

# ROAD TO THE MEADOWLANDS PACE

Week 7 (June 14, 2018)

The Crawford Farms Meadowlands Pace – Saturday, July 14



RANK	HORSE	DRIVER, TRAINER, OWNER(S)	DAVE LITTLE'S COMMENTS
1	STAY HUNGRY (\$561,664 – 1:50)	D. McNAIR, T. ALAGNA B. GRANT, I. SAMELMAN	FEROCIOUS STRETCH DRIVE LED TO VICTORY IN THE FIRST OF THREE NORTH AMERICA CUP ELIMINATIONS, EARNING HIM THE TOP SPOT IN THE TOP 10. TRAINER'S DECISION TO QUALIFY THE WEEK BEFORE WORKED TO PERFECTION. ALAGNA: "THE QUALIFIER WAS ENCOURAGING AND HE RESPONDED JUST AS WE'D HOPED. HE'S LIGHTLY RACED, BUT THAT'S THE WAY WE HANDLED CAPTAINREACHEROUS." A GOOD WAY TO GO. CAPTAINREACHEROUS WON BOTH THE NA CUP AND MEADOWLANDS PACE IN 2013. <b>LAST RACE: 6/9 – WBSB – NA CUP ELIM – 1ST (1:50)</b>
2	DORSODURO HANOVER (\$160,168 – 1:50.1)	M. KAKALEY, R. BURKE BURKE RACING, SILVA, PURNEL & LIBBY, WEAVER BRUSCEMI, WINGFIELD FIVE	HAD A ROUGH GO OF IT IN ELIM 2, GOING A TOUGH TRIP BEFORE FINISHING SEVENTH. BURKE: "HE WAS FORCED WIDE AROUND A BREAKING HORSE AND THE TRACK WAS NOT PLAYING TO HORSES WHO WERE MAKING EARLY MOVES. I'M NOT PANICKED ABOUT IT. HE'LL TAKE THE WEEK OFF. THE HEMPT WILL BE NEXT." <b>LAST RACE: 6/9 – WBSB – NA CUP ELIM – 7TH (1:51.1)</b>
3	LOST IN TIME (\$636,643 – 1:50.1)	S. ZERON, J. TAKTER DIAMOND CREEK RACING, J&T SILVA, W. RUFENACHT, RIC FLAIR STABLE	COPPED THE LAST SPOT IN THE NA CUP FINAL BY FINISHING FOURTH IN HIS ELIM, THEN HAVING HIS NAME DRAWN WHEN THE THREE FOURTH-PLACE FINISHERS' NAMES WERE PUT IN A HAT. SATURDAY WILL MARK HIS SECOND START SINCE A MAJOR HEAD POLE ADJUSTMENT. MAYBE PART-OWNER RIC FLAIR CAN TEACH HIM THE FIGURE FOUR, A MOVE THE WRESTLING GREAT USED TO FINISH OFF HIS OPPONENTS. <b>LAST RACE: 6/9 – WBSB – NA CUP ELIM – 4TH (1:50.2)</b>
4	THIS IS THE PLAN (\$240,372 – 1:50.2)	T. TETRICK, C. RYDER C. RYDER, R. MONDILLO	OPTED TO NOT GO TO TORONTO WITH EITHER OF HIS COLTS IN THE TOP 10. HOW'S THIS IS THE PLAN DOING? RYDER: "VERY WELL. I'M VERY HAPPY WITH HIM. WE ARE GOING TO TRAIN HIM AND GO RIGHT TO THE HEMPT." HEY CHRIS, SINCE YOU ARE NOT IN THE RACE, WHO DO YOU LIKE IN THE NA CUP? "TEAGUE'S HORSE (LATHER UP, WHO WON THE THIRD ELIM IMPRESSIVELY IN 1:49.2)." <b>LAST RACE: 5/28 – PCD – PA ALL-STARS – 3RD (1:50.3)</b>
5	AMERICAN HISTORY (\$86,643 – 1:49.1)	Y. GINGRAS, T. ALAGNA BRITTANY FARMS, M. KATZ, AMERICAN HISTORY RACING	DISPLAYED HIGH SPEED, SETTLED FOR THIRD IN ELIM 2 AS THE 9-5 FAVORITE. ALAGNA: "HE WAS USED PRETTY GOOD TO GET TO THE LEAD. HE WAS VERY GOOD. HE TRAINED BACK SUPER WEDNESDAY MORNING. HE'S READY FOR A SOLID EFFORT." <b>LAST RACE: 6/9 – WBSB – NA CUP ELIM – 3RD (1:50.3)</b>
6	THINKBIG DREAMBIG (\$31,500 – 1:49.2)	Y. GINGRAS, J. TAKTER BRIXTON MEDICAL INC., J. FIELDING, G. ANDERBERG, G. FALK	CONTINUED HIS CINDERELLA MARCH TOWARD A POSSIBLE MEADOWLANDS PACE START BY BULLYING AN OVERMATCHED FIELD AT 1-9 AT POCONO IN WHAT WAS ONLY HIS THIRD-EVER START. GIVEN HOW WIDE-OPEN THIS CROP LOOKS, WHY NOT HIM ON THE SECOND SATURDAY IN JULY? TAKTER: "IT'S POSSIBLE HE COULD BE THERE." <b>LAST RACE: 6/11 – PCD – NW2 – 1ST (1:51)</b>
7	NUTCRACKER SWEET (\$182,982 – 1:50.2)	D. MILLER, J. TAKTER H. TAYLOR, ORDER BY STABLE, R. LOMBARDO	PEAKING AT JUST THE RIGHT TIME? TAKTER TRAINEE FLEW HOME AT 28-1 TO MISS A NECK TO ELIM 2 WINNER WES DELIGHT IN WHAT WAS BY FAR HIS BEST START OF THE YEAR. FRESH HORSE MAKES JUST HIS FOURTH START OF THE SEASON AND COULD BE ONE FOR THOSE SEEKING A BIG PRICE. <b>LAST RACE: 6/9 – WBSB – NA CUP ELIM – 2ND (1:50.2)</b>
8	BABES DIG ME (\$107,447 – 1:52.3Q)	B. MILLER, T. ALAGNA B.J. GRANT, J. SBROCCO, J. LEBLANC, IN THE GYM PARTNERS	NEVER LEFT THE RAIL IN A SIXTH-PLACE FINISH IN HIS ELIM BUT HIS TRAINER STILL BELIEVES HE'S A PLAYER. ALAGNA: "HE WAS THE VICTIM OF A BAD TRIP. HE TRAINED SUPER WEDNESDAY MORNING." HE'S IN THE NA CUP CONSOLATION. <b>LAST RACE: 6/9 – WBSB – NA CUP ELIM – 6TH (1:50.3)</b>
9	CAPTAIN DEO (\$26,017 – 1:50.2)	D. McNAIR, T. ALAGNA ALAGNA RACING, J. SBROCCO, IN THE GYM PARTNERS, CAPTAIN DEO PARTNERS	NEVER GOT CLOSE IN HIS ELIM AFTER DEPARTING FROM POST 10. WILL FACE STABLEMATE BABES DIG ME AS WELL AS FELLOW MEADOWLANDS PACE ELIGIBLES MAJOR AUTHORITY AND DRAGON TIME IN THE CONSOLATION. ALAGNA: "THE PLAN IS FOR ALL FOUR OF MY HORSES TO BE THERE AT THE MEADOWLANDS PACE." <b>LAST RACE: 6/9 – WBSB – NA CUP ELIM – 7TH (1:51)</b>
10	I'M A BIG DEAL (\$110,344 – 1:50.2)	G. NAPOLITANO JR., C. RYDER C. HENDERSON, R. MONDILLO, C. RYDER	THE OTHER RTTMP MEMBER FROM THE RYDER BARN WHO ALSO DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE CUP. RYDER: "HE'S RACING SATURDAY AT THE MEADOWLANDS (FACING OLDER HORSES). I JUST WANTED TO GET A RACE IN HIM." THEN, IT'S ON TO THE HEMPT. <b>LAST RACE: 5/28 – PCD – PA ALL-STARS – 2ND (1:51.3)</b>

## KEY PREP RACES

MEADOWLANDS PACE ELIGIBLES IN CAPS – SUPPLEMENTS ARE PERMITTED PER THE CONDITIONS OF THE RACE

Date	Stakes	Site	Winner	Trainer	Driver	2nd Horse	3rd Horse	Time
55	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	FIm	Backstreet Shadow	R. McNair	D. McNair	St Lads Neptune	Wind Blast	1:52.3

	OnSS Gold	FIm	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. Hochstetler	M. Miller	Lyons Steel	Ostro Hanover	1:49.4
6/1	NJSS Final	M1	Melanie's Fran	K. Mc Dermott	D. Miller	Hypnotico	-	1:56.3
6/2	Somebeachsmwhere	Moh	Burning Midnight	C. Giles	T. Henry	Simple Kinda Man	GRAND TETON	1:50.4
	Somebeachsmwhere	Moh	Lather Up	C. Francis	M. Teague	St Lads Neptune	Scouts Report	1:50.3
	Somebeachsmwhere	Moh	Jimmy Freight	R. Moreau	L. Roy	LOST IN TIME	When You Dance	1:50.2
6/9	NA Cup Elim	Moh	STAY HUNGRY	T. Alagna	D. McNair	Done Well	HAYDEN HANOVER	1:50
	NA Cup Elim	Moh	Wes Delight	M. Harder	C. Callahan	NUTCRACKER SWEET	AMERICAN HISTORY	1:50.2
	NA Cup Elim	Moh	Lather Up	C. Francis	M. Teague	St Lads Neptune	Hitman Hill	1:49.2
6/10	NYSS	Tioga	Springsteen	R. Allard	D. Miller	Real Surreal	I Soar Him First	1:51
	NYSS	Tioga	Heavenly Sound	B. Saunders	A. McCarthy	Ideal Feeling	Trump Nation	1:50.4
	NYSS	Tioga	Keystone Tenacious	P. Kelley	M. MacDonald	My Delight	TWIN B TUFFENUFF	1:52.1
6/16	NA Cup Final	Moh						
6/18	NYSS	MR						
6/23	OnSS	Moh						
6/23	Hempt Elims	PcD						
6/30	Hempt Final	PcD						