

# ROAD TO THE MEADOWLANDS PACE

Week 10 (Final) – Thursday, July 4

The Crawford Farms Meadowlands Pace is on Saturday, July 13



RANK	HORSE (EARNINGS – MARK)	DRIVER, TRAINER OWNER(S)	DAVE LITTLE'S COMMENTS
1	<b>CAPTAIN CRUNCH</b> (\$1,050,806 – 1:47.2)	S. ZERON, N. JOHANSSON 3 BROTHERS STABLES, CHRISTINA TAKTER, ROJAN STABLES, CAVIART FARMS	ONLY A JUMPED SHADOW IN HIS NA CUP ELIMINATION KEPT HIM FROM GOING WIRE-TO-WIRE ATOP THE RTTCFMP TOP 10. THE TOP DOG OF THE 3-YEAR-OLD COLT PACING DIVISION IS LISTED AT 8-5 FROM THE RAIL IN THE FIRST OF TWO MEADOWLANDS PACE ELIMINATIONS SATURDAY NIGHT. JOHANSSON: "HE'S BEEN DOING VERY WELL AND WE HAVE KEPT HIM IN HIS ROUTINE." SINCE A GOOD POST IS GUARANTEED WITH AN ELIMINATION WIN, WILL CRUNCH BE HANDLED MORE AGGRESSIVELY? "I DON'T THINK WE HAVE TO DO THAT. HE'S THE ONE WITH THE TARGET ON HIS BACK." <b>LAST RACE: 6/15 – WMP – NORTH AMERICA CUP FINAL – 1<sup>ST</sup> (1:47.2)</b>
2	<b>BETTOR'S WISH</b> (\$639,556 – 1:49.3)	D. DUNN, C. RYDER CHRIS RYDER, BELLA RACING, FAIR ISLAND FARM, KENNETH SOLOMON	OPTED TO QUALIFY AT THE MEADOWLANDS SATURDAY, COMPLETING THE MILE IN 1:51.3 AFTER DEUCE-POPPING AT THE HEAD OF THE STRETCH. DREW POST 6 IN ELIM 2 AND WILL START OUT AT 9-5. RYDER: "I FIGURED A QUALIFIER WOULD SUIT HIM JUST FINE. HE'S A BIG EATER AND GETS A LITTLE CHUBBY." CAN CAPTAIN CRUNCH BE BEATEN? "IF BETTOR'S WISH SHOWS UP, YES." <b>LAST RACE: 6/29 – M1 – QUALIFIER – 1<sup>ST</sup> (1:51.3)</b>
3	<b>WORKIN ONA MYSTERY</b> (\$258,567 – 1:49)	T. TETRICK, B. BROWN DIAMOND CREEK RACING, STAMBAUGH LEEMAN STABLE, ALAN KEITH, WINGFIELD BROTHERS	THE LAST TIME THE "BIG THREE" MET, HE WAS THE 7-5 NA CUP FAVORITE. FIRST THINGS FIRST. HE AND CAPTAIN CRUNCH AND BETTOR'S WISH NOW ALL NEED TO QUALIFY TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN AGAIN. HE'S DRAWN POST 4 IN ELIM 1 AND IS 5-2. BROWN: "HE TRAINED WELL TUESDAY AND SCOPED VERY WELL AFTER. I THINK HE'LL BE PRETTY GOOD SATURDAY." <b>LAST RACE: 6/15 – WMP – NORTH AMERICA CUP FINAL – 3<sup>RD</sup> (1:47.3)</b>
4	<b>BEST IN SHOW</b> (\$126,487 – 1:50.3)	B. McCLURE, L. TOSCANO RICHARD P YOUNG, JOANNE YOUNG, CRAIG W HENDERSON	WENT WELL FOR SECOND IN ONTARIO SIRE STAKES GOLD ACTION SATURDAY AT MOHAWK. WITH 10 LIFETIME STARTS UNDER HIS BELT, IS HE NOW READY TO TAKE ON THIS KIND OF STOCK? HE'S DRAWN POST 3 IN ELIM 2 AND IS 12-1. TOSCANO: "I THINK HE WAS GOOD NOT GREAT SATURDAY (AT MOHAWK). I JUST WANT TO SEE HIM CONTINUE TO PROGRESS. HE'S STARTING TO GET A LITTLE BIT SMARTER." <b>LAST RACE: 6/29 – WMP – ONTARIO SIRE STAKES GOLD – 2<sup>ND</sup> (1:49.4)</b>
5	<b>HURRIKANE EMPEROR</b> (\$356,650 – 1:49.3)	D. DUBE, J. McDERMOTT JONATHAN KLEE RACING, KUHEN RACING, PEGASIS INVESTMENT GROUP, WILLIAM GAROFALO	MADE A BIG BID IN THE HEMPT AT THREE-QUARTERS BUT HAD TO SETTLE FOR FIFTH. STARTED HIS CAREER 10-FOR-12 BUT HAS LOST FOUR IN A ROW SINCE. IS LISTED AT 8-1 FROM POST 5 IN ELIM 2. McDERMOTT: "DANNY WANTED TO MAKE A BIG RUSH (IN THE HEMPT) BUT HE GOT ROUGH ON THE TURNS. TO PICK UP A FIFTH WAS GREAT BUT I'M STILL TINKERING WITH HIM. IT MEANS A LOT TO WIN THE ELIM AND GUARANTEE A GOOD POST FOR THE FINAL." <b>LAST RACE: 6/29 – PCD – HEMPT FINAL – 5<sup>TH</sup> (1:50.2)</b>
6	<b>LOVE ME SOME LOU</b> (\$213,599 – 1:50.4)	D. MILLER, T. CANCELLIERE JOHN CANCELLIERE	REAPPEARS IN THE TOP 10 OFF A WIN AGAINST OLDER FOES AT PHILADELPHIA IN 1:51.4. WILL THAT EFFORT PROVE TO BE ENOUGH TO GET HIM BACK TO A HIGH ENOUGH LEVEL TO COMPETE WITH THESE AFTER BEING AWAY FROM THE RACES FOR SIX WEEKS? IN THE SOFTER SECOND ELIM, HE'S DRAWN POST 1 AND IS 10-1. <b>LAST RACE: 6/30 – PHL – WINNERS OF 5 BUT NOT 7 – 1<sup>ST</sup> (1:51.4)</b>
7	<b>U S CAPTAIN</b> (\$55,957 – 1:50.1)	D. DUNN, T. ALAGNA BRITTANY FARMS LLC, BRADLEY J GRANT, JOSEPH BARBERA, U S CAPTAIN RACING	PERFECT IN FOUR STARTS IN 2019, TWO OF THEM OVERNIGHTS, WITH THE OTHER TWO AT THE BIG M. DOES THAT PREPARE ONE FOR THE MEADOWLANDS PACE? WE'LL FIND OUT. HE'LL BEGIN FROM POST 2 IN ELIM 1 AT 5-1. ALAGNA: "I DON'T KNOW THAT HE'S READY FOR (THIS CALIBER OF HORSES) BUT HE HAS SHOWN PROGRESSION. HE'S PRETTY VERSATILE AND WILL HAVE TO DO IT FROM OFF OF A HELMET." <b>LAST RACE: 6/29 – M1 – QUALIFIER – 5<sup>TH</sup> (1:52.3)</b>
8	<b>CAVIART ROCKLAND</b> (\$93,265 – 1:50.3)	Y. GINGRAS, N. JOHANSSON CAVIART FARMS	ONLY 2-FOR-16 LIFETIME YET COMES INTO THE PACE IN GOOD SHAPE, HAVING FINISHED SECOND IN THE NA CUP CONSOLATION. HE HAS POST 7 IN ELIM 2 AND IS LISTED AT 8-1. JOHANSSON: "HE'S COMING INTO THE RACE IN GOOD FORM. HE STAYS WITH CRUNCH WHEN THEY TRAIN TOGETHER. I DON'T THINK HE'S ANY BETTER OR WORSE THAN (THE SECOND-TIER HORSES)." <b>LAST RACE: 6/15 – WMP – NORTH AMERICA CUP CONSOLATION – 2<sup>ND</sup> (1:49.1)</b>
9	<b>DE LOS CIELOS DEO</b> (\$217,758 – 1:48.4Q)	D. MILLER, R. BURKE BURKE RACING STABLE LLC, LAWRENCE R KARR, J&T SILVA-PURNEL & LIBBY, WEAVER BRUSCEMI LLC	BURKE THINKS HIGHLY OF THIS SON OF CAPTAIN TREACHEROUS, BUT THINGS DID NOT GO HIS WAY IN THE NA CUP FINAL. HE'LL LOOK TO REBOUND IN ELIM 2 AT 4-1 FROM POST 8. BURKE: "I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED IN THE NA CUP FINAL. EVERY TIME HE RACES POORLY, I'M SHOCKED BY IT. I HAVE HIGH HOPES FOR HIM AND WILL GET HIM RIGHT." <b>LAST RACE: 6/15 – WMP – NORTH AMERICA CUP FINAL – 7<sup>TH</sup> (1:49.3)</b>
10	<b>ESCAPETO THE BEACH</b> (\$163,392 – 1:50.1)	Y. GINGRAS, T. ALAGNA ALAGNA AND INTHEGYM, JOE SBROCCO, ROBERT J LEBLANC, W J DONOVAN	OFF A PAIR OF TOUGH MILES IN THE HEMPT, WILL DEPART FROM POST 2 AT 10-1 IN ELIM 2. HE IS THE HORSE WHO PUSHED CAPTAIN VICTORIOUS TO THE HALF IN :53.2 WHILE FIRST-OVER IN HIS HEMPT ELIM. ALAGNA: "HE'S GOT A BETTER RESUME AT THIS POINT THAN U S CAPTAIN. AFTER HE WENT PARKED THE ENTIRE MILE (IN HIS HEMPT ELIM) I WAS VERY HAPPY HE HUNG IN THERE AS WELL AS HE DID. HE'S HAD A GOOD WEEK AND SHOULD BOUNCE RIGHT BACK." <b>LAST RACE: 6/29 – PCD – HEMPT CONSOLATION – 3<sup>RD</sup> (1:50.2)</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
5/4	Pa. Sire Stakes	Mea	Southwind Ozzi	B. Mac Kenzie	T. Tetrick	PROOF	Prince Of Tides	1:50.4

	Pa. Sire Stakes Pa. Sire Stakes	Mea Mea	WORKIN ONA MYSTERY LOVE ME SOME LOU	B. Brown T. Cancelliere	T. Tetrick D. Miller	Wild Wild Western Brassy Hanover	Captain Malicious CAPTAIN VICTORIOUS	1:50.1 1:50.4
5/11	Pa. All-Stars Pa. All-Stars Pa. All-Stars	PcD PcD PcD	BLOOD MONEY Branquinho AIR FORCE HANOVER	N. Johansson R. Schnittker B. Brown	S. Zeron T. Buter G. Napolitano, Jr.	ESCAPETOTHEBEACH LYONS NIGHT HAWK Highlandbeachlover	Brassy Hanover Warrawee Unique SUGAR FACTORY	1:50 1:50.1 1:50.1
5/13	NY Sire Stakes NY Sire Stakes NY Sire Stakes	MR MR MR	Hickfromfrenchlick Major March Rollwithpapajoe	R. Schnittker L. Toscano Je. Bongiorno	M. MacDonald J. Bartlett T. Buter	American Mercury Major Blake REIGNING DEO	Stone Hanover Astaire Covered Bridge	1:55 1:55 1:56
5/17	NJ Sire Stakes	M1	HURRIKANE EMPEROR	J. McDermott	D. Dube	Clintock	Black Dan	1:53.2
5/18	Art Rooney Elim. Art Rooney Elim.	YR YR	AIR FORCE HANOVER BETTOR'S WISH	B. Brown C. Ryder	D. Miller D. Dunn	BUDDY HILL BLOOD MONEY	PRICE HANOVER Rollwithpapajoe	1:52.4 1:53.2
5/19	Pa. Sire Stakes Pa. Sire Stakes Pa. Sire Stakes	PcD PcD PcD	Wild Wild Western CAPTAIN CRUNCH WORKIN ONA MYSTERY	N. Parker N. Johansson B. Brown	M. Wilder S. Zeron T. Tetrick	CAVIART STETSON Southwind Ozzi LOVE ME SOME LOU	SEMI TOUGH PROOF Highlandbeachlover	1:52 1:49.1 1:49.3
5/24	NJ Sire Stakes	M1	HURRIKANE EMPEROR	J. McDermott	D. Dube	Black Dan	Clintock	1:52
5/25	Art Rooney Final	YR	BETTOR'S WISH	C. Ryder	D. Dunn	Branquinho	AIR FORCE HANOVER	1:51.4
5/26	NY Sire Stakes	Stga	Fromthestartagain	J. Grasso	J. Bartlett	REIGNING DEO	MELODIES MAJOR	1:53
5/26	NY Sire Stakes	Stga	American Mercury	C. Oakes	T. Buter	Hickfromfrenchlick	Major March	1:52
5/26	NY Sire Stakes	Stga	Shake That House	C. Oakes	T. Buter	Stone Hanover	Major Blake	1:51.3
5/26	Pa. Sire Stakes	Phl	Southwind Ozzi	B. Mac Kenzie	B. Sears	Wild Wild Western	SEMI TOUGH	1:48.4
5/26	Pa. Sire Stakes	Phl	LYONS NIGHT HAWK	G. Dowse	T. Tetrick	Chaser Hanover	ESCAPETOTHEBEACH	1:50
5/26	Pa. Sire Stakes	Phl	CAPTAIN CRUNCH	N. Johansson	S. Zeron	Aflame Hanover	Warrawee Unique	1:49.2
6/1	Somebeachsomewhr	WMP	Century Farroh	I. Moore	S. Filion	CAVIART ROCKLAND	Better Up	1:52.4
6/1	Somebeachsomewhr	WMP	Tyga Hanover	B. Baillergeon	S. Filion	BEST IN SHOW	Stag Party	1:52.1
6/5	NY Sire Stakes	BR	American Mercury	C. Oakes	T. Buter	Major March	REIGNING DEO	1:52.4
6/8	NA Cup Elimination	WMP	BETTOR'S WISH	C. Ryder	D. Dunn	DE LOS CIELOS DEO	BEST IN SHOW	1:49.3
6/8	NA Cup Elimination	WMP	WORKIN ONA MYSTERY	B. Brown	T. Tetrick	CAPTAIN VICTORIOUS	Stag Party	1:49
6/15	NA Cup Final	WMP	CAPTAIN CRUNCH	N. Johansson	S. Zeron	BETTOR'S WISH	WORKIN ONA MYSTERY	1:47.2
6/16	NY Sire Stakes	TgD	Hickfromfrenchlick	R. Schnittker	M. MacDonald	Respect Our Flag	Major Blake	1:51.3
6/16	NY Sire Stakes	TgD	BUDDY HILL	M. Melander	J. Bartlett	Artie's Ideal	LIVE LUCKY	1:52
6/16	NY Sire Stakes	TgD	Major March	L. Toscano	J. Bartlett	Rollwithpapajoe	American Mercury	1:52.3
6/22	Max Hempt Elim.	PcD	Shake That House	C. Oakes	B. Sears	AIR FORCE HANOVER	Aflame Hanover	1:49
6/22	Max Hempt Elim.	PcD	PROOF	B. Brown	D. Miller	Brassy Hanover	LYONS NIGHT HAWK	1:48.1
6/22	Max Hempt Elim.	PcD	CAPTAIN VICTORIOUS	R. Burke	Y. Gingras	HURRIKANE EMPEROR	Highlandbeachlover	1:48.3
6/27	NY Sire Stakes	YR	American Mercury	C. Oakes	T. Buter	Major March	Hickfromfrenchlick	1:50.3
6/27	NY Sire Stakes	YR	Rollwithpapajoe	Je. Bongiorno	Jo. Bongiorno	Stone Hanover	Magic Joe Lindy	1:52.3
6/29	ON Sire Stakes Gold	WMP	Century Farroh	I. Moore	S. Filion	BEST IN SHOW	No Ordinary Man	1:49.4
6/29	Max Hempt Final	PcD	Shake That House	C. Oakes	B. Sears	Brassy Hanover	CAPTAIN VICTORIOUS	1:49.2
7/6	Mead. Pace Elim.	M1						
7/13	Mead. Pace Final	M1						