

ROAD TO THE MEADOWLANDS PACE

Week 5 (May 31, 2018)

The Crawford Farms Meadowlands Pace – Saturday, July 14



RANK	HORSE	DRIVER, TRAINER, OWNER(S)	DAVE LITTLE'S COMMENTS
1	DORSODURO HANOVER (\$160,168 – 1:50.1)	M. KAKALEY, R. BURKE BURKE RACING, SILVA, PURNEL & LIBBY, WEAVER BRUSCEMI, WINGFIELD FIVE	REMAINED UNBEATEN IN THREE STARTS WITH A NINE-HOLE SCORE IN PENNSYLVANIA ALL-STARS ACTION. BURKE: "IT'S BEEN A NATURAL PROGRESSION WITH THE WAY HE'S IMPROVED, BUT, YES, I'M A BIT SURPRISED AT HOW GOOD HE IS. HE CAN GO (WITH THE OTHER TOP 3-YEAR-OLD COLTS)." THERE IS NO DOUBT ABOUT THAT. LAST RACE: 5/28 – PcD – PA ALL-STARS – 1ST (1:50.3)
2	LOST IN TIME (\$622,013 – 1:50.1)	S. ZERON, J. TAKTER DIAMOND CREEK RACING, J&T SILVA, W. RUFENACHT, TEAM S RACING	HASN'T BEEN SEEN SINCE HIS SEASONAL DEBUT, BUT THAT FIGURES TO CHANGE SOON, WITH THE NORTH AMERICA CUP ELIMINATIONS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 9. LAST RACE: 5/19 – PcD – PASS – 2ND (1:50.4)
3	STAY HUNGRY (\$542,414 – 1:50.2)	D. McNAIR, T. ALAGNA B. GRANT, I. SAMELMAN	LIKE LOST IN TIME, HASN'T BEEN OUT SINCE MAY 19. ALAGNA: "HE'S DOING GREAT, HE TRAINED TUESDAY MORNING, EVERYTHING WAS GOOD. HE'LL QUALIFY AT THE MEADOWLANDS THIS SATURDAY, THEN HEAD TO CANADA FOR THE NORTH AMERICA CUP." LAST RACE: 5/19 – PcD – PASS – 3RD (1:50.4)
4	THIS IS THE PLAN (\$240,372 – 1:50.2)	T. TETRICK, C. RYDER C. RYDER, R. MONDILLO	TOOK THE HEAT BEFORE FINISHING THIRD TO GIANT-KILLER WES DELIGHT IN THE PENNSYLVANIA ALL-STARS. NOT ELIGIBLE TO THE NORTH AMERICA CUP, SO RYDER CAN PUT ALL OF HIS ENERGY INTO GETTING READY FOR THE MEADOWLANDS PACE. LAST RACE: 5/28 – PcD – PA ALL-STARS – 3RD (1:50.3)
5	AMERICAN HISTORY (\$82,023 – 1:49.1)	Y. GINGRAS, T. ALAGNA BRITTANY FARMS, M. KATZ, AMERICAN HISTORY RACING	JUMPS UP THREE SPOTS AFTER BACKING UP HIS TRAINER'S CLAIM THAT HE "IS A MEADOWLANDS PACE-TYPE OF HORSE" BY WINNING FOR FUN AT VERNON IN THE NEW YORK SIRE STAKES IN 1:49.1. ALAGNA: "WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN HIGH ON THIS COLT. HE WON AT VERNON WITH THE EARPLUGS STILL IN. ON TO THE NA CUP." LAST RACE: 5/28 – VD – NYSS – 1ST (1:49.1)
6	BABES DIG ME (\$107,447 – 1:52.3Q)	B. MILLER, T. ALAGNA B.J. GRANT, J. SBROCCO, J. LEBLANC, IN THE GYM PARTNERS	THE ONLY ONE OF ALAGNA'S BIG 4 NOT TO GO TO PENNSYLVANIA FINISHED THIRD IN A BIG TRY AT YONKERS IN THE \$300,000 ART ROONEY. ALAGNA: "HE WAS USED HARD TO GET THE LEAD, I WAS VERY HAPPY WITH HIS EFFORT. HE'LL GET SATURDAY OFF AND THEN HEAD TO THE NORTH AMERICA CUP." LAST RACE: 5/26 – YR – ART ROONEY FINAL – 3RD (1:52)
7	THINKBIG DREAMBIG (\$25,000 – 1:49.2)	Y. GINGRAS, J. TAKTER BRIXTON MEDICAL INC., J. FIELDING, G. ANDERBERG, G. FALK	INEXPERIENCED COLT BROKE HIS MAIDEN IN SENSATIONAL FASHION, TAKING THE ESCORT SERIES FINAL IN 1:49.2 IN JUST HIS SECOND CAREER START. TAKTER: "I KNOW HE CAN GO (WITH THE BETTER HORSES IN THE DIVISION). IT'S JUST A MATTER OF GETTING HIM READY." WILL WE SEE HIM IN THE PACE, JIMMY? "IT'S POSSIBLE HE COULD BE THERE." LAST RACE: 5/26 – M1 – ESCORT FINAL – 1ST (1:49.2)
8	CAPTAIN DEO (\$21,017 – 1:51.2Q)	D. McNAIR, T. ALAGNA ALAGNA RACING, J. SBROCCO, IN THE GYM PARTNERS, CAPTAIN DEO PARTNERS	NEXT START WILL BE AT THE MEADOWLANDS SATURDAY IN A SOFT NW2 EVENT. HE HAS TO RACE WELL FOR A TRIP NORTH. ALAGNA: "IF I'M HAPPY WITH HIS RACE, WE'LL TAKE HIM TO THE NA CUP." LAST RACE: 5/19 – PcD – PASS – 5TH (1:51.1)
9	NUTCRACKER SWEET (\$173,357 – 1:50.2)	T. TETRICK, J. TAKTER H. TAYLOR, ORDER BY STABLE, R. LOMBARDO	NORTH AMERICA CUP ELIGIBLE LIKELY HEADING FOR THE ELIMINATIONS ON JUNE 9. BATTLED WITH THIS DIVISION DURING ALL OF 2017. HE WILL BE HEARD FROM. LAST RACE: 5/19 – PcD – PASS – 4TH (1:51.1)
10	I'M A BIG DEAL (\$110,344 – 1:50.2)	G. NAPOLITANO JR., C. RYDER C. HENDERSON, R. MONDILLO, C. RYDER	TRIED IT ON THE LEAD AS THE 3-5 CHOICE, ONLY TO GET GUNNED DOWN IN DEEP STRETCH ON MONDAY. I'LL GIVE HIM ANOTHER START TO DISTINGUISH HIMSELF BEFORE POSSIBLY DROPPING HIM FROM THE TOP 10. LAST RACE: 5/28 – PcD – PA ALL-STARS – 2ND (1:51.3)

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
5/5	PA Sire Stakes	Mea	THIS IS THE PLAN	C. Ryder	D. Palone	BABES DIG ME	Record Machine	1:53
	PA Sire Stakes	Mea	DORSODURO HANOVER	R. Burke	J. Pantaleano	Wes Delight	CAPTAIN DEO	1:50.3
5/19	PA Sire Stakes	PcD	I'M A BIG DEAL	C. Ryder	G. Napolitano Jr.	GRAND TETON	Whos Better	1:50.2
	PA Sire Stakes	PcD	DORSODURO HANOVER	R. Burke	M. Kakaley	THIS IS THE PLAN	PRO BEACH	1:50.1
	PA Sire Stakes	PcD	Wes Delight	M. Harder	C. Callahan	LOST IN TIME	STAY HUNGRY	1:50.4
5/20	OnSS Gold	F1m	Backstreet Shadow	R. McNair	D. McNair	St Lads Neptune	Wind Blast	1:52.3
	OnSS Gold	F1m	Western Passage	C. Coleman	D. McNair	Levis Day	SHADOW MOON	1:53.4
5/26	Art Rooney Final	YR	Trump Nation	C. Oakes	J. Bartlett	Minnie Vinnie	BABES DIG ME	1:51.3
5/28	NYSS	VD	Courtly Choice	B. MacIntosh	D. Miller	Hitman Hill	Real Surreal	1:48.4
	NYSS	VD	AMERICAN HISTORY	T. Alagna	Y. Gingras	Rock Lights	Heavenly Sound	1:49.1
	NYSS	VD	My Delight	H. Hochstetter	M. Miller	Lyons Steel	Ostro Hanover	1:49.4
6/1	NJSS	M1						

62	Somebeachsmwhere	Moh
69	NA Cup Elims	Moh
6/10	NYSS	Tioga
6/16	NA Cup Final	Moh
6/18	NYSS	MR
6/23	OnSS	Moh
6/23	Hempt Elims	PcD
6/30	Hempt Final	PcD