

ROAD TO THE MEADOWLANDS PACE

Week 8 (of 10) – Thursday, June 20

The Meadowlands Pace is on Saturday, July 13, 2024

RANK	HORSE (EARNINGS – MARK)	DRIVER, TRAINER OWNER(S)	DAVE LITTLE'S (AND TRAINER'S) COMMENTS
1	NIJINSKY (\$529,890 – 1:48.1)	L. ROY, A. BEATON WEST WINS STABLE, JOHN D FIELDING, MARK B DUMAIN	A PERFECT SECOND-OVER TRIP LED TO A DRINK FROM THE NORTH AMERICA CUP, KEEPING THE SON OF BETTORS DELIGHT UNBEATEN IN FIVE STARTS THIS YEAR AFTER GOING JUST 1-FOR-10 A YEAR AGO. BEATON: "IT WAS PRETTY EXCITING. THE ONLY WAY IT COULD HAVE BEEN ANY BETTER IS IF SYLVAIN [DRIVING FUNTIME BAYAMA] CAME OUT OF THE THREE HOLE AND GAVE LEGENDARY COVER," HE SAID WITH A LAUGH. "WE WERE CONTENT FOLLOWING LEGENDARY. WE KNEW HE WAS GOING TO GET US THERE." BREEDING: BETTOR'S DELIGHT-PIROUETTE HANOVER LAST RACE: 6/15/2024 – WBSB – N.A. CUP FINAL – 1ST (1:48.1)
2	CAPTAINS QUARTERS (\$594,456 – 1:49.1)	J. JAMIESON, H. HOLLAND RICH P STILES	COULD NOT HOLD OFF NIJINSKY IN WHAT WAS A VALIANT TRY. HOLLAND: "HE RACED GREAT. HE GOT THE TOUGHEST JOURNEY OUT OF MOST OF THEM. THE WINNER GOT A BETTER TRIP. THAT'S THE BOTTOM LINE. I WAS VERY HAPPY WITH HIM. I'LL KEEP HIM AS FRESH AS I CAN UNTIL THE MEADOWLANDS PACE." BREEDING: CAPTAINREACHEROUS-PRESCIENT BEAUTY LAST RACE: 6/15/2024 – WBSB – N.A. CUP FINAL – 2ND (1:48.2)
3	FUNTIME BAYAMA (\$381,948 – 1:49.1)	S. FILION, R. MOREAU BAYAMA FARMS INC	ANOTHER BIG MILE, HAD TO SETTLE FOR THIRD IN THE CUP. FILION: "I WAS VERY HAPPY WITH HIS PERFORMANCE. HE LEFT HARD. I WAS HOPING FOR A TWO-HOLE TRIP BUT WE ENDED UP GETTING A THREE-HOLE TRIP AND GOT JAMMED UP ON THE TURN. HE'S BEEN GREAT FOR US. WE'LL GIVE HIM THE WEEK OFF AND START TO GET READY FOR THE PACE." BREEDING: HE'S WATCHING-TYMAL SUGRBABYDOLL LAST RACE: 6/15/2024 – WBSB – N.A. CUP FINAL – 3RD (1:48.3)
4	CAPTAIN ALBANO (\$552,915 – 1:49.2)	T. MCCARTHY, N. DALEY PATRICIA STABLE, L A EXPRESS & SJOBLOM INC, MICHAEL E DOLAN	MADE TWO MOVES BEFORE THE HALF AND MIGHT HAVE HAD A THIRD HAD THERE BEEN ROOM FROM THE POCKET IN DEEP STRETCH. SETTLED FOR FOURTH. DALEY: "I'M BIASED, BUT ME AND MY DRIVER THOUGHT WE WERE THE BEST. HE HAD TO STOP HIM IN THE STRAIGHT. HE WAS SPOT ON. WE KNEW THE HORSE THAT ENDED UP SECOND-OVER WOULD WIN THE RACE. HE WILL NOT RACE IN BETWEEN NOW AND [THE PACE] ELIMS." BREEDING: CAPTAINREACHEROUS-ANGELOU LAST RACE: 6/15/2024 – WBSB – N.A. CUP FINAL – 4TH (1:48.4)
5	LEGENDARY HANOVER (\$377,209 – 1:48.3)	J. MACDONALD, A. BEATON ERIC K GOOD, WEST WINS STABLE, MARK B DUMAIN	ENDED UP HAVING TO DO THE DIRTY WORK, PROVIDING THE LIVE TOW FOR STABLEMATE NIJINSKY. WERE YOU HAPPY AS IT WAS UNFOLDING? BEATON: "I THOUGHT HE PUT IN A GREAT EFFORT. WE GOT STUCK IN A BAD SPOT WITH HIM. HE HAD TO DO THE HEAVY LIFTING BUT THAT'S ALL PART OF RACING. AFTER A LIGHT WEEK, I WILL DECIDE IF I'M GOING TO QUALIFY LEGENDARY AND NIJINSKY NEXT WEEK." BREEDING: HUNTSVILLE-LILLIAN HANOVER LAST RACE: 6/15/2024 – WBSB – N.A. CUP FINAL – 5TH (1:49)
6	McCRUNCH (\$35,775 – 1:49)	Y. GINGRAS, N. TAKTER 3 BROTHERS STABLE, CAVIART FARMS, JOE SBROCCO, JAF RACING LLC	SPORTS A GAWDY RECORD OF 5 MEADOWLANDS STARTS, 5 MEADOWLANDS WINS. DID NOT GO TO THE N.A. CUP. IT'S TIME TO LOOK FOR A RACE BEFORE THE PACE, NO? TAKTER: "HE'S RACING SATURDAY AT THE MEADOWLANDS. HE'S DOING WELL. AT THIS TIME OF YEAR, KEEPING THEM HEALTHY AND FIT AND HAPPY IS THE GOAL." BREEDING: CAPTAIN CRUNCH-MCGIBSON LAST RACE: 5/31/2024 – M1 – W1-NW3 – 1ST (1:49)
7	CAPTAIN LUKE (\$354,174 – 1:49.3)	S. ZERON, T. ALAGNA ROBERT J LEBLANC, PRYDE STABLES INC, BRADLEY J GRANT, STEVEN HEAD	WENT AN INSIDE TRIP, FINISHED 6 TH BEHIND A PRETTY GOOD TOP FIVE IN THE CUP. ALAGNA: "HE ACTUALLY TIED UP [IN THE CUP]. THE WAY THE TRIP WORKED OUT HE WOULD NOT HAVE HAD A CLEAR SHOT. I EXPECT HIM TO BOUNCE RIGHT BACK. I'LL RACE HIM NEXT WEEK IF THEY HAVE A 3-YEAR-OLD RACE OR AN OVERNIGHT AT THE MEADOWLANDS. IF NOT, HE'LL QUALIFY." BREEDING: CAPTAINREACHEROUS-BODACIOUS HANOVER LAST RACE: 6/15/2024 – WBSB – N.A. CUP FINAL – 6TH (1:49.2)

8	MIRAGE HANOVER (\$186,883 – 1:49.3)	T. TETRICK, J. LEAMON MARVIN J ROUNICK	A THIRD-PLACE FINISH IN THE CUP CONSOLATION AFTER NO RACING ROOM LATE. LEAMON: "HE PROBABLY WOULD HAVE WON HAD HE GOT OUT. HE WAS LOCKED IN FOR HIS LIFE. HE LOOKED LIKE TONS THE BEST. I'LL PROBABLY LOOK FOR A RACE NEXT WEEK, OR MAYBE JUST A QUALIFIER. WE'LL SEE HOW IT WORKS OUT." BREEDING: BETTOR'S DELIGHT-MAYHEM SEELSTER LAST RACE: 6/15/2024 – WBSB – N.A. CUP CONSOLATION – 3RD (1:49.2)
9	GEM QUALITY (\$488,401 – 1:50)	D. DUNN, C. RYDER LET IT RIDE STABLES INC, ODDS ON RACING, BRADLEY J GRANT, ENVIRO STABLES LTD	WILTED TO 5 TH IN THE CAPTAINS QUARTERS ELIMINATION WIN. A DISAPPOINTED TRAINER DECIDED TO SKIP THE CONSOLATION. WHAT NOW? RYDER: "HE'S DOING WELL, WE JUST HAVE TO DECIDE WHAT WE ARE DOING NEXT. HOPING TO GET A RACE OR A QUALIFIER. THE WAY THEY GO IN QUALIFIERS, I DON'T PARTICULARLY CARE WHICH IT IS." BREEDING: CAPTAIN CRUNCH-TWINKLE LAST RACE: 6/8/2024 – WBSB – N.A. CUP ELIMINATION – 5TH (1:51)
10	NUCLEAR (\$107,920 – 1:48.4)	A. MILLER, J. HOLLOWAY VAL D'OR FARMS	BURST ONTO THE SCENE A WEEK AGO WITH A FLASHY 1:48.4 SCORE IN HIS FIRST START OF THE YEAR. WHERE'S HE BEEN, JOE? HOLLOWAY: "HE IS GETTING PAST A CASE OF ATRIAL FIBRILLATION. HE GOT A GREAT TRIP [IN HIS WIN] AND NOW IS GOOD TO GO." NUCLEAR WILL TAKE THIS WEEK OFF. BREEDING: ALWAYS B MIKI-CAN'TGETENUFFOYOU LAST RACE: 6/14/2024 – M1 – NW2 – 1ST (1:48.4)

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	PaSS	Mea	Rush In Booming Economy Captain Fear Not	L. Toscano R. Burke K. Troy	D. Palone M. Wilder J. Indof	Timeisonmyside Tenacious Hanover LYONS BENJAMIN	Solid Character Hugh Heston Solar Solution	1:50.1 1:51.4 1:51.2
5/4	NJSS	M1	Arbitrage Hanover Endofstory	B. Pelling D. Dilloian Jr.	T. McCarthy T. McCarthy	BETTER IS NICE Royal Desire	Alritealritealrite Ain't Nostopn Time	1:51.4 1:51.1
5/11	Pa All-Stars	PcD	Solid Character GEM QUALITY IVY PARK Women Layer	R. Burke C. Ryder N. Takter B. Pelling	D. Miller D. Dunn Y. Gingras T. McCarthy	Target Aquired Timeisonmyside Armada Hanover Southwind Celcius	Solar Solution Dream Bird Captain Fear Not Americagreatagain	1:51.3 1:53 1:51.3 1:51.3
5/11	NJSS	M1	Arbitrage Hanover Endofstory	B. Pelling D. Dilloian Jr.	T. McCarthy T. McCarthy	Bonaparte Mr Three O Five	BETTER IS NICE Royal Desire	1:51 1:50.4
5/18	PaSS	PcD	Sweet Beach Life CAPTAIN ALBANO Rush In GEM QUALITY	T. Alexander N. Daley L. Toscano C. Ryder	M. Kakaley T. McCarthy S. Zeron D. Dunn	Solid Character IVY PARK CAPTAIN SKIPPY Armada Hanover	Tenacious Hanover ITS SATURDAY NIGHT LYONS BENJAMIN Lou's World	1:50.4 1:50.4 1:50.2 1:51
5/25	NJSS Final	M1	Arbitrage Hanover	B. Pelling	T. McCarthy	BETTER IS NICE	Mr Three O Five	1:49.1
5/26	PaSS	Phi	Rush In CAPTAIN SKIPPY CAPTAIN ALBANO	L. Toscano A. Svanstedt N. Daley	S. Zeron D. Dunn T. McCarthy	IVY PARK Southwind Celcius GEM QUALITY	LYONS BENJAMIN Armada Hanover ITS SATURDAY NIGHT	1:49.4 1:50.2 1:49.4
6/1	Somebchsomewhere	Wbsb	FUNTIME BAYAMA NIJINSKY	R. Moreau A. Beaton	S. Filion L. Roy	LEGENDARY HANOVER CAPTAIN'S QUARTERS	Fast Louie NEWSROOM	1:49.1 1:49
6/8	N.A. Cup eliminations	Wbsb	CAPTAIN'S QUARTERS FUNTIME BAYAMA NIJINSKY	H. Holland R. Moreau A. Beaton	J. Jamieson S. Filion L. Roy	CAPTAIN ALBANO LEGENDARY HANOVER STORM SHADOW	IVY PARK CAPTAIN LUKE TOTAL STRANGER	1:49.1 1:50.1 1:50.2
6/15	N.A. Cup final	Wbsb	NIJINSKY	A. Beaton	L. Roy	CAPTAIN'S QUARTERS	FUNTIME BAYAMA	1:48.1
6/21	Messenger elims	YR						
6/28	Messenger final							