

ROAD TO THE MEADOWLANDS PACE

Week 4 – Thursday, May 23

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 (\$645,322 – 1:49.1)	S. ZERON, N. JOHANSSON 3 BROTHERS STABLES, CHRISTINA TAKTER, ROJAN STABLES, CAVIART FARMS	PACED HIS FINAL QUARTER IN :26 IN THE SLOP TO WIN HIS SEASONAL DEBUT AT POCONO DOWNS IN A LIFETIME-BEST EQUALING 1:49.1. "THAT WAS PROBABLY ONE OF THE MOST IMPRESSIVE SEASONAL DEBUTS I'VE EVER SEEN," SAID A PROUD JOHANSSON. "HE WAS NEVER PUSHED AT ANY POINT IN THE MILE AND SCOTT (ZERON) KEPT HIS EARPLUGS IN. WE ARE BACK IN ON SUNDAY AT PHILADELPHIA." LAST RACE: 5/19 – PCD – PENNSYLVANIA SIRE STAKES – 1ST (1:49.1)
2	WORKIN ONA MYSTERY (\$158,817 – 1:49.3)	T. TETRICK, B. BROWN DIAMOND CREEK RACING, STAMBAUGH LEEMAN STABLE, ALAN KEITH, WINGFIELD BROTHERS	WOW! DREW AWAY FROM HIS FOES BY ALMOST 5 LENGTHS IN AN EYE-POPPING 1:49.3 OVER THE OFF-GOING AT POCONO. COULD HE BE BETTER THAN STABLEMATE PROOF? BROWN HAS A PAIR HERE THAT COULD PROVE AS PROLIFIC AS DOWNBYTHESEASIDE AND FEAR THE DRAGON. BROWN: "HE'S A VERY NICE HORSE. HE'S ONLY LOST ONE RACE IN HIS LIFE. HE BEHAVED BETTER WITH SOME EQUIPMENT CHANGES. HE'LL QUALIFY SOMETIME NEXT WEEK." LAST RACE: 5/19 – PCD – PENNSYLVANIA SIRE STAKES – 1ST (1:49.3)
3	BETTOR'S WISH (\$302,056 – 1:51.1)	D. DUNN, C. RYDER CHRIS RYDER, BELLA RACING, FAIR ISLAND FARM, KENNETH SOLOMON	EASY PEASY KIND OF WINNER IN HIS ROONEY ELIM, LEADING AT EVERY CALL IN A DOWN-THE-ROAD 1:53.2 SCORE OVER BLOOD MONEY AT YONKERS. RYDER: "MY HORSE WAS VERY GOOD, ACCORDING TO MY DRIVER. HE CAME OUT OF THE RACE FINE. I'M NOT HAPPY WITH POST 6 (IN THE ROONEY FINAL ON SATURDAY) BUT MY TOUGHEST OPPONENTS HAVE DRAWN OUTSIDE OF ME, SO I GUESS WE DID OK." LAST RACE: 5/18 – YR – ROONEY ELIMINATION – 1ST (1:53.2)
4	PROOF (\$458,049 – 1:51)	D. MILLER, B. BROWN DIAMOND CREEK RACING	USED A BURST OF EARLY SPEED TO GRAB THE LEAD FROM POST 8 BEFORE SETTLING FOR THIRD TO CAPTAIN CRUNCH IN A SOLID EFFORT IN THE POCONOS. BROWN: "HE WAS VERY GOOD, YET BOTH HE AND WORKIN ONA MYSTERY SCOPED A LITTLE BUT SICK. WE'LL GO NEXT AT PHILADELPHIA IN THE SIRE STAKES." BROWN ALSO HAS AIR FORCE HANOVER, WHO COULD BE SEEN IN THIS TOP 10 SOON. LAST RACE: 5/19 – PCD – PENNSYLVANIA SIRE STAKES – 3RD (1:49.4)
5	BLOOD MONEY (\$382,244 – 1:50)	S. ZERON, N. JOHANSSON DIAMOND CREEK RACING	FINISHED A POCKET-SITTING SECOND AS THE 3-5 FAVORITE TO BETTOR'S WISH AT YONKERS IN AN ELIMINATION FOR THE ART ROONEY. JOHANSSON: "SCOTT (ZERON) WAS SITTING ON A TON OF HORSE, AND WE WEREN'T GOING TO KILL HIM IN AN ELIMINATION WITH A FINAL THAT HAS AN OPEN DRAW." LEAVES TO BETTOR'S WISH'S OUTSIDE ON SATURDAY NIGHT AT YONKERS. LAST RACE: 5/18 – YR – ROONEY ELIMINATION – 2ND (1:53.3)
6	LOVE ME SOME LOU (\$205,099 – 1:50.4)	D. MILLER, T. CANCELLIERE J. CANCELLIERE	CONTINUED HIS SOLID SEASON WITH A SECOND-PLACE FINISH AT THE HANDS OF WORKIN ONA MYSTERY AFTER LEAVING QUICKLY FROM POST 8 AND GOING AN INSIDE TRIP THE REST OF THE WAY AT POCONO. CANCELLIERE: "THIS IS A HAPPY LITTLE FELLA." BASED ON PERFORMANCE, HIS TRAINER IS APPARENTLY HAPPY AS WELL. LAST RACE: 5/19 – PCD – PENNSYLVANIA SIRE STAKES – 2ND (1:50.3)
7	SEMI TOUGH (\$305,566 – 1:51.1)	M. KAKALEY, R. BURKE BURKE RACING STABLE, FRANK BALDACHINO, J&T SILVA-PURNEL & LIBBY, WEAVER BRUSCEMI	LEFT IN :26.3, RACED IN THE POCKET THEREAFTER, FINISHED THIRD IN A 3-WAY PHOTO IN NICE TRY AT POCONO. BURKE: "HE RACED BETTER AND STILL SCOPED SICK AT 5 OUT OF 5, SO WE'LL HAVE TO BE MORE AGGRESSIVE TREATING HIM TO CLEAR HIS MUCUS BECAUSE HE IS BACK IN ON SUNDAY AT PHILADELPHIA." LAST RACE: 5/19 – PCD – PENNSYLVANIA SIRE STAKES – 3RD (1:52)
8	HURRIKANE EMPEROR (\$237,900 – 1:49.3)	D. DUBE, J. McDERMOTT JONATHAN KLEE RACING, KUHEN RACING, PEGASIS INVESTMENT GROUP, WILLIAM GAROFALO	THE EMPEROR PUT A ROYAL BEATING ON THREE OVERMATCHED FOES IN NEW JERSEY SIRE STAKES ACTION ON FRIDAY, HITTING THE FINISH 12¾ LENGTHS TO THE GOOD IN A RACE WHERE HE COULD HAVE WON BY 20 HAD HIS CONNECTIONS DESIRED. McDERMOTT: "I WAS REALLY HAPPY WITH HIM. HE WAS IN HAND. DANNY (DUBE) NEVER POPPED THE EARPLUGS. HE'S BACK IN THE NEW JERSEY SIRE STAKES FRIDAY NIGHT." LAST RACE: 5/17 – M1 – NEW JERSEY SIRE STAKES – 1ST (1:53.2)
9	REIGNING DEO (\$256,888 – 1:54.10)	A. MCCARTHY, B. PELLING DEO VOLENTE FARMS, PELLING RACING, BRIAN GORDON	TOOK LAST WEEK OFF AFTER FINISHING SECOND TO ROLLWITHPAPAJOE IN NEW YORK SIRE STAKES ACTION AT MONTICELLO ON MAY 13. NEXT UP IS THE NYSS AT SARATOGA ON SUNDAY. PELLING: "HE'S A GOOD-LOOKING AND KIND HORSE. HE CAME OUT OF HIS LAST RACE WELL AND IS READY TO GO THIS SUNDAY." LAST RACE: 5/13 – MR – NEW YORK SIRE STAKES – 2ND (1:56.3)
10	BRONX SEELSTER (\$294,505 – 1:51.2)	T. HENRY, W. MCGEAN CAPERS 3 STABLE	READY TO MAKE HIS SEASONAL DEBUT ON SATURDAY IN ONTARIO SIRE STAKES ACTION AT WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK. MCGEAN: "HE'S DOING SUPER. I TRAINED HIM IN A JOG CART IN 2:03 THE OTHER DAY AND HE IS READY TO GO." LAST RACE: 5/6 – WMP – QUALIFIER – 1ST (1:54)

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
5/4	Pa. Sire Stakes	Mea	Southwind Ozzi	B. Mac Kenzie	T. Tetrick	PROOF	Prince Of Tides	1:50.4
	Pa. Sire Stakes	Mea	WORKIN ONA MYSTERY	B. Brown	T. Tetrick	Wild Wild Western	Captain Malicious	1:50.1
	Pa. Sire Stakes	Mea	LOVE ME SOME LOU	T. Cancelliere	D. Miller	Brassy Hanover	CAPTAIN VICTORIOUS	1:50.4
5/11	Pa. All-Stars	PcD	BLOOD MONEY	N. Johansson	S. Zeron	ESCAPETOTHEBEACH	Brassy Hanover	1:50
	Pa. All-Stars	PcD	Branquinho	R. Schnittker	T. Buter	LYONS NIGHT HAWK	Warrawee Unique	1:50.1
	Pa. All-Stars	PcD	AIR FORCE HANOVER	B. Brown	G. Napolitano, Jr.	Highlandbeachlover	SUGAR FACTORY	1:50.1
5/13	NY Sire Stakes	MR	Hickfromfrenchlick	R. Schnittker	M. MacDonald	American Mercury	Stone Hanover	1:55
	NY Sire Stakes	MR	Major March	L. Toscano	J. Bartlett	Major Blake	Astaire	1:55

	NY Sire Stakes	MR	Rollwithpapajoe	J. Bongiorno	T. Buter	REIGNING DEO	Covered Bridge	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.	YR	AIR FORCE HANOVER	B. Brown	D. Miller	BUDDY HILL	PRICE HANOVER	1:52.4
	Art Rooney Elim.	YR	BETTOR'S WISH	C. Ryder	D. Dunn	BLOOD MONEY	Rollwithpapajoe	1:53.2
5/19	Pa. Sire Stakes	PcD	Wild Wild Western	N. Parker	M. Wilder	CAVIART STETSON	SEMI TOUGH	1:52
	Pa. Sire Stakes	PcD	CAPTAIN CRUNCH	N. Johansson	S. Zeron	Southwind Ozzi	PROOF	1:49.1
	Pa. Sire Stakes	PcD	WORKIN ONA MYSTERY	B. Brown	T. Tetrick	LOVE ME SOME LOU	Highlandbeachlover	1:49.3
5/25	Art Rooney Final	YR						
5/26	NY Sire Stakes	Stga						
5/26	Pa. Sire Stakes	Phi						
6/1	Somebeachsomewhr	WMP						
6/5	NY Sire Stakes	BR						
6/8	NA Cup Elim.	WMP						
6/15	NA Cup Final	WMP						
6/16	NY Sire Stakes	TgD						
6/22	Max Hempt Elim.	PcD						
6/27	NY Sire Stakes	YR						
6/29	ON Sire Stakes Gold	WMP						
6/29	Max Hempt Final	PcD						
7/6	Mead. Pace Elim.	M1						
7/13	Mead. Pace Final	M1						