

ROAD TO THE MEADOWLANDS PACE
Week 7 (of 10) – Thursday, June 12
The Meadowlands Pace is on Saturday, July 12, 2025

Rank	Horse (Earnings – Mark)	Driver, Trainer Owner(s)	Dave Little's (and trainer's) Comments
1	Louprint (\$817,071 – 1:48.4)	R. Wrenn Jr., R. Burke Burke Racing Stable LLC, Weaver Brusceemi LLC, Phillip Collura, Lawrence R. Karr	Louprint did what Louprint do: Win. Held sway to the wire in his North America Cup elimination after Wrenn decided once again not to pull plugs. Drew post 4 in Saturday night's final. What's up with Wrenn not pulling plugs? Burke: "I think he's trying to save as much as he can for the big races. He's trying to win races with the least amount of effort. I think you only get so many times that [pulling plugs] works. If you watch the pace-out [just after the finish line, Prince Hal Hanover] never did clear us." Breeding: Sweet Lou-Rockin Racer Last Race: 6/7/2025 – Wbsb – North America Cup elimination – 1st (1:49.1)
2	Captain Optimistic (\$483,160 – 1:49)	D. Dunn, N. Takter 3 Brothers Stables, Marvin Katz, Caviart Farms	In my eyes, the best-looking winner from the three elims. Came first-up and just kept on going through the stretch. Takter: "I'm very happy with his gutsy effort in the elimination. He came out of the race super and I think his post [6] gives Dex lots of options, so I'm happy going into the final." Breeding: Captaintreacherous-Cinamony Last Race: 6/7/2025 – Wbsb – North America Cup elimination – 1st (1:50.2)
3	Prince Hal Hanover (\$350,924 – 1:49.3)	D. Miller, Dr. I. Moore Prince Hal Hanover Stable	Used an explosive late burst of speed to miss a head to Louprint in a marvelous effort. (Post 9) Moore: "I think the training he got had him ready. Had he been in a different spot at the head of the stretch, maybe he wins. I think he'll give a good accounting of himself Saturday night." Breeding: Captaintreacherous-Percy Bluechip

			Last Race: 6/7/2025 – Wbsb – North America Cup elimination – 2nd (1:49.1)
4	Fallout (\$586,300 – 1:48.4)	T. Tetrick, T. Alagna Robert J. LeBlanc, Pryde Stables Inc, Caviart Farms	<p>A tough-trip fourth in his elim. Still had a chance to get into the final, but Pace ineligible Fast Choice [Post 1] won the draw of the three fourth-place finishers. So, what's the plan from here? Alagna: "The horse raced great, but he went a bad trip. He came out of the race great. We're back in New Jersey now and we'll get him ready for the Pace. The fact that we aren't racing this week we'll use to our advantage. We'll use it to freshen our horse up and look for a race or qualifier or both before the Pace."</p> <p>Breeding: Captaintreacherous-Aria Hanover</p> <p>Last Race: 6/7/2025 – Wbsb – North America Cup elimination – 4th (1:49.2)</p>
5	Manolete (\$307,243 – 1:50.3)	S. Zeron, B. Saunders M and L of Delaware LLC, M & M Harness Racing LLC	<p>Took the week off. Saunders: "Everything is on schedule. We are hoping to qualify Friday at Yonkers, but because all of the drivers will be away, I may have Scott train him there [thursday]." He will now be using Lasix.</p> <p>Breeding: Cattlewash-Glancewithme</p> <p>Last Race: 5/24/2025 – M1 – NJSS Final – 2nd (1:50.3)</p>
6	Joel And The Jets (\$66,446 – 1:51.3)	D. McNair, Dr. I. Moore Joel and the Jets Stable	<p>Finished a good-looking second to Captain Optimistic. (Post 3) Moore: "He's overcome some [physical] adversity and garnered my respect the other night, for sure. I don't think he's quite the caliber of Prince Hal Hanover, but I jogged them both [Tuesday] morning and Joel was feeling real good."</p> <p>Breeding: Stay Hungry-Betty And The Jets</p> <p>Last Race: 6/7/2025 – Wbsb – North America Cup elimination – 2nd (1:50.3)</p>
7	Madden Oaks (\$34,307 – 1:51.3)	B. Boyd, C. Capone Samir A. Tawil, Paul V. Kautz,	<p>Braxten Boyd gambled and won, making a monstrous move down the backstretch leading to a third-place finish. (post 10) Capone: "He's rounding into form right now. We have taken it</p>

		Alexander P. Henn, Nathan J. Fullmer	<p>slow with him. We only qualified him once. The Somebeachsomewhere is the first time I felt like I had him in shape. The other night was the first night he went a big mile. It's kind of unexplainable, I guess. We only bought one horse the whole sale and he has made it this far."</p> <p>Breeding: Huntsville-Hard Eight</p> <p>Last Race: 6/7/2025 – Wbsb – North America Cup elimination – 3rd (1:49.1)</p>
8	Papis Rocket (\$320,601 – 1:50.4)	Y. Gingras, R. Burke Burke Racing Stable LLC, Weaver Brusceci LLC, Knox Services Inc, Slaughter Racing Stable LLC	<p>Took the week off. Burke: "We're heading to the Messenger. I think the best colts are not going there. As far as The Pace, he would have to go backwards to not go. We'll try to get him a little bit more aggressive."</p> <p>Breeding: Papi Rob Hanover-Real Touch</p> <p>Last Race: 5/25/2025 – Phl – PaSS – 3rd (1:50.1)</p>
9	Making History (\$42,500 – 1:52.1)	B. Beckwith, T. Alagna Riverview Racing LLC	<p>It wasn't his night in Ontario. Finished fifth before being taken down to last. So, where are we? Alagna: "I thought the DQ started toward the front of the field, with horses getting jammed up on the front end causing the disturbance. He came out of the race fine. I'm very happy how he got through the turns up there."</p> <p>Breeding: American History-Mystery Game</p> <p>Last Race: 6/7/2025 – Wbsb – North America Cup elimination – 7th (1:50.3)</p>
10	Fusion (\$116,322 – 1:50.4)	T. McCarthy, B. Pelling Diamond Creek Racing	<p>Took the week off. Pelling: "I entered him last week [at The Meadowlands] but couldn't get a race. My gamble is, I just don't know if there will be a race next week. I'm thinking of taking him to Pocono next Saturday and then cross my fingers [to get a race] the week before the Pace eliminations. It's not ideal. he's really doing well, but I do need to race."</p> <p>Breeding: Always B Miki-Pure Country</p>

			Last Race: 5/25/2025 – Phl – TSS – 1st (1:51.2)
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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
5/3	PaSS	Mea	Twisted Destiny LOUPRINT Go Go Grasshopper	C. Ryder R. Burke J. Bongiorno	D. Dunn R. Wrenn Jr. D. Palone	Railroad Station Dreamboat at Hanover PAPI'S ROCKET	PRINCE HAL HANOVER WILD BILL WYATT Shipmaster	1:49. 1 1:49. 3 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
5/1 0	Pa All-Stars	PcD	Beach Club Monty Lou's 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
5/1 0	NJSS	M1	MANOLET E 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

5/1 7	PaSS	PcD	LOUPRINT Wedlock Blue Chip PRINCE HAL HANOVER	R. Burke R. Mallar Dr. I. Moore	R. Wrenn D. Miller D. Miller	Twisted Destiny PAPI'S ROCKET Railroad Station	Th Kay C Crunch Shipmaster Lou's Starr	1:50. 2 1:51. 3 1:49. 3
5/2 4	NJSS final	M1	Smooth Dream	N. Daley	T. McCarthy	MANOLET E	MAKING HISTORY	1:50. 3
5/2 4	OnSS Gold	Wbs b	Sterling Choice Control Rocks	B. MacIntosh J. Darling	B. Davis Jr. T. Borth	SET SHOT Tip Of Time	Aquinas Hanover Fifth And Five	1:50. 4 1:50. 1
5/2 5	PaSS	Phl	Twisted Destiny Wedlock Blue Chip LOUPRINT	C. Ryder R. Mallar R. Burke	T. McCarthy D. Miller R. Wrenn Jr.	CAPTAIN OPTIMISTI C Railroad Station FALLOUT	PAPI'S ROCKET Charge Me Up Go Go Grasshopper	1:49. 4 1:50. 3 1:50. 2
5/3 1	Somebchsomewh ere	Wbs b	PRINCE HAL HANOVER Bourbon Country	Dr. I. Moore P. Reid	D. McNair T. Henry	Ayeaye Captain Deo Lite Up The World	MADDEN OAKS Courts On Fire	1:49. 4 1:50. 1
6/7	N.A. Cup elims	Wbs b	CAPTAIN OPTIMISTI C Lite Up The World LOUPRINT	N. Takter A. Beaton R. Burke	D. Dunn J. MacDonald R. Wrenn Jr.	JOEL AND THE JETS Crack Shot PRINCE HAL HANOVER	Swingtown MADDEN OAKS Dandy Ideal	1:50. 2 1:48. 3 1:49. 1
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