIA ALL-STARS. JOHANSSON: "HE'S DOING VERY WELL. I EXPECT HIM TO DO WELL ON SATURDAY." LAST RACE: 4/27 – M1 – NON-WINNERS OF 6 – 1 ST (1:50) |
| 4 | BRONX SEELSTER (\$294,505 – 1:51.2) | T. HENRY, W. MCGEAN CAPERS 3 STABLE | QUALIFIED FOR A SECOND STRAIGHT MONDAY AT WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK, STOPPING THE CLOCK IN 1:54 AFTER BRUSHING TO THE LEAD AT THREE-QUARTERS. MCGEAN: "IT'S A LONG SEASON, SO I'M IN NO RUSH TO GET HIM A RACE. IF I CAN'T FIND ONE, WE'LL START THE YEAR IN THE ONTARIO SIRE STAKES ON THE 25TH." LAST RACE: 5/6 – WMP – QUALIFIER – 1 ST (1:54) |
| 5 | Love Me Some Lou (\$190,495 – 1:50.4) | D. MILLER, T. CANCELLIERE J. CANCELLIERE | MAKES HIS FIRST APPEARANCE IN THE POLL STAYING PERFECT IN TWO STARTS THIS YEAR AFTER TAKING HIS DIVISION OF THE PASS IN 1:50.4. CANCELLIERE: "HE WAS A LITTLE CLUMSY AT 2 BUT STILL A NICE HORSE. HE'S MUCH MORE SURE-FOOTED THIS YEAR. I KIND OF EXPECTED THAT EFFORT (OF HIS WIN ON SATURDAY). IF HE SEES A TARGET, HE WANTS TO AFTER IT. HIS NEXT RACE IS IN THE SIRE STAKES ON THE 19 TH ." LAST RACE: 5/4 – MEA – PASS – 1ST (1:50.4) |
| 6 | SEMI TOUGH (\$298,556 – 1:51.1) | M. KAKALEY, R. BURKE BURKE RACING STABLE, FRANK BALDACHINO, J&T SILVA-PURNEL & LIBBY, WEAVER BRUSCEMI | AFTER LEAVING FROM POST EIGHT, WAS NEVER INVOLVED SATURDAY IN A PENNSYLVANIA SIRE STAKES DIVISION AT THE MEADOWS BUT DID CLOSE IN :27.2 TO GRAB THE FINAL CHECK BY FINISHING FIFTH. BURKE: "THAT RACE WAS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. HE SEEMED LIKE HIMSELF. HIS NEXT START WILL BE IN SIRE STAKES A WEEK FROM SATURDAY." LAST RACE: 5/4 – MEA – PASS – 5TH (1:51.4) |
| 7 | BETTOR'S WISH (\$282,056 – 1:51.1) | D. DUNN, C. RYDER CHRIS RYDER, BELLA RACING, FAIR ISLAND FARM, KENNETH SOLOMON | CAME FROM JUST OFF THE PACE TO WIN AT YONKERS IN 1:52 AS THE 3-5 PUBLIC CHOICE IN HIS 2019 DEBUT. RYDER: "I TRAINED HIM WEDNESDAY AND HE'S DOING WELL. WE ARE GOING TO QUALIFY AT THE MEADOWLANDS SATURDAY AND THEN IT'S THE ROONEY AT YONKERS." LAST RACE: 4/29 – YR – NON-WINNERS OF 6 – 1st (1:52) |
| 8 | WORKIN ONA MYSTERY (\$129,608 – 1:49.3) | T. TETRICK, B. BROWN DIAMOND CREEK RACING, STAMBAUGH LEEMAN STABLE, ALAN KEITH, WINGFIELD BROTHERS | IMPRESSED IN HIS FIRST OUTING OF THE YEAR, WINNING FROM POST 8 IN 1:50.1 AS THE 4-5 PUBLIC CHOICE AT THE MEADOWS. BROWN: "THEY WENT GOOD ENOUGH FRACTIONS. HE CAME SECOND OVER AND WENT THREE-WIDE EARLY ON THE LAST TURN. I REALLY LIKE THIS HORSE. LIKE PROOF, HE'LL RACE ON THE 19™ IN SIRE STAKES." LAST RACE: 5/4 – MEA – PASS – 1st (1:50.1) |
| 9 | REIGNING DEO (\$247,163 – 1:54.1Q) | A. MCCARTHY, B. PELLING DEO VOLENTE FARMS, PELLING RACING, BRIAN GORDON | RALLIED WELL TO GET SECOND TO A 1-5 SHOT IN HIS FIRST OUTING OF THE YEAR IN A NON-WINNERS OF 5 AT PHILLY AFTER GOING A SECOND-OVER TRIP. PELLING: "HE WAS TREMENDOUS. HE HAD THE EIGHT HOLE ON A HORRENDOUS TRACK. FASTEST LAST QUARTER OF THE DAY. I'M SUPER HAPPY WITH THE RACE. HE'S BEAUTIFUL. WE'LL GO IN SIRE STAKES ON MONDAY AT MONTICELLO." LAST RACE: 5/5 – PHL – NON-WINNERS OF 5 – 2ND (1:53.2) |
| 10 | HURRIKANE EMPEROR (\$226,900 – 1:49.3) | D. DUBE, J. McDermott JONATHAN KLEE RACING, KUHEN RACING, PEGASIS INVESTMENT GROUP, WILLIAM GAROFALO | FIRST CHARTED LINE OF THE YEAR CAME IN A QUALIFIER AT THE MEADOWLANDS, WHEN HE FINISHED 5 TH . MCDERMOTT: "IT WAS MORE THAN I EVER WANTED TO GO THAT DAY (OF THE QUALIFIER). HE WENT A NICE FINAL QUARTER. A WEEK FROM FRIDAY HE'LL BE IN THE NEW JERSEY SIRE STAKES." LAST RACE: 5/4 - M1 - QUALIFIER - 5TH (1:51.4) |