

ROAD TO THE MEADOWLANDS PACE
Week 6 (of 10) – Thursday, June 8
The Meadowlands Pace is on Saturday, July 15, 2023

RANK	HORSE (EARNINGS – MARK)	DRIVER, TRAINER OWNER(S)	DAVE LITTLE'S (AND TRAINER'S) COMMENTS
1	VOUKEFALAS (\$391,088 – 1:49.4)	J. STRATTON, M. RUSSO MICHAEL PAGONAS	ALL HORSES IN THIS TOP 10 WILL BE AT MOHAWK SATURDAY COMPETING IN 4 NORTH AMERICA CUP ELIMINATIONS. WHEN THE DUST CLEARS, WILL 'VOUK' STILL BE IN THE TOP SPOT? IS HE VERSATILE ENOUGH TO PASS THIS TEST? RUSSO: "HE'S IN GREAT SPIRITS. I DON'T REALLY CARE IF HE GOES TO THE LEAD OR NOT. HE TRAINED DOWN AND HE WAS A MONSTER PASSING HORSES. HE LOVES COMING OFF A HELMET ANYTIME YOU TRAIN HIM, HIS SPEED IS INCREDIBLE." HE'S GOT PP 4 IN ELIM 1. BREEDING: LAZARUS N-INITTOWINAFORTUNE LAST RACE: 5/27/2023 – M¹ – NJSS – 1st (1:49.4)
2	CHRISTCHURCH (\$24,475 – 1:49.3)	D. DUNN, N. TAKTER DIAMOND CREEK RACING, FARHI STANDARDBREDS CORP., SPREYDON LODGE LTD	CAN HE LIVE UP TO THE HYPE? HIS LONE START OF THE YEAR RAISED EYEBROWS, BUT NOW THE TEST IS SUPER-TOUGH. TAKTER: "I'M FEELING REALLY GOOD ABOUT HIM. HE TRAINED REALLY WELL (WEDNESDAY) MORNING. I MADE SOME EQUIPMENT CHANGES AND WAS THRILLED WITH THE RESULTS. PP 1 IN ELIM 1. BREEDING: ALWAYS B MIKI-DARLINONTHEBEACH LAST RACE: 5/19/2023 – M¹ – NW2 – 1st (1:49.3)
3	CONFEDERATE (\$451,200 – 1:49.2)	T. TETRICK, B. PELLING DIAMOND CREEK RACING	TOOK LAST WEEK OFF AFTER A FAST-CLOSING WIN IN HIS LONE START OF THE SEASON. PP 5 IN ELIM 4. PELLING: "THEY (CONFEDERATE AND COMBUSTION) DID AS I EXPECTED. ONE'S QUICK (CONFEDERATE), ONE'S STRONG (COMBUSTION). (CONFEDERATE) WILL LOVE THAT BIG SWEEPING LAST TURN (AT MOHAWK). THEY DO A LOT OF RACING IN THE LAST TURN THERE." BREEDING: SWEET LOU-GEOTHERMAL LAST RACE: 5/27/2023 – M¹ – NW\$10,000 – 1st (1:50.1)
4	STOCKADE SEELSTER (\$739,326 – 1:49.3)	J. JAMIESON, I. MOORE SALLY MACDONALD, PAUL MACDONALD	LOOKED GOOD HOLDING OFF PACE-INELIGIBLE MOMENT IS HERE IN THE SBSW. A GOOD TIME TO RECORD YOUR FIRST WIN OF THE YEAR, RIGHT DR. MOORE? "WE WERE VERY PLEASED WITH HIS EFFORT. THE RACE WAS A LITTLE SLOWER THAN THE OTHER TWO (DIVISIONS OF THE SBSW), IT GOT PRETTY COLD AND WINDY AS THE NIGHT WENT ON, BUT JODY SAID HE WAS IN HAND. HE DID PULL PLUGS AT THE HEAD OF THE STRETCH." PP 2 IN ELIM 3. BREEDING: STATE TREASURER-SOIREE SEELSTER LAST RACE: 6/3/2023 – WMP – SOMEBEACHSOMEWHERE – 1st (1:50.1)
5	FULTON (\$321,303 – 1:49.2)	D. DUNN, L. TOSCANO LET IT RIDE STABLES INC, BOTTOM LINE RACING LLC	DESPITE CLOSING IN :27, GOT GUNNED DOWN AT MOHAWK TO SUFFER HIS FIRST LOSS OF THE YEAR IN WHAT WAS STILL A SOLID EFFORT. PP 6 IN ELIM 2. BREEDING: HESTON BLUE CHIP-BETTOR BE STEAMIN LAST RACE: 6/3/2023 – WMP – SOMEBEACHSOMEWHERE – 2nd (1:49.1)
6	COMBUSTION (\$298,525 – 1:49.3)	T. MCCARTHY, B. PELLING DIAMOND CREEK RACING, THOMAS DILLON, SCOTT DILLON, COOPER SILVA STABLES	MADE A MOVE TO THE LEAD DOWN THE BACKSIDE AT THE BIG M ON THE WAY TO AN EASY SCORE IN HIS ONLY START OF THE YEAR. PP 3 IN ELIM 2. PELLING: "I THOUGHT HE WAS VERY, VERY GOOD. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THAT RUN AND THE QUALIFIER? HE DID WORK ON THE FIRST TURN. (DOWN THE BACKSTRETCH, WHEN HE MADE THE LEAD) HE WAS JUST TRYING TO DO IT THE RIGHT WAY, WITHOUT USING FULL GAS. I WAS HAPPY WITH HIM." BREEDING: CAPTAINTRACHEROUS-ACQUAVELLA LAST RACE: 6/3/2023 – M¹ – NW\$7,500 – 1st (1:51.1)
7	AMMO (\$429,833 – 1:50.3)	D. MILLER, J. HOLLOWAY VAL D'OR FARMS, TED GEWERTZ	A LOSS TO IT'S MY SHOW IS NOTHING TO BE ASHAMED OF, BUT IN THIS POLL, IT'S EASY TO LOSE GROUND WHEN OTHERS ARE WINNING. PP 5 IN ELIM 2. HOLLOWAY: "HE'S GOOD. I WANTED TO BEAT IT'S MY SHOW BUT I THINK BY THE END OF THE YEAR, WE WILL. DURING THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS, THINGS WILL SORT THEMSELVES OUT. THE BIG MILES, THE ROAD, EVERYTHING WILL START TO TAKE ITS TOLL." BREEDING: SWEET LOU-BEACH GAL LAST RACE: 5/28/2023 – PHL – PASS – 2nd (1:49.2)
8	SAVE AMERICA (\$357,005 – 1:48.1)	Y. GINGRAS, N. TAKTER 3 BROTHERS STABLES, CAVIART FARMS	HEADS INTO ELIM 3 FROM PP 3 AFTER A WEEK OFF AFTER A START WHERE HE STOPPED THE CLOCK IN A CO-SEASONAL-BEST 1:48.1 FOR A 3-YEAR-OLD MALE. TAKTER: "HE TRAINED VERY WELL (WEDNESDAY) MORNING. I'M THINKING WE FINALLY HAVE HIM FIGURED OUT." BREEDING: CAPTAINTRACHEROUS-MY LADY DAY LAST RACE: 5/28/2023 – PHL – PA STALLION SERIES – 1st (1:48.1)
9	SEVEN COLORS (\$76,209 – 1:48.1)	T. TETRICK, B. BROWN COUNTRY CLUB ACRES INC., JOE SBROCCO, BILL ELLIOT, MILTON LEEMAN	A WINNER OF 4-OF-6 STARTS THIS YEAR IS THE OTHER 1:48.1 3YO MALE PACER DURING 2023. PP 6 IN ELIM 3. BROWN: "WE ARE LEAVING FOR MOHAWK ON FRIDAY. I LIKE TO KEEP THEM AT HOME AS LONG AS I CAN. HE'S NOT AN OVERLY TALL HORSE, BUT HE'S VERY THICK. WHEN YOU GET THE HOBBLES ON AND GO ANY KIND OF SPEED, HE IS REALLY GOOD GAITED. OTHER THAN THAT, IT'S GUTS. HE WANTS TO BE A HORSE." BREEDING: STAY HUNGRY-RAINBOWINTHEDARK LAST RACE: 5/28/2023 – PHL – PASS – 1st (1:48.1)
10	BAMBOOZLER (\$227,184 – 1:50.1)	D. MCNAIR, V. MORGAN JR. QT STABLES, LLC	HAS MADE FOUR STARTS THIS SEASON AND HAS HIT THE BOARD EVERY TIME. LONE WIN CAME IN PENNSYLVANIA SIRE STAKES ACTION AND HE'S KNOCKED HEADS WITH SOLID FOES IN ALL OTHER OUTINGS. WILL RACE FROM PP5 IN ELIM 1. BREEDING: CAPTAINTRACHEROUS-DECEPTION LAST RACE: 6/3/2023 – WMP – SOMEBEACHSOMEWHERE – 2nd (1:50)

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
5/6	NJ Sire Stakes	M1	VOUKEFALAS	M. Russo	J. Stratton	HANDLELIKEAPORSCH	Lifes A Puzzle	1:50.3
5/6	Pa. Sire Stakes	Mea	BAMBOOZLER	V. Morgan	D. Dunn	Loubet	SEVEN COLORS	1:50.1
			Ken Hanover	R. Mallar	D. Miller	Ervin Hanover	All Class	1:49.4
			Annapolis Hanover	M. York	H. Myers	NAZARE	Just Bet It All	1:50.3
			FULTON	L. Toscano	D. Dunn	Flight Craft	ADMIRAL HILL	1:49.2
5/13	NJ Sire Stakes	M1	VOUKEFALAS	M. Russo	J. Stratton	HANDLELIKEAPORSCH	Laz	1:50
5/14	Pa. All-Stars	PcD	Idiosyncratic	R. Burke	S. Allard	MAMBA	Stay Grounded	1:50.3

			Command Ken Hanover	B. Pelling R. Mallar	T. McCarthy D. Miller	Hunters Hero LYONS SURFING	Panettone Hanover IM HUNGRY	1:51.1 1:51.4
5/21	Pa. Sire Stakes	PcD	AMMO FULTON It's My Show Ken Hanover	J. Holloway L. Toscano L. Toscano R. Mallar	D. Miller D. Dunn S. Zeron D. Miller	Flite Craft LYONS SURFING BAMBOOZLER Larceny	Just Bet It All Annapolis Hanover Captain Batboy All Class	1:50.3 1:50.2 1:49.2 1:49
5/27	NJ Sire Stakes	M1	VOUKEFALAS	M. Russo	J. Stratton	VICI	Lifes A Puzzle	1:49.4
5/28	Pa. Sire Stakes	Phi	It's My Show Ervin Hanover SEVEN COLORS	L. Toscano R. Burke B. Brown	S. Zeron Y. Gingras T. Tetrick	AMMO BAMBOOZLER Annapolis Hanover	LYONS SURFING Larceny Tip Top Cat	1:49.1 1:49.2 1:48.1
6/3	Somebchsomewhere	Wbsb	Redwood Hanover Annapolis Hanover STOCKADE SEELSTER	A. Beaton M. York I. Moore	J. MacDonald D. Miller J. Jamieson	FULTON BAMBOOZLER Moment Is Here	DUPREE HANOVER ANTS MARCHING GUNG HO	1:49 1:49.3 1:50.1
6/10	N.A. Cup elims	Wbsb						
6/16	NY Sire Stakes	VD						
6/17	N.A. Cup final	Wbsb						
6/23	Messenger elims	YR						
6/24	NY Sire Stakes	Stga						
6/30	Messenger final	YR						
7/8	Meadowlands Pace elim.	M1						
7/15	Meadowlands Pace Final	M1						