

Rank	Horse (Earnings - Mark)	Driver, Trainer, Owner	Dave Little's Comments
1	Tall Dark Stranger (\$726,889 – 1:47.4)	Y. Gingras, N. Takter Crawford Farms Racing, Marvin Katz, Caviart Farms, Howard Taylor	Any doubts about how ready he is were squashed after his 1:47.4 dismantling of older foes Saturday night. The time equaled the fastest of the year in the sport. Takter: "I knew he had that in him. He did it very easily without much effort. The fact that he did it in his first start, that surprised me." Next stop: The Pace Elims on July 11. Last Race: 6/27 – M1 – NW\$22,500 – 1st (1:47.4)
2	Papi Rob Hanover (\$754,774 – 1:50)	D. Miller, B. Pelling David McDuffee	Will make his 2020 debut Saturday night in a tough spot in the Big M's 11th race. Has drawn post 10 against a good field of upper mid-range conditioned – and with one exception, older – foes. Pelling: "I'm looking for a nice clean race Saturday. There has never been a glitch [in his season]. The only glitch has been the schedule. My horse will thrive [racing for several weeks in a row]. I don't have to protect him. He's going to recover well naturally. Racing will turn him on." Last Race: 6/27 – M1 – Qualifier – 1st (1:50.3)
3	Capt Midnight (\$299,038 – 1:49.4)	A. McCarthy, T. Alagna Marvin Katz, Ken Jacobs, Brad Grant, Capt Midnight Racing	The only other 3-year-old in the 11th race Saturday did better at the post draw than Papi did, getting the 4. Alagna: "It's always tough for 3-year-olds to face older. But he's had a good week and we are looking forward to getting that first start in." Last Race: 6/22 – Gaitway – Qualifier – 1st (1:51)
4	Catch The Fire (\$258,547 – 1:49.4)	M. Wilder, J. Ackley CT Stables	Four of the Top 10 are in the 5th race Saturday at the Meadowlands. Catch The Fire drew best of the lot, leaving from the 6 hole. Ackley: "He's aggressive and loves what he's doing. He loves to compete and he'll probably go more than we hope for him. The plan is to race him some but we just want to get a real good tightener in him." Last Race: 6/18 – Mea – Qualifier – 1st (1:52.1)
5	Captain Barbossa (\$130,188 – 1:51.2)	A. McCarthy, T. Alagna Robert Leblanc, David Anderson, Alagnafrankinthegym Stable	Will depart from post 10 in Race 5 Saturday. Alagna: "We took last week off by design. We need to get another nice start in him. He had a good week but the 10 hole is a pain." Barbossa was a good second in his last race on June 20 after being pushed three-wide off the turn. Last Race: 6/20 – M1 – NW4 – 2nd (1:50.4)
6	Major Betts (\$153,390 – 1:49.1)	D. Dunn, M. Harder Joseph Jannuzzelli, Mark Harder, Deena Rachel Frost	Sped past Schnittker standout – and 2-5 favorite – Splash Brother at Tioga to win in 1:49.4 by 3 lengths on Sunday. Very impressive! Harder: "The colt raced right up to expectations. It looks like we are right on track. I think he's pretty much spot on." Last Race: 6/28 – TgDn – NYSS – 1st (1:49.4)
7	Allywag Hanover (\$38,233 – 1:48.2)	D. Miller, B. Pelling Allywag Stable	Burst onto the Meadowlands Pace scene with an eye-popping 1:48.2 score at the Big M last Saturday after flying home in :26.2. He'll be the favorite from post 8 in Saturday's 5th race. Pelling: "[I was not] at all surprised by his mile last week. He was sensational in his qualifier the week before. He's got sheer speed. He's the real deal. If he's not one the best five [horses] in the Pace, I'll give the game away." Last Race: 6/27 – M1 – NW4 – 1st (1:48.2)
8	Manticore (\$179,710 – 1:52.2)	D. Miller, B. Saunders M and L of Delaware, M & M Harness Racing	Distinguished himself for a second straight start, this time sprinting home in :26.2 to grab second to Allywag Hanover Saturday night. Leaves from post 7 in Saturday's Race 5. This horse is a bon fide closer. Saunders: "I expect him to race well this week. Next week [in the elims], I hope he's in a spot from where he can qualify for the [Meadowlands Pace] final. There are four or five horses that have a

			<p>much better resume than him, but if he gets the right trip, anything can happen.” Last Race: 6/27 – M1 – NW4 – 2nd (1:48.3)</p>
9	<p>Roll With Jr (\$176,516 – 1:50.4)</p>	<p>T. Tetrick, J.Cullipher Pollack Racing, Jeff Cullipher</p>	<p>Won a 3-year-old event at Cullipher’s home track, Hoosier Park, in speed fashion, in a very encouraging first betting start of the season. Cullipher: “I know my horse won’t be favored facing some of the better horses, but after the win back home last week, he’s earned the chance to race in The Pace. I was very pleased with his performance. We’ll train him up good Saturday and ship to the Meadowlands Sunday.” Last Race: 6/26 – HoP – The Star Destroyer – 1st (1:51.2)</p>
10	<p>Captain Kirk (\$60,228 – 1:51)</p>	<p>D. Dunn, T. Alagna Brittany Farms, Marvin Katz,Brad Grant, Captain Kirk Racing</p>	<p>Rounds out Alagna’s threesome in the Top 10. Lone pari-mutuel start this year resulted in a second-place finish – featuring a :25.2 kicker – at the hands of Splash Brother, who was winning in 1:48.2. Alagna: “I think [Captain] Kirk has talent like [Capt] Midnight. We quit with him early last year, after the Metro. So far, he’s paid us back for that extra time off.” Scheduled to qualify Friday morning. Will Alagna have 4 in the Pace? More? “You never know,” he said. Last Race: 6/20 – M1 – NW2 – 2nd (1:48.3)</p>