

ROAD TO THE MEADOWLANDS PACE

Week 2 (of 10) – Thursday, May 13

The Meadowlands Pace is on Saturday, July 17



RANK	HORSE (EARNINGS – MARK)	DRIVER, TRAINER OWNER(S)	DAVE LITTLE'S COMMENTS
1	PERFECT STING (\$534,300 – 1:49.2)	D. MILLER, J. HOLLOWAY BRITTANY FARMS, VAL D'OR FARMS	THE WAIT IS OVER. PERFECT STING'S 2021 DEBUT IS SET FOR SUNDAY AT POCONO, WHERE HE WILL DEPART FROM POST 5 IN RACE 9 IN A DIVISION OF THE PENNSYLVANIA SIRE STAKES. HOLLOWAY: "WE HAVE TO START SOMEPLACE. WE'RE READY TO GO. HE'LL GET NEXT WEEK OFF AND THEN WE'LL SEE WHERE WE ARE." LAST RACE: 4/30 – M1 – QUALIFIER – 1ST (1:52.3)
2	SOUTHWIND GENDRY (\$621,633 – 1:49.4)	Y. GINGRAS, R. BURKE BURKE RACING, PHILLIP COLLURA, KNOX SERVICES, J&T SILVA- PURNEL & LIBBY	AFTER AN IMPRESSIVE 2021 DEBUT, THE SON OF ALWAYS B MIKI MAKES START NO. 2 IN THE PENNSYLVANIA SIRE STAKES SUNDAY AT POCONO, LEAVING FROM POST 6 IN THE 10 TH RACE. BURKE: "EVERYTHING SEEMS GOOD WITH HIM. THERE ARE GOOD HORSES IN THERE [ON SUNDAY], HE JUST HAS TO STAY AWAY FROM GETTING INTO A SPEED DUEL WITH A HORSE TRYING TO PROVE A POINT." LAST RACE: 5/1 – MEA – PENNSYLVANIA SIRE STAKES – 1ST (1:49.4)
3	SUMMA CUM LAUDE (\$488,445 – 1:50.2)	D. DUNN, R. BURKE BURKE RACING, PHILLIP COLLURA, J&T SILVA-PURNEL & LIBBY, WEAVER BRUSCEMI	WILL GO UP AGAINST PERFECT STING SUNDAY AT POCONO, HAVING DRAWN POST 7. HOW HAS HE BEEN SINCE HIS FOURTH-PLACE FINISH? BURKE: "HE WAS MUCH SHARPER TRAINING [TUESDAY]. I THINK HE'LL START COMING BACK TO FORM THIS SUNDAY." LAST RACE: 5/1 – MEA – PENNSYLVANIA SIRE STAKES – 4TH (1:50.3)
4	EXPLOIT (\$391,630 – 1:50.4)	T. MCCARTHY, T. ALAGNA LEBLANC AND KRIBBS, JOE SBROCCO, IN THE GYM PARTNERS, JOSEPH BARBERA	WAS A GOOD-LOOKING, FAST-CLOSING THIRD IN 3YO DEBUT LAST SATURDAY AND IS RIGHT BACK IN SUNDAY AT POCONO IN THE PASS. HE'S DRAWN POST 5 IN RACE 8. ALAGNA: "YOU CAN SAY WHAT YOU WANT ABOUT HIS 2020 SEASON [WHERE A MAJORITY OF HIS EARNINGS CAME IN THE METRO IN AN UPSET]. I THOUGHT HE WAS VERY GOOD IN HIS FIRST START LAST WEEK. WITH THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE NORTH AMERICA CUP, IT MAKES IT EASIER TO RACE THESE HORSES IN BACK-TO-BACK WEEKS." LAST RACE: 5/8 – M1 – WINNERS OF 2 NON-WINNERS OF 5 – 3RD (1:49.4)
5	CHARLIE MAY (\$340,127 – 1:50.2)	B. MILLER, S. CARTER DON TIGER	OHIO SIRE STAKES CHAMPION WON 7 OF 9 STARTS A YEAR AGO AND TOOK HIS LAST TWO OUTINGS AT ODDS OF 1-20. ALREADY HAS TWO QUALIFIERS AND THREE PARIMUTUEL RACES UNDER HIS BELT THIS YEAR. CARTER: "WE TURNED HIM OUT FOR 10 DAYS BECAUSE WE WANTED TO GIVE HIM A REST. HE'LL BE BACK TRAINING MONDAY AND WE'LL START PREPARING FOR THE NEXT SIRE STAKES RACES IN THE FIRST PART OF JUNE." LAST RACE: 5/3 – MVR – OHIO SIRE STAKES – 4TH (1:52.3)
6	BAYFIELD BEACH (\$272,376 – 1:52.1)	D. MILLER, B. BROWN CROSSOVER RACING, COUNTRY CLUB ACRES, RICH LOMBARDO RACING, JOE SBROCCO	WENT PARKED TO THE QUARTER IN :26.3 BEFORE BLASTING DOWN THE ROAD IN 1:52.1 AT THE MEADOWS. LIKE 6 OTHERS IN THE TOP 10, WILL BE AT POCONO SUNDAY, WHERE HE'S DRAWN POST 6 IN RACE 12 IN A DIVISION OF THE STALLION STAKES. BROWN: "HE RACED OK [FRIDAY]. I STILL WOULDN'T SAY I WAS HAPPY WITH HIM. I MADE A LITTLE BRIDLE CHANGE AND HE TRAINED MUCH BETTER [WEDNESDAY]. HE DOESN'T HAVE TO WIN SUNDAY. I JUST WANT HIM TO RACE WELL." LAST RACE: 5/7 – MEA – NON-WINNERS OF 3 – 1ST (1:52.1)
7	LAWLESS SHADOW (\$239,439 – Q1:51)	B. MCCLURE, I. MOORE IAN MOORE, R G MCGROUP, SERGE SAVARD, FRANK CANNON	SPARKLED IN HIS SEASONAL DEBUT, SCORING FROM THE POCKET IN 1:51.1 AT SCIOTO. WILL RACE SATURDAY AT SCIOTO IN A CONDITIONED EVENT IN RACE 6 FROM POST 7. MOORE: "IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN ONLY A NON-WINNERS OF 6 [ON SATURDAY] BUT THAT'S OK. HE'S AN ONTARIO SIRE STAKES HORSE SO THERE'S NOWHERE ELSE TO RACE HIM. IT LOOKS LIKE WE'LL HEAD TO THE MEADOWLANDS IN JUNE." LAST RACE: 5/8 – SCd – NON-WINNERS OF 6 – 1ST (1:51.1)
8	HEART OF CHEWBACCA (\$269,348 – 1:51)	D. NOBLE, R. BURKE DENNIS OWENS, NORMAN RAE RACING	OHIO STANDOUT HAS WON THREE IN A ROW AT MIAMI VALLEY, THE MOST RECENT BY 7/4 LENGTHS AT ODDS OF 1-20. WHEN WILL WE SEE HIM LOCALLY? BURKE: "HE'S TURNED OUT BECAUSE I DIDN'T THINK I HAD ANY RACES FOR HIM. NOW, I MIGHT BRING HIM TO THE MEADOWLANDS IN TWO OR THREE WEEKS SINCE THEY ARE OFFERING THOSE EXTRA OPPORTUNITIES FOR 3-YEAR-OLDS." LAST RACE: 5/3 – MVR – OHIO SIRE STAKES – 1ST (1:51.2)
9	ABUCKABETT HANOVER (\$171,335 – 1:49.1)	A. MCCARTHY, T. ALAGNA CRAWFORD FARMS RACING, ALAGNA RACING, JABLONSKY HELD STABLE, BARBERA N WIENICK STABLE	CRACKED THE TOP 10 AFTER WORKING OUT A PERFECT COVER TRIP ON THE WAY TO AN EASY VICTORY IN HIS SEASONAL DEBUT IN A LIFETIME-BEST 1:49.1 AND WILL TAKE ON PERFECT STING ON SUNDAY AT POCONO FROM POST 2. ALAGNA: "A LOT OF THINGS DID NOT WORK HIS WAY LAST YEAR, BUT YOU DON'T GO OFF AT 1-9 IN THE METRO WITHOUT BACK CLASS AND AN IMPRESSIVE RESUME. [LAST WEEK] HE REALLY IMPRESSED ME, BUT, AT THE SAME TIME, DID NOT SURPRISE ME." LAST RACE: 5/8 – M1 – WINNERS OF 2 NON-WINNERS OF 5 – 1ST (1:49.1)
10	ALWAYS A MIKI (\$331,261 – 1:50.2)	D. DUNN, N. TAKTER CHRISTINA TAKTER, GORAN ANDERBERG, HERB LIVERMAN, ROJAN STABLES	FINISHED 8 TH IN HIS FIRST OUTING OF THE YEAR AFTER LEAVING FROM POST 9 IN A DIVISION OF THE PENNSYLVANIA ALL-STARS. HE'S BACK IN SUNDAY AT POCONO IN A DIVISION OF THE STALLION STAKES (RACE 11, POST 7). TAKTER: "I KNEW THAT HE WOULD BE A LITTLE PACE COMPROMISED FROM THAT POST AND I DIDN'T THINK HE WOULD BE AT HIS BEST BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN A LITTLE SICK. I DROPPED HIM INTO THE STALLION SERIES THIS WEEK FOR A LITTLE CONFIDENCE." LAST RACE: 5/8 – PcD – PENNSYLVANIA ALL-STARS – 8TH (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
5/1	Pa. Sire Stakes	Mea	LITERL LAD HANOVER	R. Burke	D. Miller	STONEBRIDGE REEF	Water Sports Teen	1:51.1
	Pa. Sire Stakes	Mea	SOUTHWIND GENDRY	R. Burke	Y. Gingras	CHASE H HANOVER	Sweet Angel Boy	1:49.4
5/8	Pa. All-Stars	PcD	HELLBALOU	E. Dennis	A. McCarthy	Komodo Beach	Six Degrees	1:52.1

	Pa. All-Stars Pa. All-Stars Pa. All-Stars	PcD PcD PcD	Emblaze Hanover Gamblin Mo ONE EIGHT HUNDRED	R. Burke J. Butenschoen N. Takter	J. Bongiorno T. Buter T. Tetrick	Crunch Hanover STONEBRIDGE REEF Water Sports Teen	RED RIGHT HAND CAPTAINS PLACE Warrawee Whynot	1:50.2 1:50.1 1:50.1
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						