

Rank	Horse (Earnings – Mark)	Driver, Trainer Owner(s)	Dave Little's Comments
1	American Courage (\$468,633 – 1:49.4)	M. Kakaley, T. Alexander Fiddler's Creek Stables	Grabs the top spot (up from No. 5) in the final poll off a superb six-hole speed score at Yonkers in The Messenger as the 6-5 favorite. So what did his trainer think? "Not bad," said Alexander. "He looked fine. He actually trained better [Wednesday] than he did last week. He's just getting into shape. I think he'll be just fine [on a mile track]. He knows what it's all about." Breeding: American Ideal-Nota Fool Bluechip Last Race: 7/2 – YR – Messenger Final – 1st (1:51.4)
2	One Eight Hundred (\$106,708 – 1:48)	T. Tetrick, N. Takter Brixton Medical, Nancy Takter	I almost bumped this Takter trainee to the top spot (stays at No. 2) because he has Meadowlands experience while American Courage does not. Took last week off after a marvelous 1:48 mile that featured a back half in :52.2. Takter: "He's super. He couldn't be any better than he is right now and trained really well [Wednesday]." Takter normally uses Gingras or Dunn, so why Tetrick? "The other guys had horses in this division, and I wanted someone who would stick with the horse all year long." Breeding: Somebeachsomewhere-Economy Terror Last Race: 6/26 – M1 – Non-Winners of \$12,500L5 – 1st (1:48)
3	Abuckabett Hanover (\$255,021 – 1:49.1)	A. McCarthy, T. Alagna Crawford Farms Racing, Alagna Racing, Jablonsky Held Stable, Barbera N Wienick Stable	Drops from No. 1 to No. 3 off a tough outing in the slop at Yonkers, where he left from post 8, never saw the rail and then broke on the far turn after starting the year perfect in four starts. What happened in The Messenger? There were no excuses from the trainer. "The post position (8) didn't help but the track was fine," said Alagna. "He went into that far turn and started to lean out and he went off stride. But [for The Pace] we are feeling good." Breeding: Betting Line-All Tucked Up Last Race: 7/2 – YR – Messenger Final – 8th (----)
4	Perfect Sting (\$629,977 – 1:48.1)	D. Miller, J. Holloway Brittany Farms, Val D'Or Farms	Drops a notch to No. 4. Maybe he hasn't had the year the masses expected thus far but the winter-book Pace favorite is the 2-1 early choice nonetheless over American Courage in the 2 nd elim. Holloway: "We are ready to go. He trained as usual and should be in good shape." Breeding: Always B Miki-Shebestingin Last Race: 6/26 – Mea – Pennsylvania Sire Stakes – 2nd pl 1st (1:49.4)
5	Charlie May (\$503,627 – 1:49.3)	B. Miller, S. Carter Don Tiger	Up two spots from No. 7 after a solid performance in The Messenger. Carter: "I thought he raced very well and we were glad to be second. I think he's getting better every week." Breeding: McArdle-Stipple Hanover Last Race: 7/2 – YR – Messenger Final – 2nd (1:51.4)
6	Southwind Gendry (\$709,841 – Q1:49.3)	Y. Gingras, R. Burke Burke Racing, Phillip Collura, Knox Services, J&T Silva- Purnel & Libby	Drops two spots to No. 6 after losing ground when a parked-out trip did him in at The Meadows. Burke: "I'm not happy with him. We are going full-out to try and get it turned around. You know it when you see it. You know when a horse is sharp and you know when he's not." Breeding: Always B Miki-Gambler's Passion Last Race: 6/26 – Mea – Pennsylvania Sire Stakes – 3rd pl 2nd (1:50.2)
7	Lawless Shadow (\$276,104 – 1:50)	B. McClure, I. Moore Ian Moore, R G McGroup Ltd, Serge Savard, Frank Cannon	Drops a notch to No. 7 after failing as the 4-5 choice in Ontario Sire Stakes action. Moore: "We were disappointed in last week's race. I thought everything was good going into it. But I would not have sent him to New Jersey for The Pace if he wasn't good enough." Breeding: Shadow Play-Ladycino Last Race: 7/3 – Wbsb – Ontario Sire Stakes (Gold) – 3rd (1:49.4)

8	Heart Of Chewbacca (\$288,848 – 1:48.4)	G. Brennan, R. Burke Dennis Owens, Norman Rae Racing	Took last week off after failing to qualify for The Messenger Final and remains at No. 8. Burke: "Everything is super with him. [His last start] was just a tough spot. He got pushed three-wide." Why the switch to Brennan? "That was totally Danny [Noble], who has some Sire Stakes drives in Ohio. I think George will fit this horse perfectly." Breeding: Bring On The Beach-JT's Chewbacca Last Race: 6/25 – YR – Messenger Elimination – 7th (1:51.3)
9	Exploit (\$432,402 – 1:50.3)	T. McCarthy, T. Alagna LeBlanc and Kribbs, Joe Sbrocco, In The Gym Partners, Joseph Barbera	After failing to make it to The Messenger Final, took the week off and remains at No. 9. Alagna: "He had a bad draw and got stuck behind a breaker in his last start. Two starts before that, he was second in a 48 and change mile at The Meadowlands." Breeding: Somebeachsomewhere-Time On My Hands Last Race: 6/25 – YR – Messenger Elimination – 6th (1:52.3)
10	Rockyroad Hanover (\$47,051 – 1:52.2)	D. Dunn, T. Alagna, Riverview Racing, Brad Grant, Ken Jacobs, Plouffe Head and VJ Stable	Has been beaten to the wire twice this year – both times by One Eight Hundred. DQ'd in last from 1 st to 5 th after a strong finish. Makes debut in the poll. Alagna: "His last start [when he outsprinted Perfect Sting to the wire before being taken down] was an indication of him peaking at the right time." Breeding: Captaintreacherous-Romantic Moment Last Race: 6/26 – Mea – Pennsylvania Sire Stakes – 1st pl 5th (TDIS)

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
5/1	Pa. Sire Stakes Pa. Sire Stakes	Mea Mea	LITERL LAD HANOVER SOUTHWIND GENDRY	R. Burke R. Burke	D. Miller Y. Gingras	STONEBRIDGE REEF CHASE H HANOVER	Water Sports Teen Sweet Angel Boy	1:51.1 1:49.4
5/8	Pa. All-Stars Pa. All-Stars Pa. All-Stars Pa. All-Stars	PcD PcD PcD PcD	HELLABALOU Emblaze Hanover Gamblin Mo ONE EIGHT HUNDRED	E. Dennis R. Burke J. Butenschoen N. Takter	A. McCarthy J. Bongiorno T. Buter T. Tetrick	Komodo Beach Crunch Hanover STONEBRIDGE REEF Water Sports Teen	Six Degrees RED RIGHT HAND CAPTAINS PLACE Warrawee Whynot	1:52.1 1:50.2 1:50.1 1:50.1
5/16	Pa. Sire Stakes Pa. Sire Stakes Pa. Sire Stakes	PcD PcD PcD	EXPLOIT ABUCKABETT HANOVER ONE EIGHT HUNDRED	T. Alagna T. Alagna N. Takter	J. Bongiorno A. McCarthy T. Tetrick	Gamblin Mo PERFECT STING SOUTHWIND GENDRY	LITERL LAD HANOVER RED RIGHT HAND ROCKYROAD HANOVER	1:50.3 1:50.0 1:50.3
5/30	Pa. Sire Stakes Pa. Sire Stakes	Phil Phil	ABUCKABETT HANOVER SOUTHWIND GENDRY	T. Alagna R. Burke	A. McCarthy Y. Gingras	Gamblin Mo HELLABALOU	RED RIGHT HAND BILLY CLYDE	1:51.1 1:51.0
6/25	Messenger Elim. Messenger Elim.	YR YR	AMERICAN COURAGE ABUCKABETT HANOVER	T. Alexander T. Alagna	M. Kakaley A. McCarthy	CHARLIE MAY I'LL DRINK TO THAT	CHASE H HANOVER HIGHLANDBEACHSBES T	1:50.4 1:51.3
6/26	Pa. Sire Stakes	Mea	PERFECT STING (2P1)	J. Holloway	D. Miller	SOUTHWIND GENDRY (3P2)	Lou's Pearlman (4P3)	1:49.4
7/2	Messenger Final	YR	AMERICAN COURAGE	T. Alexander	M. Kakaley	CHARLIE MAY	CHASE H HANOVER	1:51.4
7/10	Mead. Pace Elim.	M1						
7/17	Mead. Pace Final	M1						