

Dave Little's Final Road to the Meadowlands Pace
ROAD TO THE MEADOWLANDS PACE
Final – Week 10 (of 10) – Thursday, July 6
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	CONFEDERATE (\$640,950 – 1:48.4)	T. TETRICK, B. PELLING DIAMOND CREEK RACING	HAS POST 1 IN THE 2ND MEADOWLANDS PACE ELIMINATION SATURDAY NIGHT. THE TRAINER IS THE ALL-TIME LEADER IN PACE WINS WITH 4. PELLING: "HE'S DOING WELL. NICE AND FRESH." WHAT'S THE PACE'S SIGNIFICANCE? "IT'S THE BIGGEST RACE FOR A PACING TRAINER LIVING HERE. IT'S THE SIGNATURE RACE." HOW'S YOUR CONFIDENCE LEVEL? "CONFIDENT IS NOT A GOOD WAY TO BE. YOU ARE MORE RELIEVED WHEN THEY GET IT DONE. BUT. THERE IS NO HORSE IN THIS FIELD THAT I WOULD TRADE FOR MINE." BREEDING: SWEET LOU-GEOTHERMAL LAST RACE: 6/17/2023 – WMP – NORTH AMERICA CUP – 2ND (1:47.4)
2	FULTON (\$422,133 – 1:48.2)	D. DUNN, L. TOSCANO LET IT RIDE STABLES INC. BOTTOM LINE RACING LLC	POST 3 IN ELIM 1. THE TRAINER'S BEST IN SHOW WAS AN UPSET WINNER IN 2019 AND HAS A BIG SHOT AT ANOTHER PACE WIN. TOSCANO: "HE'S FINE. I KIND OF EXPECTED (THAT THERE WOULDN'T BE A LOT OF HORSES DROP IN). I COULDN'T SEE MORE THAN TWO DIVISIONS. THE RIGHT HORSES ARE IN THE RACE. WITH SHORT FIELDS YOU HAVE A LITTLE BIT MORE LEEWAY AS FAR AS NOT KILLING YOUR HORSE." BREEDING: HESTON BLUE CHIP-BETTOR BE STEAMIN LAST RACE: 6/17/2023 – WMP – NORTH AMERICA CUP – 3RD (1:48.1)
3	VOUKEFALAS (\$455,183 – 1:49.4)	J. STRATTON, M. RUSSO MICHAEL PAGONAS	POST 1 IN ELIM 1. RUSSO: "I'VE BEEN WANTING TO WIN THIS RACE SINCE MCKINZIE ALMAHURST (A PERSONAL FAVORITE AS A FAN) DIDN'T WIN THE RACE. I CAN'T IMAGINE IT. I KNOW IF WE WERE TO WIN THE PACE, I WOULD PROBABLY GET EMOTIONAL. VOUKEFALAS TRAINED GREAT (WEDNESDAY)." BREEDING: LAZARUS N-INITTOWINAFORTUNE LAST RACE: 7/1/2023 – M1 – QUALIFIER – 1ST (1:50.4)
4	STOCKADE SEELSTER (\$810,478 – 1:49.3)	J. JAMIESON, DR. I. MOORE SALLY MACDONALD, PAUL MACDONALD	POST 3 IN ELIM 2. MOORE: "HE'S COMING INTO THE RACE GOOD. I NORMALLY WOULD HAVE TRAINED HIM (TODAY) BUT WE WENT (WEDNESDAY) BECAUSE OF THE HEAT. WE'LL SHIP (TODAY)." BREEDING: STATE TREASURER-SOIREE SEELSTER LAST RACE: 7/1/2023 – WMP – ONTARIO SIRE STAKES GOLD – 1ST (1:49.3)
5	CHRISTCHURCH (\$65,825 – 1:48.2)	D. DUNN, N. TAKTER DIAMOND CREEK RACING, FARHI STANDARDBREDS CORP., SPREYDON LODGE LTD	POST 6 IN ELIM 2. OFF A STRONG LIFETIME-BEST SCORE AT THE BIG M. WAS THAT PRECISELY WHAT YOU WERE LOOKING FOR? TAKTER: "I TRAINED HIM (WEDNESDAY) MORNING AND WAS REALLY HAPPY WITH HIM. HE WENT A GOOD MILE LAST WEEK. I WAS MOST HAPPY TO SEE HIM DIG IN AND NOT LET ANYBODY BY. I THINK HE'S PRETTY VERSATILE BUT HE'S GOING TO NEED A LITTLE BIT OF PACE." BREEDING: ALWAYS B MIKI-DARLINONTHEBEACH LAST RACE: 7/1/2023 – M1 – 3YO OPEN – 1ST (1:48.2)
6	CANNIBAL (\$150,798 – 1:48.3)	S. ZERON, N. TAKTER DIAMOND CREEK RACING	POST 2 IN ELIM 1. TO THIS AUTHOR, THIS ONE'S STOCK IS UP. TAKTER: "HE'S UNDEFEATED THIS YEAR AND HAS DONE EVERYTHING I HAVE ASKED HIM TO DO. OUT OF ALL MY HORSES, HE'S THE MOST VERSATILE. IN HIS LAST START, HE CAME FIRST UP AND BEAT OLDER HORSES AND HE'S SO MUCH SOUNDER THIS YEAR AS COMPARED TO LAST." BREEDING: SWEET LOU-NO MORE LOSSES LAST RACE: 6/24/2023 – M1 – NWS\$10,000L4 – 1ST (1:49.1)
7	SAVE AMERICA (\$401,780 – 1:48.1)	A. MCCARTHY, N. TAKTER 3 BROTHERS STABLES, CAVIART FARMS	POST 7 IN ELIM 2. FINISHED AN UNINSPIRING FOURTH IN HIS FINAL TUNE UP LAST WEEK. TAKTER: "I PULLED BLOOD ON HIM LAST WEEK SINCE I WAS A LITTLE DISAPPOINTED IN HIS EFFORT. HIS WHITE BLOOD COUNT WAS OFF. I THINK THAT WOULD BE A LEGIT EXCUSE FOR LAST WEEK. THAT BEING SAID, I HOPE WE CAN HAVE HIM AT 100 PERCENT THIS WEEK. HE'S A LITTLE BIT TOO INCONSISTENT." BREEDING: CAPTAINTEACHEROUS-MY LADY DAY LAST RACE: 7/7/2023 – M1 – NWS\$10,000L4 – 4TH (1:49.4)
8	AMMO (\$448,308 – 1:50.3)	D. MILLER, J. HOLLOWAY VAL D'OR FARMS, TED GEWERTZ	POST 2 IN ELIM 2. HAD NO SHOT IN THE NORTH AMERICA CUP, AND HE IS, AFTER ALL, THE BREEDERS CROWN CHAMPION FROM LAST YEAR. HOLLOWAY: "HE'S COMING INTO THE RACE FINE. HE RACED HORRIBLE LAST WEEK BUT THAT WAS MY FAULT. I'VE MADE SOME CHANGES. I HAVE TO TRY AND MAKE HIM BETTER." BREEDING: SWEET LOU-BEACH GAL LAST RACE: 7/1/2023 – M1 – 3YO OPEN – 5TH (1:49)
9	HUNGRY ANGEL BOY (\$43,655 – 1:50.2)	Y. GINGRAS, T. ALAGNA ALAGNA RACING LLC, PRYDE STABLES INC., PIT BULL STABLE LLC, BRITTANY, HEAD, RIVERVIEW RACING	POST 4 IN ELIM 1. YANNICK GINGRAS GETS IN THE BIKE WITH TODD MCCARTHY DRIVING COMBUSTION. ALAGNA: "I HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THIS RACE, AND THAT'S WHY I THINK YANNICK IS A GOOD FIT. I THINK HE'S A TACTICAL DRIVER WHO KNOWS WHAT HE NEEDS TO DO TO GET THE HORSE INTO THE FINAL. THE HORSE HAD A GREAT WEEK. AFTER BLEEDING A LITTLE, WE'LL BE ADDING LASIX FOR THE FIRST TIME." BREEDING: STAY HUNGRY-ANGEL SCENT LAST RACE: 7/1/2023 – M1 – NW2 – 2ND (1:49.1)
10	ITS A ME MARIO (\$111,811 – 1:49.4)	L. TRITTON, S. TRITTON JOSHUA JAY GRABER	POST 7 IN ELIM 1. AFTER STARTING THE YEAR 5-FOR-5, FINISHED 6TH IN THE MESSENGER. WHAT HAPPENED? SHANE: "LAST YEAR, I SAID HE'S THE REAL DEAL, BUT THEN HE HAD AN INJURY. WHEN HE CAME BACK AS A 3YO HE REACHED THE POTENTIAL HE HAD AS A 2YO. I THINK HIS LAST START WAS HIS BEST RUN. HE WAS UNLUCKY NOT TO GET MONEY. THE HORSE IS STILL LEARNING." BREEDING: AMERICAN IDEAL-NF SALSA LAST RACE: 6/30/2023 – YR – MESSENGER – 6TH (1:58.4 – 1 1/16 MILES)

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	HANDLELIKEAPORSCHÉ	Laz	1:50
5/14	Pa. All-Stars	PcD	Idiosyncratic Command Ken Hanover	R. Burke B. Pelling R. Mallar	S. Allard T. McCarthy D. Miller	MAMBA Hunters Hero LYONS SURFING	Stay Grounded Panettone Hanover IM HUNGRY	1:50.3 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 final	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	CHRISTCHURCH FULTON It's My Show CONFEDERATE	N. Takter L. Toscano L. Toscano B. Pelling	D. Dunn D. Dunn S. Zeron T. Tetrick	VOUKEFALAS AMMO SAVE AMERICA LYONS SURFING	Moment Is Here Redwood Hanover STOCKADE SEELSTER HUNGRY ANGEL BOY	1:48.4 1:48.2 1:48 1:48.4
6/16	NY Sire Stakes	VD	Thunder Hunter Joe Huntinthelastdolar ITS A ME MARIO	N. DeVita G. McNair S. Tritton	T. Buter S. Zeron B. Sears	American Fling I Was Tricked PACINO HANOVER	Peppermint Man Taste Of Honey Goldin Greatness	1:49.2 1:49.2 1:49.4
6/17	N.A. Cup final	Wbsb	It's My Show	L. Toscano	S. Zeron	CONFEDERATE	FULTON	1:47.4
6/30	Messenger	YR	Captain Batboy	T. Fanning	J. Stratton	Strengthfromabove	Thunder Hunter Joe	1:57.4*
7/8	Meadowlands Pace elim.	M1					*1 1/16 miles	
7/15	Meadowlands Pace Final	M1						