

DAVE LITTLE'S ROAD TO THE MEADOWLANDS PACE

Week 1 (of 10) – Thursday, May 4

The Meadowlands Pace is on Saturday, July 15, 2023

RANK	HORSE (EARNINGS – MARK)	DRIVER, TRAINER OWNER(S)	DAVE LITTLE'S (AND TRAINER'S) COMMENTS
1	STOCKADE SEELSTER (\$686,268 – 1:49.3)	J. JAMIESON, I. MOORE SALLY MACDONALD, PAUL MACDONALD	OPENS UP AS THE TOP DOG OFF A SUPERB 2022 THAT SAW HIM WIN 8-OF-11 STARTS, INCLUDING THE METRO. HAS YET TO RACE ANYWHERE BUT WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK. IS HE READY FOR THE ROAD? MOORE: "STANDARDBREDS ARE VERY ADAPTABLE, SO I THINK HE'LL BE FINE. I DO NOT INTEND TO RACE HIM UNTIL A WEEK FROM SATURDAY IN THE SBOA ELIMINATIONS (AT WMP). I'M VERY PLEASED SO FAR WITH WHERE HE'S AT." BREEDING: STATE TREASURER-SOIRE SEELSTER LAST RACE: 4/21/2023 – SOTC – QUALIFIER – 1ST (1:50.2)
2	AMMO (\$391,095 – 1:50.4)	D. MILLER, J. HOLLOWAY VAL D'OR FARMS, TED GEWERTZ	THE 2022 BREEDERS CROWN CHAMP WILL MAKE HIS SEASONAL DEBUT "AT (HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA) LATE NEXT WEEK" ACCORDING TO HOLLOWAY. "HIS QUALIFIER WAS VERY GOOD. I WANTED TO TAKE HIM THERE BECAUSE HE HADN'T RACED OVER ANYTHING BUT A MILE TRACK AND WILL BE RACING IN THE PENNSYLVANIA SIRE STAKES." BREEDING: SWEET LOU-BEACH GAL LAST RACE: 5/2/2023 – PHL – QUALIFIER – 1ST (1:51)
3	CONFEDERATE (\$443,700 – 1:49.2)	T. TETRICK, B. PELLING DIAMOND CREEK RACING	TOOK THE 2022 KENTUCKY CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES FINAL FOR A COOL \$400,000 WHILE PUTTING UP HIS LIFETIME BEST. SWITCHES TO A NEW BARN FOR THIS SEASON. PELLING: "HE'S A DUDE. HE'S PRETTY FULL-ON. IN HIS QUALIFIER, HE JUST CRUISED AROUND THERE. I THOUGHT IT WAS PRETTY IMPRESSIVE. I ACTUALLY DON'T KNOW WHEN HIS FIRST RACE WILL BE." BREEDING: SWEET LOU-GEOTHERMAL LAST RACE: 5/2/2023 – PHL – QUALIFIER – 2ND (1:51.2)
4	EL REY (\$284,400 – 1:49.2)	S. ZERON, T. ALAGNA BRITTANY FARMS LLC, EL REY RACING	DISPLAYED EXPLOSIVE LATE PACE TO DRINK FROM THE 2022 GOVERNOR'S CUP IN 1:49.2. ALAGNA: "HE STARTED TO SHOW SIGNS AT LEXINGTON LAST YEAR THAT HE WAS COMING INTO HIMSELF. THEN, WE GOT TO THE MEADOWLANDS AND HE GOT BETTER AND BETTER. WE'LL QUALIFY (FRIDAY AT THE MEADOWLANDS), THEN QUALIFY AGAIN AND SEE WHERE WE'RE AT." BREEDING: CAPTAIN TREACHEROUS-MYSTERY GAME LAST RACE: 11/26/2022 – M' – GOVERNOR'S CUP – 1ST (1:49.2)
5	SAVE AMERICA (\$347,005 – 1:49.4)	Y. GINGRAS, N. TAKTER 3 BROTHERS STABLES, CAVIART FARMS	WON FOUR IN A ROW LAST YEAR BEFORE SEEING THE STREAK SNAPPED WITH A SECOND IN THE METRO AS THE 3-5 FAVORITE. FROM THERE, HIS SEASON WASN'T MUCH. TAKTER: "HE RACED REALLY TOUGH AT LEXINGTON AFTER THAT RACE, AND HE WASN'T HEALTHY THAT START AND IT TOOK A TOLL JUST A LITTLE BIT. HE HAD A QUIET QUALIFIER LAST WEEK AND WILL QUALIFY AGAIN (FRIDAY). BEFORE THE PACE, WE HAVE TO FIGURE OUT A SCHEDULE TO GET HIM TO THE NORTH AMERICA CUP (ON JUNE 17)." BREEDING: CAPTAIN TREACHEROUS-MY LADY DAY LAST RACE: 4/22/2023 – M' – QUALIFIER – 4TH (1:53.1)
6	HANDLELIKEAPORSCH (\$269,350 – 1:50.1)	D. DUNN, C. RYDER CHRIS RYDER, WILLIAM EZZO, ROBERT MONDILLO, BARRY SPAK	HE WON HALF OF HIS 10 STARTS AS A 2-YEAR-OLD AND FINISHED SECOND TWICE TO VOUCHEFALAS (IN THE NJSS AND NEW JERSEY CLASSIC) DURING THE YEAR. THE RYDER STUDENT WILL MAKE HIS 2023 DEBUT SATURDAY IN NJSS ACTION AT THE BIG M. BREEDING: LAZARUS N-THE SIGNATURE LAST RACE: 4/22/2023 – M' – QUALIFIER – 3RD (1:53)
7	COMBUSTION (\$292,275 – 1:49.3)	T. MCCARTHY, B. PELLING DIAMOND CREEK RACING, THOMAS DILLON, SCOTT DILLON, COOPER SILVA STABLES	HAD A SOLID SEASON AT THE RED MILE A YEAR AGO BEFORE ENDING HIS 2022 WITH A 3 RD IN THE BREEDERS CROWN AND A 2 ND IN THE GOV CUP. PELLING: "A LOVELY HORSE. BIG AND STRONG. HE'LL QUALIFY TUESDAY AT (HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA)." BREEDING: CAPTAIN TREACHEROUS-ACQUAVELLA LAST RACE: 11/26/2022 – M' – GOVERNOR'S CUP – 2ND (1:49.2)
8	VOUCHEFALAS (\$241,088 – 1:50)	J. STRATTON, M. RUSSO MICHAEL PAGONAS	2022 WINS IN THE NJSS AND NJC PUT HIM ON THE MAP, HIS 2 EYE-POPPING QUALIFIERS THIS YEAR, ONE OF WHICH HE CLOSED IN :24.4, HAVE KEPT HIM THERE. RUSSO: "WHAT HE'S ALREADY DONE IS A BIG DEAL AND WHATEVER HE DOES FROM HERE, IT'S JUST GOING TO BE GREAT. HE'S A SPECIAL HORSE. I AM TREATING HIM LIKE HE'S A GREAT HORSE AND HOPING HE ENDS UP BEING THAT." THE NJSS (RACE 8) IS UP FIRST SATURDAY NIGHT. BREEDING: LAZARUS N-INITTOWINAFORTUNE LAST RACE: 4/22/2023 – M' – QUALIFIER – 1ST (1:52.2)
9	FULTON (\$268,542 – 1:49.4)	D. DUNN, L. TOSCANO LET IT RIDE STABLES INC, BOTTOM LINE RACING LLC	"IN HIS FIRST START LAST YEAR (A WIN IN 1:52.2), OUR JAWS DROPPED. IN HIS LAST START LAST YEAR, HE WON IN A WORLD RECORD (1:49.4)," SAID TOSCANO. "HE'S COME BACK REALLY WELL THIS YEAR. HE'S RACING IN THE PENNSYLVANIA SIRE STAKES AT THE MEADOWS ON SATURDAY." BREEDING: HESTON BLUE CHIP-BETTOR BE STEAMIN LAST RACE: 4/22/2023 – M' – QUALIFIER – 2ND (1:52.1)
10	ANTS MARCHING (\$75,542 – 1:50.1)	J. FONSECA, N. TAKTER HOWARD TAYLOR, NANCY TAKTER, JOSEPH PATRICK MCLEAD, WILLIAM WALTERS	"ANTS" WAS SEEN MARCHING DOWN THE ROAD IN THE SRF FINAL TO STAY PERFECT IN 3 SEASONAL OUTINGS, BUT WITH A LIFETIME BANKROLL STILL SHORT OF SIX FIGURES, CAN HE GO WITH THESE? TAKTER: "I THINK SO. HE'S A VERY FAST HORSE. HE'S GOT THE 9-HOLE FRIDAY NIGHT (RACE 12 AT THE BIG M). HE WAS AN ANTSY HORSE, BUT HE SETTLED DOWN ONCE WE GELDED HIM." BREEDING: DOWNBYTHESEASIDE-PASSIONATE BEAUTY LAST RACE: 4/22/2023 – M' – SRF – 1ST (1:51.4)

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
5/6	NJ Sire Stakes	M1						

5/6	Pa. Sire Stakes	Mea						
5/13	NJ Sire Stakes	M1						
5/14	Pa. All-Stars	PcD						
5/21	Pa. Sire Stakes	PcD						
5/27	NJ Sire Stakes	M1						
5/28	Pa. Sire Stakes	Phl						
6/3	Somebchsomewhere	Wbsb						
6/7	NY Sire Stakes	BR						
6/10	N.A. Cup elims	Wbsb						
6/16	NY Sire Stakes	VD						
6/17	N.A. Cup final	Wbsb						
6/23	Messenger elims	YR						
6/24	NY Sire Stakes	Stga						
6/30	Messenger final	YR						
7/8	Meadowlands Pace elim.	M1						
7/15	Meadowlands Pace Final	M1						