

# ROAD TO THE MEADOWLANDS PACE

Week 1 (of 10) – Thursday, May 6

The Meadowlands Pace is on Saturday, July 17



| RANK | HORSE<br>(EARNINGS – MARK)                      | DRIVER, TRAINER<br>OWNER(S)   | DAVE LITTLE'S COMMENTS   |
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| 1    | <b>PERFECT STING</b><br>(\$534,300 – 1:49.2)    | D. MILLER, J. HOLLOWAY<br>BRITTANY FARMS,<br>VAL D'OR FARMS   | HOLLOWAY STUDENT COMES INTO 2021 WITH A TARGET ON HIS BACK AFTER A SEASON THAT SAW HIM GO PERFECT IN 10 STARTS AT 2. HAS A PAIR OF MEADOWLANDS QUALIFIERS UNDER HIS BELT WITH HIS FIRST RACE SET FOR MAY 16 IN THE PENNSYLVANIA SIRE STAKES. HOLLOWAY: "HE'S AS GOOD AS CAN BE. I'M THRILLED AT THE WAY HE'S COME BACK."<br><b>LAST RACE: 4/30 – M1 – QUALIFIER – 1<sup>ST</sup> (1:52.3)</b>  |
| 2    | <b>SOUTHWIND GENDRY</b><br>(\$621,633 – 1:49.4) | Y. GINGRAS, R. BURKE<br>BURKE RACING, PHILLIP COLLURA,<br>KNOX SERVICES, J&T SILVA-<br>PURNEL & LIBBY | HIS 3-YEAR-OLD DEBUT WAS A SMASHING SUCCESS, TAKING A DIVISION OF THE PENNSYLVANIA SIRE STAKES IN A LIFETIME-BEST 1:49.4. BURKE: "COULDN'T BE HAPPIER WITH HIM. IN REALITY, HE'S BEEN INCREDIBLE. YOU DON'T WIN IN 1:49.4 WRAPPED UP LIKE THAT. THAT'S WHAT GOOD HORSES DO. THAT'S A 1:47 MILE IN THE SUMMER."<br><b>LAST RACE: 5/1 – MEA – PENNSYLVANIA SIRE STAKES – 1<sup>ST</sup> (1:49.4)</b>   |
| 3    | <b>SUMMA CUM LAUDE</b><br>(\$488,445 – 1:50.2)  | D. DUNN, R. BURKE<br>BURKE RACING, PHILLIP COLLURA,<br>J&T SILVA-PURNEL & LIBBY,<br>WEAVER BRUSCEMI   | ENDED HIS 2-YEAR-OLD SEASON ON A HIGH NOTE, FINISHING IN A DEAD HEAT WITH PERFECT STING IN THE BREEDERS CROWN AND WINNING THE KINDERGARTEN CLASSIC BEFORE FINISHING THIRD IN THE GOVERNOR'S CUP. BEGAN HIS SOPHOMORE SEASON WITH A FOURTH TO SOUTHWIND GENDRY AT THE MEADOWS. BURKE: "HE AND SOUTHWIND GENDRY WILL BE IN NEXT WEEK AT PHILADELPHIA. HE'S A MILE-TRACK HORSE. IT'S A TOSSUP BETWEEN THE TWO OF THEM ON A MILE TRACK."<br><b>LAST RACE: 5/1 – MEA – PENNSYLVANIA SIRE STAKES – 4<sup>TH</sup> (1:50.3)</b>   |
| 4    | <b>EXPLOIT</b><br>(\$389,470 – 1:50.4)          | T. MCCARTHY, T. ALAGNA<br>LEBLANC AND KRIBBS,<br>JOE SBROCCO, IN THE GYM PARTNERS,<br>JOSEPH BARBERA  | PULLED OFF A 35-1 SURPRISE IN THE 2020 METRO AT WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK TO PAD HIS BANKROLL. HAS A PAIR OF BIG M QUALIFIERS IN PREPARATION FOR HIS 3-YEAR-OLD SEASON. LEAVES FROM POST 7 IN THE FIRST RACE AT THE BIG M SATURDAY IN HIS 2021 DEBUT. ALAGNA: "WE'RE LOOKING FOR A GOOD START, HOPING EVERYTHING SETS UP FOR HIM. THEN, WE'LL GO IN THE SIRE STAKES NEXT WEEK AT POCONO. EVERYTHING IS GOING ACCORDING TO PLAN."<br><b>LAST RACE: 4/30 – M1 – QUALIFIER – 4<sup>TH</sup> (1:53.3)</b>   |
| 5    | <b>CHARLIE MAY</b><br>(\$340,127 – 1:50.2)      | B. MILLER, S. CARTER<br>DON TIGER   | OHIO SIRE STAKES CHAMPION WON 7 OF 9 STARTS A YEAR AGO AND TOOK HIS LAST TWO STARTS AT ODDS OF 1-20. ALREADY HAS TWO QUALIFIERS AND THREE PARIMUTUEL STARTS UNDER HIS BELT THIS YEAR. CARTER: "HE WAS SICK ON MONDAY [WHEN FOURTH AT MIAMI VALLEY]. MY WHOLE BARN WAS SICK. BY THE END OF LAST YEAR, BRETT MILLER TOLD ME CHARLIE IS THE CALIBER OF HORSE WHO CAN GO IN THE MEADOWLANDS PACE."<br><b>LAST RACE: 5/3 – MVR – OHIO SIRE STAKES – 4<sup>TH</sup> (1:52.3)</b>   |
| 6    | <b>ALWAYS A MIKI</b><br>(\$331,261 – 1:50.2)    | D. DUNN, N. TAKTER<br>CHRISTINA TAKTER, Goran ANDERBERG,<br>HERB LIVERMAN, ROJAN STABLES              | THE 2020 GOVERNOR'S CUP WINNER ALSO DID GOOD THINGS THROUGHOUT THE SEASON ON THE PENNSYLVANIA SIRE STAKES CIRCUIT. SHOWS TWO QUALIFIERS THUS FAR THIS YEAR. TAKTER: "I THINK HE WAS PRETTY SOLID LAST YEAR. HE FILLED OUT AND HE LOVES TO RACE. HE'S DRAWN POST 9 SATURDAY AT POCONO [FOR HIS SEASONAL DEBUT] FOR THE PENNSYLVANIA ALL-STARS, NOT AN IDEAL SPOT GIVEN HOW SPEEDY IT IS AT POCONO."<br><b>LAST RACE: 4/24 – M1 – QUALIFIER – 4<sup>TH</sup> (1:52)</b>  |
| 7    | <b>BAYFIELD BEACH</b><br>(\$267,626 – 1:52.4)   | D. MILLER, B. BROWN<br>CROSSOVER RACING,<br>COUNTRY CLUB ACRES,<br>RICH LOMBARDO RACING, JOE SBROCCO  | MISSED CASHING A CHECK ONLY TWICE A YEAR AGO FROM 13 STARTS. GOT NAILED ON THE MONEY, SETTLING FOR SECOND IN THE 2020 METRO. ALREADY HAS A PAIR OF STARTS THIS YEAR FOR BROWN, WHO HAD A POWERHOUSE PAIR OF HORSES IN 2017 WITH DOWNBYTHESEASIDE AND FEAR THE DRAGON. BROWN: "HE HASN'T BEEN IMPRESSIVE YET. WE STARTED IN THE THE STALLION STAKES LAST WEEK JUST TO GIVE HIM AN EASIER RACE. HE'S RIGHT BACK IN FRIDAY [RACE 1, POST 5 AT THE MEADOWS]. I EXPECT HIM TO BE SHARPER THIS WEEK."<br><b>LAST RACE: 5/1 – MEA – PENNSYLVANIA STALLION SERIES – 3RD (1:52.3)</b> |
| 8    | <b>LAWLESS SHADOW</b><br>(\$232,439 – Q1:51)    | B. McCLURE, I. MOORE<br>IAN MOORE, R G McGROUP,<br>SERGE SAVARD, FRANK CANNON                         | SOLID PERFORMER IN ONTARIO A YEAR AGO WAS SECOND IN THE ONTARIO SIRE STAKES FINAL AND THIRD IN THE METRO IN HIS FINAL TWO OUTINGS OF THE YEAR. LEAVES FROM POST 2 IN RACE 2 SATURDAY AT SCIOTO FOR HIS FIRST OUTING OF THE YEAR. MOORE: "I'M VERY EXCITED ABOUT HIM. HE HAS FILLED OUT SO WELL. I SEE MAYBE TWO STARTS IN OHIO, THEN, COME THE 1 <sup>ST</sup> OF JUNE, IF NOTHING IS HAPPENING IN CANADA, WE'LL HEAD FOR THE MEADOWLANDS."<br><b>LAST RACE: 4/23 – SOTC – QUALIFIER – 1<sup>ST</sup> (1:51)</b>   |
| 9    | <b>CHASE H HANOVER</b><br>(\$245,079 – 1:51)    | B. SEARS, S. COX<br>JASON ASH, SCOTT COX  | RACKED UP 4 WINS AND 5 SECONDS FROM 10 STARTS A YEAR AGO, HIGHLIGHTED BY A WIN IN A SIX-FIGURE DIVISION OF THE PENNSYLVANIA SIRE STAKES. STARTED HIS 2021 WELL, WITH A SECOND-PLACE FINISH TO SOUTHWIND GENDRY. COX: "HE'S GOTTEN BIGGER OVER THE LAST YEAR. HE'S A LAID-BACK HORSE, AND THAT'S WHAT I LIKE THE MOST. I THINK HE'LL BE IN THE SIRE STAKES A WEEK FROM SUNDAY AT POCONO."<br><b>LAST RACE: 5/1 – MEA – PENNSYLVANIA SIRE STAKES – 2<sup>ND</sup> (1:50)</b>   |
| 10   | <b>HEART OF CHEWBACCA</b><br>(\$269,348 – 1:51) | D. NOBLE, R. BURKE<br>DENNIS OWENS, NORMAN RAE RACING   | HAS REGISTERED 8 WINS AND 3 SECONDS FROM 11 LIFETIME STARTS. OHIO STANDOUT HAS WON THREE IN A ROW AT MIAMI VALLEY, THE MOST RECENT BY 7¼ LENGTHS AT ODDS OF 1-20. BURKE: "HE'S AS GOOD AS EITHER OF MY OTHER ONES. HE DOES THINGS OTHER HORSES CANNOT DO. I THINK THIS HORSE IS SPECIAL."<br><b>LAST RACE: 5/3 – MVR – OHIO SIRE STAKES – 1<sup>ST</sup> (1:51.2)</b>  |

## KEY PREP RACES

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

| Date | Stakes                             | Site       | Winner                                 | Trainer              | Driver                  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Horse               | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Horse                | Time             |
|------|------------------------------------|------------|--|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| 5/1  | Pa. Sire Stakes<br>Pa. Sire Stakes | Mea<br>Mea | LITERL LAD HANOVER<br>SOUTHWIND GENDRY | R. Burke<br>R. Burke | D. Miller<br>Y. Gingras | STONEBRIDGE REEF<br>CHASE H HANOVER | Water Sports Teen<br>Sweet Angel Boy | 1:51.1<br>1:49.4 |
| 5/8  | Pa. All-Stars                      | PcD        |  |                      |                         |                                     |                                      |                  |
| 5/16 | Pa. Sire Stakes                    | PcD        |  |                      |                         |                                     |                                      |                  |
| 5/28 | N.J. Sire Stakes                   | M1         |  |                      |                         |                                     |                                      |                  |
| 5/30 | Pa. Sire Stakes                    | Phil       |  |                      |                         |                                     |                                      |                  |
| 6/26 | Pa. Sire Stakes                    | Mea        |  |                      |                         |                                     |                                      |                  |
| 7/2  | Messenger                          | YR         |  |                      |                         |                                     |                                      |                  |
| 7/17 | Meadowlands Pace                   | M1         |  |                      |                         |                                     |                                      |                  |