

ROAD TO THE MEADOWLANDS PACE

Week 5 – Thursday, May 30

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 (\$673,931 – 1:49.1)	S. ZERON, N. JOHANSSON 3 BROTHERS STABLES, CHRISTINA TAKTER, ROJAN STABLES, CAVIART FARMS	STAYED PERFECT IN TWO STARTS THIS YEAR AFTER A DOMINANT 4-LENGTH SCORE AT PHILADELPHIA SUNDAY AS THE 1-20 FAVORITE. JOHANSSON: "HE WAS VERY GOOD. WE STILL HAVEN'T PULLED HIS PLUGS THIS YEAR. RIGHT NOW, I COULDN'T BE ANY MORE PLEASED." CRUNCH WILL TAKE THE WEEK OFF AND THEN GO IN THE NORTH AMERICA CUP. LAST RACE: 5/26 – PHL – PENNSYLVANIA SIRE STAKES – 1ST (1:49.2)
2	BETTOR'S WISH (\$452,056 – 1:51.1)	D. DUNN, C. RYDER CHRIS RYDER, BELLA RACING, FAIR ISLAND FARM, KENNETH SOLOMON	GIANT MILE IN THE ROONEY FINAL SATURDAY RESULTED IN A 6-LENGTH SCORE AS THE 4-5 PUBLIC CHOICE. BETTOR'S DELIGHT PRODUCT IS NOW 3-FOR-3 THIS YEAR. RYDER: "I WAS THRILLED. I TRIED NOT TO THINK ABOUT THE FACT THAT WE HAD TO LEAVE FROM THE OUTSIDE BUT I WAS OK WITH THE POCKET TRIP. DEXTER (DUNN) HAS DONE REAL WELL, I GIVE HIM NO INSTRUCTION AT ALL. BETTOR'S WISH WILL GO NEXT IN THE NORTH AMERICA CUP ELIMINATIONS IN TWO WEEKS." LAST RACE: 5/25 – YR – ROONEY FINAL – 1ST (1:51.4)
3	WORKIN ONA MYSTERY (\$158,817 – 1:49.3)	T. TETRICK, B. BROWN DIAMOND CREEK RACING, STAMBAUGH LEEMAN STABLE, ALAN KEITH, WINGFIELD BROTHERS	TOOK LAST WEEK OFF AFTER DRAWING AWAY FROM HIS FOES BY ALMOST 5 LENGTHS IN AN EYE-POPPING 1:49.3 OVER THE OFF-GOING AT POCONO TWO SUNDAYS AGO. BROWN: "WE SKIPPED THE LAST SIRE STAKE BECAUSE WE DIDN'T WANT TO SHIP. HE QUALIFIED WELL WEDNESDAY AT HOOSIER IN 1:52.3. IF WE DO WELL ENOUGH IN THE OTHER RACES, I AM NOT GOING TO WORRY ABOUT THE FACT THAT WE MAY NOT HAVE ENOUGH POINTS FOR THE PENNSYLVANIA SIRE STAKES FINAL. THE NA CUP IS NEXT." LAST RACE: 5/19 – PCD – PENNSYLVANIA SIRE STAKES – 1ST (1:49.3)
4	HURRIKANE EMPEROR (\$248,900 – 1:49.3)	D. DUBE, J. McDERMOTT JONATHAN KLEE RACING, KUHEN RACING, PEGASIS INVESTMENT GROUP, WILLIAM GAROFALO	LIKE THE WEEK BEFORE, THE EMPEROR PUT A ROYAL BEATING ON THREE OVERMATCHED FOES IN NEW JERSEY SIRE STAKES ACTION ON FRIDAY, HITTING THE FINISH 26½ LENGTHS TO THE GOOD. WILL FACING HORSES THIS INFERIOR PREPARE HIM FOR THE ROAD AHEAD? McDERMOTT: "I WAS REALLY HAPPY WITH HIM LAST FRIDAY. I TOLD DANNY (DUBE) TO RACE HIM FOR HALF A MILE. I EXPECT HIM TO GO FASTER THIS FRIDAY IN THE NJSS FINAL, BUT THE CLOCK IS NOT THAT IMPORTANT TO ME. HE IS PLENTY FIT." LAST RACE: 5/24 – M1 – NEW JERSEY SIRE STAKES – 1ST (1:52)
5	BLOOD MONEY (\$397,244 – 1:50)	S. ZERON, N. JOHANSSON DIAMOND CREEK RACING	WAS USED HARD EARLY IN THE ROONEY FINAL BEFORE GIVING WAY THROUGH THE STRETCH, FINISHING A TIRED FIFTH AS THE SECOND CHOICE IN THE WAGERING. JOHANSSON: "GOING FOUR-WIDE THROUGH THE FIRST TURN GOT TO HIM A LITTLE BIT. WE HAD TO GIVE IT A SHOT. HE'S PROBABLY MORE OF A BIG-TRACK TYPE OF HORSE. HE TRAINED SUPER WEDNESDAY. HE'S IN NEXT IN THE NA CUP." LAST RACE: 5/25 – YR – ROONEY FINAL – 5TH (1:53.1)
6	LOVE ME SOME LOU (\$205,099 – 1:50.4)	D. MILLER, T. CANCELLIERE J. CANCELLIERE	TOOK LAST WEEK OFF AFTER CONTINUING 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. THE PLAN CALLS FOR ANOTHER WEEK OFF BEFORE GOING BACK TO THE RACES. LAST RACE: 5/19 – PCD – PENNSYLVANIA SIRE STAKES – 2ND (1:50.3)
7	REIGNING DEO (\$271,413 – 1:54.10)	A. MCCARTHY, B. PELLING DEO VOLENTE FARMS, PELLING RACING, BRIAN GORDON	UPPED HIS SEASONAL STATS TO THREE SECOND-PLACE FINISHES IN THREE STARTS AFTER MISSING A NECK WHILE CLOSING LATE AT SARATOGA AFTER GOING A THREE-HOLE TRIP. PELLING: "HE WAS JUST OK AT SARATOGA. I EXPECTED HIM TO WIN BY A NECK BUT HE LOST BY A HEAD. HE'S RACING ON HALF-MILE TRACKS BUT HE'S BETTER OFF A HELMET. I'M GOING TO RACE HIM WEDNESDAY AT BUFFALO (IN THE NEW YORK SIRE STAKES)." LAST RACE: 5/26 – STGA – NEW YORK SIRE STAKES – 2ND (1:53)
8	AIR FORCE HANOVER (\$305,566 – 1:51.1)	D. MILLER, B. BROWN COUNTRY CLUB ACRES INC., JOE SBROCCO, RICHARD M LOMBARDO, W J DONOVAN	RALLIED WELL TO GET THIRD IN THE ROONEY FINAL AFTER WINNING HIS ELIMINATION THE WEEK BEFORE. BROWN: "I WAS SURPRISED AT HOW WELL HE RACED. HE WAS THREE- AND FOUR-WIDE IN THAT LAST TURN. I'M VERY HAPPY WITH HIM. THE NA CUP IS NEXT." LAST RACE: 5/25 – YR – ROONEY FINAL – 3RD (1:53)
9	BEST IN SHOW (\$69,363 – 1:50.3)	B. McCLURE, L. TOSCANO RICHARD P YOUNG, JOANNE YOUNG, CRAIG W HENDERSON	LIGHTLY RACED SON OF BETTOR'S DELIGHT DEFEATED BRONX SEELSTER AND STAG PARTY AT MOHAWK PARK IN ONTARIO SIRE STAKES GOLD ACTION, EARNING HIM A SPOT IN THE TOP 10 DESPITE HAVING STARTED ONLY SIX TIMES IN HIS CAREER. TOSCANO: "HE ACTED LIKE A NICE COLT LAST YEAR BUT CAME UP A LITTLE SORE LATE IN THE SEASON. HE'S COME BACK GOOD. WHAT WAS ENCOURAGING TO ME WAS, WHEN BRONX SEELSTER CAME TO HIM, HE FOUGHT HIM OFF. HE'S IN THE SOMEBEACHSOMEWHERE." LAST RACE: 5/25 – WMP – ONTARIO SIRE STAKES GOLD – 1ST (1:50.3)
10	BRONX SEELSTER (\$314,633 – 1:51.2)	T. HENRY, W. MCGEAN CAPERS 3 STABLE	DID GOOD THINGS IN HIS SEASONAL DEBUT, FINISHING SECOND IN ONTARIO SIRE STAKES GOLD ACTION AT MOHAWK PARK. MCGEAN: "HE RACED AWESOME. THAT WAS THE FASTEST MILE HE EVER WENT IN HIS LIFE. I WAS KIND OF SURPRISED. HE'LL GO IN THE SOMEBEACHSOMEWHERE ON SATURDAY." LAST RACE: 5/25 – WMP – ONTARIO SIRE STAKES GOLD – 2ND (1:50.4)

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
5/24	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	Phi	Southwind Ozzi	B. Mac Kenzie	B. Sears	Wild Wild Western	SEMI TOUGH	1:48.4
5/26	Pa. Sire Stakes	Phi	LYONS NIGHT HAWK	G. Dowse	T. Tetrick	Chaser Hanover	ESCAPETOTHEBEACH	1:50
5/26	Pa. Sire Stakes	Phi	CAPTAIN CRUNCH	N. Johansson	S. Zeron	Aflame Hanover	Warrawee Unique	1:49.2
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						