

Dave Little's Road to the 2025 Meadowlands Pace
Week 3 (of 10) – Thursday, May 15
The Meadowlands Pace is Saturday, July 12

Rank	Horse (Earnings – Mark)	Driver, Trainer Owner(s)	Dave Little's (and trainer's) Comments
1	Louprint (\$758,499 – 1:48.4)	R. Wrenn Jr., R. Burke Burke Racing Stable LLC, Weaver Bruscelli LLC, Phillip Collura, Lawrence R. Karr	Took the week off. How did Ronnie Wrenn get the drive? Burke: "Ronnie started driving him early on. He qualified him at The Meadows. He trained him at The Meadows. He drives my Meadows horses." Racing Saturday at Pocono in the PaSS. Breeding: Sweet Lou-Rockin Racer Last Race: 5/3/2025 – Mea – PaSS – 1st (1:49.3)
2	Captain Optimistic (\$454,830 – 1:49)	D. Dunn, N. Takter 3 Brothers Stables, Marvin Katz, Caviart Farms	Took the week off. Takter: "He's going to qualify on Saturday, then, hopefully, get a race in an overnight the week after. He's going to need to be sharp to go to the North America Cup so I'm not going to cry if he doesn't beat those older horses. This is the exact schedule that we had in mind." Breeding: Captaintreacherous-Cinamony Last Race: 5/2/2025 – M1 – Qualifier – 1st (1:51.4)
3	Fallout (\$568,600 – 1:48.4)	T. Tetrick, T. Alagna Robert J. LeBlanc, Pryde Stables Inc, Caviart Farms	Took the week off. Alagna: "He's good. He's entered Saturday night at The Meadowlands [in an overnight against older foes]. We need to get a race under his belt." Breeding: Captaintreacherous-Aria Hanover Last Race: 5/2/2025 – M1 – Qualifier – 2nd (1:52)
4	Papis Rocket (\$305,683 – 1:50.4)	Y. Gingras, R. Burke Burke Racing Stable LLC, Weaver Bruscelli LLC, Knox Services Inc, Slaughter Racing Stable LLC	Got gunned down as the 2-5 favourite on the lead last week. Burke: "I wasn't thrilled with it, but I'm not overly worried. I assume he'll come back and race well this weekend at Pocono. I think right now he's better following [off a helmet]." Breeding: Papi Rob Hanover-Real Touch

			Last Race: 5/10/2025 – PcD – Pa All-Stars – 2nd (1:51.2)
5	Papis Pistol (\$184,867 – 1:49.3)	A. Miller, S. DePinto Shannon C. DePinto, Chris Arvanitis, Anthony Perretti, Brad Shackman	<p>Finished second in a qualifier at The Meadowlands on May 10. DePinto: “We’ll race next week at The Meadowlands in an overnight or in a qualifier. There’s a chance I’ll go to Chester but The Meadowlands is the preference. He travels over that track pretty good and I can stretch him out a little more. The next time we race at The Meadowlands we have to put a pretty good mile on him. The whole thing behind this is to get him ready for the North America Cup.”</p> <p>Breeding: Papi Rob Hanover-Bang Bang</p> <p>Last Race: 5/10/2025 – M1 – Qualifier – 2nd (1:52.4)</p>
6	Manolete (\$250,993 – 1:50.3)	S. Zeron, B. Saunders M and L of Delaware LLC, M & M Harness Racing LLC	<p>Rebounded from a nose defeat on May 3 to win from the pocket last week in a lifetime best. Saunders: “He’s doing well, enjoying a light week. We are looking forward to next week’s New Jersey Sire Stakes final. He never fails to show up. The draw will have a significant influence on how the race goes.” The trainer likes the one-week break before the final. “Better to do it the way they are doing it. Going three weeks in a row is a little stressful for these horses at this time of year.”</p> <p>Breeding: Cattlewash-Glancewithme</p> <p>Last Race: 5/10/2025 – M1 – NJSS – 1st (1:50.3)</p>
7	American Son (\$176,815 – 1:49.3)	D. Dunn, C. Ryder Henderson Farms	<p>Took the week off after throat surgery. Ryder: “There was no race for him last week, so we are qualifying this weekend [at The Meadowlands against Fusion and Captain Optimistic]. His throat procedure, it’s done, it wasn’t major. I’ll be looking for an overnight soon since we want to go to Canada.”</p> <p>Breeding: American Ideal-Lady Captain</p> <p>Last Race: 5/3/2025 – M1 – W3NW6 – 3rd (1:50.3)</p>
8	Making History	B. Beckwith, T. Alagna	Raced from the back of the pack before rallying for third to Pace ineligible Smooth Dream, who is in

	(\$15,500 – 1:52.1)	Riverview Racing LLC	the beast category. Alagna: “I thought he raced very well, coming from last into a tough winner. He’s still green, and we are trying to educate him more than anything else. This week off comes at a good time.” Breeding: American History-Mystery Game Last Race: 5/10/2025 – M1 – NJSS – 3rd (1:51.3)
9	Prince Hal Hanover (\$292,255 – 1:51)	D. Miller, Dr. I. Moore Prince Hal Hanover Stable	Took the week off. Moore: “He’s doing really well. I did not race last week because I planned on Pocono this week. Depending on how we do this week will determine if we go to Philly the following Saturday. I trained him [Tuesday], last half in :57. He was really good. He’s a bit ribby, so we just bumped his feed up. He eats everything.” Breeding: Captaintreacherous-Percy Bluechip Last Race: 5/3/2025 – Mea – PaSS – 3rd (1:49.2)
10	Fusion (\$106,322 – 1:50.4)	T. McCarthy, B. Pelling Diamond Creek Racing	Took the week off. Pelling: “We’re qualifying Saturday at The Meadowlands. After that, we’ll see. we’ll look for a race.” Breeding: Always B Miki-Pure Country Last Race: 5/6/2025 – Phl – Qualifier – 2nd (1:53.1)

Key Prep Races

MEADOWLANDS PACE ELIGIBLES IN CAPS
Supplements are permitted per the conditions of the race

Date	Stakes	Site	Winner	Trainer	Driver	2nd Horse	3rd Horse	Time
5/3	PaSS	Mea	Twisted Destiny	C. Ryder	D. Dunn	Railroad Station	PRINCE HAL HANOVER	1:49.1
			LOUPRINT	R. Burke	R. Wrenn Jr.	Dreamboat Hanover	WILD BILL WYATT	1:49.3
			Go Go Grasshopper	J. Bongiorno	D. Palone	PAPI’S ROCKET	Shipmaster	1:50

5/3	NJSS	M1	MAKING HISTORY Smooth Dream	T. Alagna N. Daley	B. Beckwith T. McCarthy	MANOLET E Twin Fury	Expedited Service TOM HORN	1:52.1 1:49.3
5/10	Pa All-Stars	PcD	Beach Club Monty Lous Starr Snack Attack Railroad Station Makes Sense	B. Pelling S. Warnick J. Bongiorno R. Burke R. Cleary	S. Zeron M. Kakaley J. Bartlett Y. Gingras A. McCarthy	Shipmaster WAFFLE BLUE CHIP PAPI'S ROCKET Odds On No Limit Bulldozer	SEAWORTHY HANOVER Wedlock Blue Chip Delray Beach Federer Dreamboat Hanover	1:51.2 1:51.2 1:51.1 1:50.4 1:51.4
5/10	NJSS	M1	MANOLETE Smooth Dream	B. Saunders N. Daley	S. Zeron T. McCarthy	Odds On Broward Twin Fury	Expedited Service MAKING HISTORY	1:50.3 1:50.4
5/17	PaSS	PcD						
5/17	WEG/SBOA	WM P						
5/24	NJSS final	M1						
5/24	OnSS Gold	WM P						
5/25	PaSS	Phl						
5/31	Somebchsomewhere	WM P						
6/7	N.A. Cup elims	WM P						
6/14	N.A. Cup final	WM P						
6/20	Messenger elims	YR						

6/27	Messenger final	YR						
6/28	OnSS Gold	WM P						
7/5	Meadowlands Pace elims	M1						
7/12	Meadowlands Pace final	M1						