

# ROAD TO THE MEADOWLANDS PACE

Week 9 – Thursday, June 27

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	CLEARLY THE LEADER OF THE 3-YEAR-OLD COLT PACING PACK WITH THE NORTH AMERICA CUP TROPHY SITTING ON HIS MANTLE. WILL GO AFTER THE CUP-PACE DOUBLE WHEN ELIMS ARE CONTESTED AT THE BIG M A WEEK FROM SATURDAY. JOHANSSON: "HE TRAINED (WEDNESDAY) MORNING ALONG WITH CAVIART (ROCKLAND) AND BOTH WERE VERY GOOD. THEY WILL TRAIN FAST SATURDAY MORNING AND THEN THEY SHOULD BE READY TO GO." <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	CAME UP JUST SHORT IN THE CUP. CAN HE SCORE SOME REVENGE ON HIS ARCH-RIVAL CAPTAIN CRUNCH IN THE PACE? RYDER: "HE'S GOOD. WE ARE GOING TO QUALIFY SATURDAY MORNING AT THE MEADOWLANDS." <b>LAST RACE: 6/15 – WMP – NORTH AMERICA CUP FINAL – 2<sup>ND</sup> (1:47.3)</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 7-5 NA CUP FAVORITE REACHED THREE-QUARTERS ON THE POINT IN 1:20 BEFORE SETTLING FOR THIRD. THE PACE WILL FEATURE A REMATCH OF THE DIVISION'S BIG THREE. BROWN: "HE WENT A BIG MILE IN THE NORTH AMERICA CUP BUT I DON'T THINK THERE WILL BE ANY REPERCUSSIONS FOR THE PACE. HE'LL TRAIN ON FRIDAY OR 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> (\$96,163 – 1:50.3)	B. McCLURE, L. TOSCANO RICHARD P YOUNG, JOANNE YOUNG, CRAIG WHENDERSON	STILL INEXPERIENCED SORT IS HEADED FOR SOME ONTARIO SIRE STAKES GOLD ACTION SATURDAY BEFORE RETURNING TO NEW JERSEY TO GIVE THE PACE A GO. TOSCANO: "HE'S GOOD. I DON'T LOVE MY DRAW (POST 8) FOR SATURDAY (IN THE ONTARIO SIRE STAKES GOLD) BUT WE DECIDED TO RACE INSTEAD OF STAY AT THE MEADOWLANDS AND QUALIFY. IF HE CAN'T GO WITH THE SIRE STAKE HORSES, THEN HE DOESN'T BELONG WITH THE OTHERS (IN THE PACE)." <b>LAST RACE: 6/15 – WMP – NORTH AMERICA CUP FINAL – 6<sup>TH</sup> (1:48.2)</b>
5	<b>AIR FORCE HANOVER</b> (\$215,888 – 1:50.1)	D. DUNN, B. BROWN COUNTRY CLUB ACRES INC., JOE SBROCCO, RICHARD M LOMBARDO, W J DONOVAN	SHOWED EARLY SPEED BEFORE YIELDING AND STAYING AT THE RAIL THE REST OF THE WAY TO GET SECOND IN HIS HEMPT ELIM. BROWN: "I'M VERY HAPPY WITH HIM BUT HE'S NOT QUITE AS GOOD AS SOME OF THE OTHER HORSES. I DON'T THINK HE'S COMING TO THE PACE. WE ARE LOOKING MORE TOWARDS THE ADIOS." <b>LAST RACE: 6/22 – PCD – HEMPT ELIMINATION – 2<sup>ND</sup> (1:49.1)</b>
6	<b>PROOF</b> (\$476,299 – 1:48.1)	D. MILLER, B. BROWN DIAMOND CREEK RACING	REAPPEARS IN THE TOP 10 AFTER SEVERAL WEEKS AWAY OFF AN IMPRESSIVE 1:48.1 SCORE IN HIS HEMPT ELIMINATION AS THE 4-5 FAVORITE. BROWN: "THE WEEK OF TRAINING HE HAD BEFORE THAT RACE WAS THE BEST OF HIS LIFE. HE WAS UNBELIEVABLE LAST WEEK. WE'LL DECIDE AFTER THE HEMPT WHAT WE WILL DO NEXT, BUT I'M LEANING TOWARDS THE MEADOWLANDS PACE." <b>LAST RACE: 6/22 – PCD – HEMPT ELIMINATION – 1<sup>ST</sup> (1:48.1)</b>
7	<b>HURRIKANE EMPEROR</b> (\$331,650 – 1:49.3)	D. DUBE, J. McDERMOTT JONATHAN KLEE RACING, KUHEN RACING, PEGASIS INVESTMENT GROUP, WILLIAM GAROFALO	SAT THE POCKET THROUGHOUT BEHIND CAPTAIN VICTORIOUS' IMPROBABLY INCREDIBLE MILE IN A HEMPT ELIM AS THE 3-2 PUBLIC CHOICE. McDERMOTT: "HIS EARPLUGS NEVER GOT PULLED. WE ACCOMPLISHED WHAT WE NEEDED TO (BY MAKING IT TO THE FINAL). HE SCOPED A LITTLE SICK, SO HE'S BEEN ON ANTI-BIOTICS AND I EXPECT HIM TO BE BETTER ON SATURDAY." <b>LAST RACE: 6/22 – PCD – HEMPT ELIMINATION – 2<sup>ND</sup> (1:49)</b>
8	<b>CAPTAIN VICTORIOUS</b> (\$180,271 – 1:48.3)	Y. GINGRAS, R. BURKE THE CAPTAIN V STABLE	IF YOU DID NOT SEE HIS MILE IN THE HEMPT, DO YOURSELF A FAVOR AND CHECK IT OUT. HE WAS HOUNDED EVERY STEP OF THE WAY ON THE LEAD AND WON IN DECISIVE FASHION TO EARN A SPOT IN THE TOP 10 FOR THE FIRST TIME. UNBELIEVABLE! BURKE: "I WASN'T THAT SURPRISED AT HOW GOOD HE WAS. I WAS MORE SURPRISED AT HOW BAD HE WAS THE START BEFORE (IN THE NA CUP). AS FOR LAST WEEK, WHEN THE TRACK AT POCONO IS LIKE IT WAS, YOU CAN GO FAR ON THE LEAD." <b>LAST RACE: 6/22 – PCD – HEMPT ELIMINATION – 1<sup>ST</sup> (1:48.3)</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	WAS SENT TO THE GATE AS THE 3-1 SECOND CHOICE IN THE WAGERING, BUT DID NOT LIVE UP TO THAT BILLING, FINISHING SEVENTH IN THE CUP. BURKE: "I STILL THINK HE'S THE BEST COLT I HAVE. I THINK BEING OFF FOR TWO WEEKS IS GOOD FOR HIM. AFTER THE (1:48.4) QUALIFIER FOLLOWED BY THE BIG MILE IN HIS NA CUP ELIM FOLLOWED BY THE DISASTER IN THE FINAL, HE NEEDS SOME TIME TO RECOUP." <b>LAST RACE: 6/15 – WMP – NORTH AMERICA CUP FINAL – 7<sup>TH</sup> (1:49.3)</b>
10	<b>CAVIART ROCKLAND</b> (\$93,265 – 1:50.3)	Y. GINGRAS, N. JOHANSSON CAVIART FARMS	FINISHED SECOND IN A NICE TRY IN THE NA CUP CONSOLATION AFTER PACING HOME IN :27. JOHANSSON: "IF IT SETS UP WELL AND HE GETS A TRIP, HE ALWAYS CLOSSES VERY WELL, I THINK HE HAS A LEGITIMATE SHOT TO GET A CHECK IN THE PACE. IT'S BETTER FOR ME TO HAVE THEM (CAVIART ROCKLAND AND CAPTAIN CRUNCH) ON TWO SEPARATE AVENUES AS WE GET FURTHER INTO THE SEASON. HOPEFULLY, CAVIART CAN GET INTO THE MILLSTEIN AND RACES LIKE THAT." <b>LAST RACE: 6/15 – WMP – NORTH AMERICA CUP CONSOLATION – 2<sup>ND</sup> (1:49.1)</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	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 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 J. 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. Fillion	CAVIART ROCKLAND	Better Up	1:52.4
6/1	Somebeachsomewhr	WMP	Tyga Hanover	B. Baillergeon	S. Fillion	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						
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						