

ROAD TO THE MEADOWLANDS PACE
Final – Week 10 (of 10) – Thursday, July 4
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	(Will race in Pace elimination 2 from post 5) After winning just once in 10 tries a year ago, he is at the top of the division with a win in the Cup and a 5-for-5 record. Beaton: “He’s been very good since the Cup, so we have our fingers crossed. As far as the layoff, I think these horses are so much more like Thoroughbreds now, given the speeds we have to go. I don’t train them overly hard, anyway. Let’s keep the wind in their sail.” Breeding: Bettor’s Delight-Pirouette Hanover Last Race: 6/15/2024 – Wbsb – N.A. Cup final – 1 st (1:48.1)
2	Captain’s Quarters (\$594,456 – 1:49.1)	J. Jamieson, H. Holland Rich P Stiles	(Elim 1, Post 4) Finished second in the Cup. Can he bring home the bacon in the Pace? Holland: “I think we’ll get a good performance Saturday. There are four in there that are very capable of winning the race. The Pace for me is special. I lived [near The Meadowlands] for 20 years. I have family there. It’s a big deal for me.” Breeding: Captaintreacherous-Prescient Beauty Last Race: 6/15/2024 – Wbsb – N.A. Cup final – 2 nd (1:48.2)
3	Funtime Bayama (\$381,948 – 1:49.1)	D. Dunn, A. Harris William Pollock, Bruce Areman, Andrew Harris	(Elim 2, Post 6) The newest member of the Andrew Harris barn worked in 1:50.4 Saturday at The Big M. You’ve only had him nine days, is there anything that concerns you? Harris: “I wouldn’t mind being on the front. This horse is a great horse and Dex is a great driver. There’s not a lot to know about him. Keep him sound and happy and let Dex do his thing.” Breeding: He’s Watching-Tymal Sugrbabydoll Last Race: 6/15/2024 – Wbsb – N.A. Cup final – 3 rd (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	(Elim 2, Post 4) The highest-ranked local horse has done nothing wrong in his entire career. Daley: “It would have been nice had it been two weeks since the Cup instead of three, but the Adios is next, so it’s four weeks in a row starting this week, that’s why I didn’t [look for a start]. If he’s alright [after the Pace], that’s what we’ll do.” Breeding: Captaintreacherous-Angelou Last Race: 6/15/2024 – Wbsb – N.A. Cup final – 4 th (1:48.4)
5	Legendary Hanover (\$377,209 – 1:48.3)	J. MacDonald, A. Beaton Eric K Good, West Wins Stable, Mark B Dumain	(Elim 1, Post 3) Completes a powerful pair from the same barn. Beaton: “Kudos to Louis [Roy] for mapping out that trip in the Cup [with Nijinsky]. James gave Legendary a great trip also because he thought he was going to get cover, but it didn’t come. I think [my two horses] are very, very close. On any given day, whichever one gets the trip can win.” Breeding: Huntsville-Lillian Hanover Last Race: 6/15/2024 – Wbsb – N.A. Cup final – 5 th (1:49)
6	McCrunch (\$39,555 – 1:49)	Y. Gingras, N. Takter 3 Brothers Stable, Caviart Farms, Joe Sbrocco, JAF Racing LLC	(Elim 2, Post 2) Did not race at 2 but has won 5 of 6 Big M starts this year. McCrunch has only missed two weeks while the top 5 have missed three. Is that an edge? Takter: “I don’t really think so. The others raced a little faster than he did, and have more stakes experience. But he’s a big, strong boy. He’s very confident and comfortable.” Breeding: Captain Crunch-McGibson Last Race: 6/22/2024 – M1 – NW\$14,000 – 2 nd (1:49)
7	Mirage Hanover (\$202,318 – 1:49.1)	T. Tetrick, J. Leamon Marvin J Rounick	(Elim 1, Post 1) Joined Mach N Cheese as the only horses in the history of The Meadowlands to pace a final quarter in 24.3. Wow! What a win after a perfect pocket trip! Leamon: “When nobody was leaving, Tetrick called an audible. Whatever Timmy decides is fine with me. I just get the horse ready.” Breeding: Bettor’s Delight-Mayhem Seelster Last Race: 6/29/2024 – M1 – 3YO Open – 1 st (1:49.1)
8	Captain Luke (\$361,734 – 1:49.3)	S. Zeron, T. Alagna Robert J Leblanc, Pryde Stables Inc, Bradley J Grant, Steven Head	(Elim 2, Post 8) Went to the lead, rated the fractions, came home in :24.4 AND STILL GOT BEAT! OK, he lost, but that was a huge try. Alagna: “He raced very well. That was the kind of effort we were looking for heading into Saturday night.” Breeding: Captaintreacherous-Bodacious Hanover Last Race: 6/29/2024 – M1 – 3YO Open – 2 nd (1:49.1)
9	Gem Quality (\$491,866 – 1:50)	D. Dunn, C. Ryder Let It Ride Stables Inc, Odds On Racing, Bradley J Grant, Enviro Stables Ltd	(Elim 1, Post 2) Rebounded well off his worst outing of the year (a 5 th in his N.A. Cup elim) with an impressive-looking rally for third. Ryder: “It did not surprise me. The horse has a lot of go. It’s just a matter of when you have good colts, you have to get them in the right spot at the right time.” Do you think people overreacted to his lone bad start? “I’m out of the handicapping department, but, yes, I think that’s a fair assessment.” Breeding: Captain Crunch-Twinkle Last Race: 6/29/2024 – M1 – 3YO Open – 3 rd (1:50)
10	Nuclear (\$110,125 – 1:48.4)	A. Miller, J. Holloway Val D’Or Farms	(Elim 2, Post 1) Finished fourth when up against Nos. 7, 8 and 9. He performed capably but has a tall task ahead in the Pace given that he has but two starts this year. A pocket trip from the rail could be just the right stuff for this one. Breeding: Always B Miki-Can’tgetenuffofyou Last Race: 6/29/2024 – M1 – 3YO Open – 4 th (1:50.1)

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
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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	Phl	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. Fillion 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. Fillion 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
7/6	Meadowlands Pace elims	M1						
7/13	Meadowlands Pace Final	M1						