

ROAD TO THE MEADOWLANDS PACE

Week 3 – Thursday, May 16

The Crawford Farms Meadowlands Pace is on Saturday, July 13

Rank	Horse (Earnings – Mark)	Driver, Trainer Owner(s)	Dave Little's Comments
1	Captain Crunch (\$616,113 – 1:49.1)	S. Zeron, N. Johansson 3 Brothers Stables, Christina Takter, Rojan Stables, Caviart Farms	Paced his final quarter in :26.3 on the way to an easy qualifying win at the Meadowlands on May 4. He will begin his season Sunday in Pennsylvania Sire Stakes action. Johansson: "He trained Wednesday morning and everything seemed normal. All systems go." Last Race: 5/4 – M1 – Qualifier – 1st (1:51.2)
2	Proof (\$451,039 – 1:51)	D. Miller, B. Brown Diamond Creek Racing	Moved to the lead at the half but had to settle for second in his first outing of the year on May 4 in a solid try. Brown: "He had an easy week. I trained him and Workin Ona Mystery in about two minutes with a back half in :57." Faces Captain Crunch Sunday, but has drawn post 8. Last Race: 5/4 – Mea – Pennsylvania Sire Stakes – 2nd (1:50.4)
3	Blood Money (\$372,244 – 1:50)	S. Zeron, N. Johansson Diamond Creek Racing	Held sway to the wire to record a narrow victory in Pennsylvania All-Stars action last week and is heading to Yonkers for the Rooney Saturday night. Johansson: "He raced really well. I know he won by only a nose but he was in hand and had plenty left in the tank after Scott used him a couple of times." Last Race: 5/11 – PcD – Pennsylvania All-Stars – 1st (1:50)
4	Bronx Seelster (\$294,505 – 1:51.2)	T. Henry, W. McGean Capers 3 Stable	Qualified on May 6 at Woodbine Mohawk Park, stopping the clock in 1:54 after brushing to the lead at three-quarters, but has now hit a speed bump. McGean: "He has a banged-up foot, he hit his quarter and cut it open. I'm very concerned. We'll see what happens." McGean hopes to have his colt ready for the Ontario Sire Stakes on May 25. Last Race: 5/6 – WMP – Qualifier – 1st (1:54)
5	Love Me Some Lou (\$190,495 – 1:50.4)	D. Miller, T. Cancelliere J. Cancelliere	Stayed perfect in two starts this year after taking his division of the PaSS in 1:50.4 on May 4. On Sunday, Lou heads for Pocono, where he's drawn post 8 in a division of the Sire Stakes. Cancelliere: "He's a happy little fella. I'm really happy with the way this horse is coming along." Last Race: 5/4 – Mea – Pennsylvania Sire Stakes – 1st (1:50.4)
6	Semi Tough (\$298,556 – 1:51.1)	M. Kakaley, R. Burke Burke Racing Stable, Frank Baldachino, J&T Silva-Purnel & Libby, Weaver Brusceci	After leaving from post 8, was never involved on May 4 in a Pennsylvania Sire Stakes division at the Meadows but did close in :27.2 to grab the final check by finishing fifth. Burke: "That race was a step in the right direction. Everything now seems fine." He's in Sunday at Pocono. Last Race: 5/4 – Mea – Pennsylvania Sire Stakes – 5th (1:51.4)
7	Bettor's Wish (\$282,056 – 1:51.1)	D. Dunn, C. Ryder Chris Ryder, Bella Racing, Fair Island Farm, Kenneth Solomon	Qualified at the Meadowlands Saturday, winning by 2¾ Lengths in 1:52.4. Ryder: "Qualifier was just right. Not too fast, not too slow. This horse is going well." He's drawn post 3 in Saturday's 9th race in the Rooney at Yonkers. Last Race: 5/11 – M1 – Qualifier – 1st (1:52.4)
8	Workin Ona Mystery (\$129,608 – 1:49.3)	T. Tetrick, B. Brown Diamond Creek Racing, Stambaugh Leeman Stable, Alan Keith, Wingfield Brothers	Impressed in his first outing of the year, winning from post 8 in 1:50.1 as the 4-5 public choice at the Meadows. Brown: "He and Proof are a little racy right now. They both are a little omery, but they'll settle down." Also racing Sunday in the Poconos. Last Race: 5/4 – Mea – Pennsylvania Sire Stakes – 1st (1:50.1)
9	Reigning Deo (\$256,888 – 1:54.1Q)	A. McCarthy, B. Pelling Deo Volente Farms, Pelling Racing, Brian Gordon	Finished second to Rollwithpapajoe in New York Sire Stakes action at Monticello on Monday over a track condition that was less than ideal. Pelling: "He came out of the Monticello race well. We raced wide and he did well." Next up is the NYSS at Saratoga a week from Sunday. Last Race: 5/13 – MR – New York Sire Stakes – 2nd (1:56.3)
10	Hurrikane Emperor (\$226,900 – 1:49.3)	D. Dube, J. McDermott Jonathan Klee Racing, Kuhen Racing, Pegasis Investment Group, William Garofalo	Team is taking a slow approach to getting ready for the road ahead. McDermott: "Jogged up and trained him once nice and easy this week. I'm not looking to peak him anytime soon. I want to have him fresh and ready for the North America Cup after we go in the New Jersey Sire Stakes the next three weeks." Last Race: 5/4 – M1 – Qualifier – 5th (1:51.4)