

ROAD TO THE MEADOWLANDS PACE
Week 9 (of 10) – Thursday, June 26
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 (\$1,187,071 – 1:47.1)	R. Wrenn Jr., R. Burke Burke Racing Stable LLC, Weaver Bruscelli LLC, Phillip Collura, Lawrence R. Karr	<p>Took the week off, and earned it, after a sensational score in the North America Cup. How about a fun fact? Louprint, despite paying \$5.80, was not the favorite! 5th-place finisher Lite Up The World was. What's the plan with the likely Pace favorite? Burke: "He's really good. We'll train faster on Saturday [June 28] and on we will go."</p> <p>Breeding: Sweet Lou-Rockin Racer</p> <p>Last Race: 6/14/2025 – Wbsb – North America Cup – 1st (1:47.1)</p>
2	Madden Oaks (\$200,807 – 1:51.3)	D. McNair, C. Capone Samir A. Tawil, Paul V. Kautz, Alexander P. Henn, Nathan J. Fullmer	<p>Off three straight big miles, he was also off last week, but is back racing on Saturday. Capone: "He's good. My whole barn has been sick so he stayed in Canada last week. We put him in to race in an overnight [Race 1] on Saturday at Mohawk. We want to get a good mile in him before we go to the Pace. Doug McNair will drive. Braxten [Boyd] has a lot going on here, but is still his regular driver."</p> <p>Breeding: Huntsville-Hard Eight</p> <p>Last Race: 6/14/2025 – Wbsb – North America Cup – 2nd (1:47.1)</p>
3	Captain Optimistic (\$536,440 – 1:49)	D. Dunn, N. Takter 3 Brothers Stables, Marvin Katz, Caviart Farms	<p>Brutal trip in the Cup but was coming on strong at the end of the mile. The Pace elims are next. Takter: "He trained well [Wednesday]. With this heat, you have to get up earlier in the morning. He set the track record at age 2 at The Meadowlands, so I'm fine taking this week off."</p> <p>Breeding: Captaintreacherous-Cinamony</p> <p>Last Race: 6/14/2025 – Wbsb – North America Cup – 4th (1:47.3)</p>

4	Fallout (\$594,700 – 1:48.4)	T. Tetrick, T. Alagna Robert J. LeBlanc, Pryde Stables Inc, Caviart Farms	<p>His first win of the year was a sparkler, taking an overnight in 1:49.1 by holding off an older foe (Lou Grant) who was 3-5 and looking for a 4th-straight score. Moved up a slot in the poll. Is your horse ready for the Pace? Alagna: “I thought the effort was really good, I’m tickled to death. He’s not really a sprinter, so that was a big last quarter for him. That’s exactly what we needed for the horse, driver, owner, trainer and caretaker. [He’s off this week] but you still have to keep the work in them. You have to keep them sharp.”</p> <p>Breeding: Captaintreacherous-Aria Hanover</p> <p>Last Race: 6/21/2025 – M1 – W2NW5 – 1st (1:49.1)</p>
5	Prince Hal Hanover (\$358,324 – 1:49.3)	D. Miller, Dr. I. Moore Prince Hal Hanover Stable	<p>Off a disappointing night at Mohawk, how are things going, Doc? Moore:</p> <p>“He’s doing great. no problems. He’s coming into the Pace at 100%.”</p> <p>Breeding: Captaintreacherous-Percy Bluechip</p> <p>Last Race: 6/14/2025 – Wbsb – North America Cup – 8th (1:48)</p>
6	Manolete (\$310,243 – 1:50.3)	S. Zeron, B. Saunders M and L of Delaware LLC, M & M Harness Racing LLC	<p>Finished 3rd in his Messenger elim. The winner, Pace ineligible Twisted Destiny, is a killer. Has post 1 for the Messenger final Friday. Saunders:</p> <p>“I thought he raced very well [in his elimination]. I was a little disappointed that he didn’t win but it was a good effort. Our guy hadn’t raced in a month. Us having drawn the rail is a big edge. We can control our own fate.”</p> <p>Breeding: Cattlewash-Glancewithme</p> <p>Last Race: 6/20/2025 – YR – Messenger elimination – 3rd (1:53.1)</p>
7	Joel And The Jets (\$73,846 – 1:51.3)	L. Roy, Dr. I. Moore Joel and the Jets Stable	<p>A lung issue resurfaced in the Cup, and the Doc said it was 50-50 if he goes in the Pace. Moore: “He’s training on Friday. Joel is getting a full dose of Lasix. I need to see what happens on Friday. I want to bring them both [Joel and Prince Hal Hanover] down to the Meadowlands Pace.”</p>

			Breeding: Stay Hungry-Betty And The Jets Last Race: 6/14/2025 – Wbsb – North America Cup – 10th (1:50.2)
8	Papis Pistol (\$209,952 – 1:48)	T. McCarthy, S. DePinto Shannon C. DePinto, Chris Arvanitis, Anthony Perretti, Brad Shackman	<p>Has made only three starts all year, but the most recent was a sharp 1:48 win at Mohawk. The trainer wanted to race this week, but there was no spot. DePinto: “I couldn’t find a race, so I will qualify on Friday. I have to do something. But racing is one thing and qualifying is another. There’s no action in a qualifier. It’s better to prep for a big race with a race.”</p> <p>Breeding: Papi Rob Hanover-Bang Bang</p> <p>Last Race: 6/14/2025 – Wbsb – 3YO Open – 1st (1:48)</p>
9	Papis Rocket (\$326,851 – 1:50.4)	Y. Gingras, R. Burke Burke Racing Stable LLC, Weaver Brusceci LLC, Knox Services Inc, Slaughter Racing Stable LLC	<p>Off a big try from post 8 in the Messenger, almost going all the way before settling for second. Was that his best effort of the year? Burke: “That was his best race of the year and that was what we were expecting. I was very happy. From post 7 [in the final], there is no taking back [at Yonkers, so he will be firing from the gate].”</p> <p>Breeding: Papi Rob Hanover-Real Touch</p> <p>Last Race: 6/20/2025 – YR – Messenger elimination – 2nd (1:53)</p>
10	Knockout Round (\$87,517 – 1:50.4)	A. McCarthy, T. Alagna Micki Rae Stables LLC, Riverview Racing LLC	<p>With the trainer opting now to keep Making History in Kentucky, there is no Pace in that one’s future, so, the new No. 10 is next up in the conditioner’s rotation. Alagna: “Let’s see how he races this weekend. If I get a good effort out of him, I may go to the Pace. He qualified well the other day. I would say he’s 60-40 [to go to the Pace].”</p> <p>Breeding: Sweet Lou-Can’t Stop Me Now</p> <p>Last Race: 6/20/2025 – M1 – Qualifier – 2nd (1:53.2)</p>

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	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	T. Alagna	B. Beckwith	MANOLETE	Expedited Service	1:52.1
			Smooth Dream	N. Daley	T. McCarthy	Twin Fury	TOM HORN	1:49.3
5/10	Pa All-Stars	PcD	Beach Club Monty	B. Pelling	S. Zeron	Shipmaster	SEAWORTHY HANOVER	1:51.2
			Lou's Starr	S. Warnick	M. Kakaley	WAFFLE BLUE CHIP	Wedlock Blue Chip	1:51.2
			Snack Attack	J. Bongiorno	J. Bartlett	PAPI'S ROCKET	Delray Beach	1:51.1
			Railroad Station	R. Burke	Y. Gingras	Odds On No Limit	Federer	1:50.4
			Makes Sense	R. Cleary	A. McCarthy	Bulldozer	Dreamboat Hanover	1:51.4
5/10	NJSS	M1	MANOLETE	B. Saunders	S. Zeron	Odds On Broward	Expedited Service	1:50.3
			Smooth Dream	N. Daley	T. McCarthy	Twin Fury	MAKING HISTORY	1:50.4
5/17	PaSS	PcD	LOUPRINT	R. Burke	R. Wrenn	Twisted Destiny	Th Kay C Crunch	1:50.2
			Wedlock Blue Chip	R. Mallar	D. Miller	PAPI'S ROCKET	Shipmaster	1:51.3
			PRINCE HAL HANOVER	Dr. I. Moore	D. Miller	Railroad Station	Lou's Starr	1:49.3
5/24	NJSS final	M1	Smooth Dream	N. Daley	T. McCarthy	MANOLETE	MAKING HISTORY	1:50.3
5/24	OnSS Gold	Wbsb	Sterling Choice	B. MacIntosh	B. Davis Jr.	SET SHOT	Aquinas Hanover	1:50.4

			Control Rocks	J. Darling	T. Borth	Tip Of Time	Fifth And Five	1:50.1
5/25	PaSS	Phl	Twisted Destiny Wedlock Blue Chip LOUPRINT	C. Ryder R. Mallar R. Burke	T. McCarthy D. Miller R. Wrenn Jr.	CAPTAIN OPTIMISTIC Railroad Station FALLOUT	PAPI'S ROCKET Charge Me Up Go Go Grasshopper	1:49.4 1:50.3 1:50.2
5/31	Somebchsomewhere	Wbsb	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	Wbsb	CAPTAIN OPTIMISTIC 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
6/14	N.A. Cup final	Wbsb	LOUPRINT	R. Burke	R. Wrenn Jr.	MADDEN OAKS	Fast Choice	1:47.1
6/20	Messenger elims	YR	Twisted Destiny Odds On No Limit	C. Ryder T. Alexander	D. Dunn M. Kakaley	Dandy Ideal PAPI'S ROCKET	MANOLETE World Of Wishes	1:53 1:52.4
6/27	Messenger final	YR						
6/28	OnSS Gold	Wbsb						
7/5	Meadowlands Pace elim	M1						
7/12	Meadowlands Pace final	M1						