

ROAD TO THE MEADOWLANDS PACE

Week 6 – Thursday, June 6

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	IN THE FIRST OF TWO NORTH AMERICA CUP ELIMINATIONS AT WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK ON SATURDAY, CRUNCH HAS DRAWN POST 4 IN ELIM 1. JOHANSSON: "HE TRAINED GREAT WEDNESDAY MORNING. ALL SYSTEMS GO. IT'S GOOD WE HAVE AN INSIDE POST, IT GIVES SCOTT (ZERON) OPTIONS." 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	ROONEY CHAMPION WILL TAKE ON CAPTAIN CRUNCH IN ELIM 1 FROM POST 1. RYDER: "I TRAINED HIM LIGHT ON TUESDAY. WE HAVE A TOUGH DIVISION. HE'S PROBABLY BETTER OFF A HELMET BUT I WILL LEAVE ALL OF THAT TO DEXTER (DUNN). HE'S DOING VERY WELL. NOTHING BOTHERS HIM." 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	QUALIFIED AT HOOSIER ON MAY 29 IN 1:52.3 TO GET READY FOR THE NA CUP, IN WHICH HE'S DRAWN POST 9 IN ELIM 2. BROWN: "THE TRIP WILL TELL THE TALE AND I'M NOT GOING TO TELL TIMMY (TETRICK) WHAT TO DO. I WANT TO MAKE THE FINAL, BUT IT WOULD BE HUGE TO WIN, SO THAT WE'D GET TO CHOOSE OUR POST. YOU SURE DON'T WANT TO DRAW THE NINE- OR 10-HOLE NEXT WEEK." LAST RACE: 5/29 – HoP – QUALIFIER – 1ST (1:52.3)
4	HURRIKANE EMPEROR (\$314,900 – 1:49.3)	D. DUBE, J. McDERMOTT JONATHAN KLEE RACING, KUHEN RACING, PEGASIS INVESTMENT GROUP, WILLIAM GAROFALO	CONTINUED HIS DOMINATION OF THE NEW JERSEY SIRE STAKES BY WINNING FRIDAY NIGHT'S FINAL AT THE MEADOWLANDS BY 17½ LENGTHS IN 1:53. TIME FOR SOME REAL COMPETITION. HE'S DRAWN POST 3 IN ELIM 1 AT THE 'HAWK. McDERMOTT: "I TRAINED HIM AT POCONO TUESDAY AND HE CAME OUT OF IT TREMENDOUS. HE'S DONE EVERYTHING I'VE ASKED OF HIM. HE'S AN EVEN-KEELED HORSE. IF HIS BEST IS GOOD ENOUGH, HE'LL WIN. HE'S THE COOLEST HORSE IN THE WORLD. NOTHING PHASES HIM." LAST RACE: 5/31 – M1 – NEW JERSEY SIRE STAKES FINAL – 1ST (1:53)
5	AIR FORCE HANOVER (\$202,888 – 1:50.1)	Y. GINGRAS, 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. HE HAS DRAWN POST 6 IN WHAT LOOKS LIKE AN EXTREMELY DEEP ELIM 1. BROWN: "MY OWNER TOLD ME THAT THE 6 HOLE IS THE WINNINGEST AT MOHAWK BUT THERE'S ALWAYS SOMEBODY LEAVING THAT YOU DON'T EXPECT. I'M JUST GOING TO SHUT UP AND LET YANNICK (GINGRAS) DO THE DRIVING." LAST RACE: 5/25 – YR – ROONEY FINAL – 3RD (1:53)
6	BEST IN SHOW (\$84,163 – 1:50.3)	B. McCLURE, L. TOSCANO RICHARD P YOUNG, JOANNE YOUNG, CRAIG W HENDERSON	FINISHED SECOND IN A DIVISION OF THE SOMEBEACHSOMEWHERE TO TYGA HANOVER TO GET READY FOR THE CUP, WHERE HE'S DRAWN POST 2 IN ELIM 1. TOSCANO: "HE RACED SUPER IN THE SOMEBEACHSOMEWHERE. HE'S STILL A GREEN COLT. STAG PARTY TOOK A RUN AT HIM AND MY COLT CAME BACK AND BEAT HIM. THEN, FRESH LEGS POPPED OUT OF THE TWO HOLE TO BEAT MY COLT. HE'S RIGHT WHERE I WANT HIM TO BE. EXCEPT (LAUGHING), FOR THE DIVISION WE ARE IN ON SATURDAY." LAST RACE: 6/1 – WMP – SOMEBEACHSOMEWHERE – 2ND (1:52.2)
7	BRONX SEELSTER (\$319,369 – 1:51.2)	T. HENRY, W. McGEAN CAPERS 3 STABLE	RALLIED THROUGH A FINAL QUARTER OF :27 TO PICK UP A 4 TH -PLACE CHECK IN THE SAME SBSW DIVISION AS BEST IN SHOW. HE'LL DEPART FROM POST 6 IN ELIM 2. LAST RACE: 6/1 – WMP – SOMEBEACHSOMEWHERE – 4TH (1:52.4)
8	LOVE ME SOME LOU (\$205,099 – 1:50.4)	D. MILLER, T. CANCELLIERE J. CANCELLIERE	HASN'T BEEN OUT SINCE 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 THREE WEEKS AGO. HE IS NOT IN THE NA CUP OR ANY OTHER RACE THIS WEEK. LAST RACE: 5/19 – PcD – PENNSYLVANIA SIRE STAKES – 2ND (1:50.3)
9	REIGNING DEO (\$271,413 – 1:54.10)	A. MCCARTHY, B. PELLING DEO VOLENTE FARMS, PELLING RACING, BRIAN GORDON	WENT A SECOND-OVER TRIP ON THE WAY TO A THIRD-PLACE FINISH IN THE NEW YORK SIRE STAKES AT BUFFALO ON WEDNESDAY. HE IS NOT IN THE NA CUP. PELLING: "HE WAS OK AT BUFFALO. HE GOES TO BETTER TRACKS NOW, SO THAT WILL BE A TRUE TEST. HE'S IN NEXT AT TIOPA IN THE NYSS ON JUNE 16." LAST RACE: 6/5 – BR – NEW YORK SIRE STAKES – 3RD (1:54.4)
10	BLOOD MONEY (\$397,244 – 1:50)	S. ZERON, N. JOHANSSON DIAMOND CREEK RACING	THIS WILL BE HIS FINAL APPEARANCE IN THE TOP 10, AS THE CUP AND THE PACE HAVE NOW BEEN REMOVED FROM HIS DANCE CARD. JOHANSSON: "HE SUSTAINED A STRESS FRACTURE IN THE ROONEY, SO HE IS GOING TO BE OUT FOR ABOUT SIX WEEKS. DR. HOGAN IS CONFIDENT HE'LL MAKE A FULL RECOVERY, SO NEXT UP FOR HIM WILL BE THE KENTUCKY SIRE STAKES." LAST RACE: 5/25 – YR – ROONEY FINAL – 5TH (1:53.1)

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	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	Warawee 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 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						