

Dave Little's Road to the 2026 Meadowlands Pace
Week 2 (of 10) – Thursday, May 7
The Meadowlands Pace is on Saturday, July 11

Rank	Horse (Earnings – Mark)	Driver, Trainer, Owner(s)	Dave Little's (and trainer's) comments
1	Beau Jangles (\$1,227,326 – 1:48.3)	B. McClure, Dr. I. Moore Graham Grace Stables LLC, Kiwi Stables LLC, Bolton Stables	Moore: "I guess I'm a little bit surprised that there are eliminations (for the WEG/SBOA event this Saturday at Mohawk). I just figured there wouldn't be." Are you feeling the pressure? "The pressure is on. Last year, there was no added pressure at any time. As we approach the start of a new season, I think there is some pressure now to continue to do what he's been doing. We are still very optimistic competing at this level." Breeding: Cattlewash-Mrs Major Hill Last Race: 4/17/2026 – SOTC – Qualifier – 1st (1:50.4)
2	Odds On Mr Mamba (\$314,405 – 1:47.4)	D. Dunn, M. Wrenn Odds On Racing	Pete Wrenn: "He had a great week. He's ready to qualify again and step it up just a touch. We are going to qualify him Saturday for the (May 25) Indiana Sires Stakes. It's supposed to be a beautiful day. This horse is so manageable." Breeding: Odds On Equuleus-Honky Tonk Woman Last Race: 4/29/2026 – HoP – Qualifier – 1st (1:53.2)
3	Gentlemans Club	A. McCarthy, A. Lambert Anthony Licastro	Lambert: "He's the absolute best. His manners, it's like he's half human. He's like a big dog. He's the smartest horse I've ever been around." What about the race against

	(\$239,756 – 1:50.2)		<p>older stock he’s in at Pocono Saturday? “It’s hard to find a race for these horses. This one is the best option.”</p> <p>Breeding: Downbytheseaside-See You At Peelers</p> <p>Last Race: 5/1/2026 – M1 – Qualifier – 1st (1:51.3)</p>
4	<p>Brandon Blvd</p> <p>(\$439,397 – 1:48.4)</p>	<p>D. Dunn, A. Harris</p> <p>Punisher 11 Stable LLC</p>	<p>Won the Paul Revere easily as the 1-20 favorite and will take this week off. Harris: “Where else can you get a first start of the year like that for \$100,000? The horse came out of the race great. Right now, we are very happy with things. We’re hoping for a 3-year-old open next week at The Meadowlands before heading (to Mohawk) for the (May 30) Somebeachsomewhere.”</p> <p>Breeding: Downbytheseaside-Alexis Faith</p> <p>Last Race: 5/2/2026 – PRc – Paul Revere – 1st (1:51.1)</p>
5	<p>Ubrute</p> <p>(\$368,507 – 1:49.4)</p>	<p>Y. Gingras, R. Burke</p> <p>Burke Racing Stable LLC,</p> <p>Weaver Bruslemi LLC,</p> <p>Hatfield Stables,</p> <p>Phil Collura</p>	<p>Moves up three spots after winning a Pa Stallion Series dash on Saturday in 1:52.3. He will take this week off. Burke: “He got around there and paced to the wire but I don’t think 5/8ths tracks are his ultimate place. I raced him against the lower-caliber (Stallion Series) horses because I was trying to make it as easy as possible. I’ll get him on a 7/8ths in Canada in the Somebeachsomewhere and North America Cup.”</p> <p>Breeding: Tall Dark Stranger-Warrawee Ubeaut</p> <p>Last Race: 5/2/2026 – Mea – Pa Stallion Series – 1st (1:52.3)</p>

6	Al Papi (\$409,654 – 1:48.1)	Y. Gingras, R. Burke Burke Racing Stable LLC, J&T Silva – Purnel & Libby, Lawrence Karr, Weaver Brusceci LLC	Finished third at The Meadows in a PaSS event, winner Sneaky Squeaky won in 1:50.1. Burke: “He kicked home better than in his second qualifier and I was happy with his effort.” Al Papi will take this week off. Breeding: Papi Rob Hanover-Baron Remy Last Race: 5/2/2026 – Mea – PaSS – 3rd (1:50.2)
7	Melillo (\$399,607 – 1:48.4)	R. Wrenn Jr., R. Burke Burke Racing Stable LLC, Jason Melillo, Weaver Brusceci LLC	Missed a nose to Sneaky Squeaky in the same dash as Al Papi and is also not in this week. Burke: “Same as Al Papi, he took a step forward. Maybe he hung just a little. I’m going to make a bridle change, (because) I think once he gets clear, he’ll keep on going. Sometimes, he has a tendency to wait on them.” Breeding: Sweet Lou-Rosemary Rose Last Race: 5/2/2026 – Mea – PaSS – 2nd (1:50.1)
8	Bookie J (\$243,368 – 1:50)	D. Dunn, C. Ryder Ken Jacobs	Moves up one spot after remaining unbeaten in 2026 after winning a third-straight race to begin his season. Ryder: “I’m happy with him. He’ll get the week off now and go in the NJSS final (on May 23). We’re working on trying to improve him, but he’s always pretty good. We’ll stay at The Meadowlands and go in the New Jersey Standardbred Development Fund on June 12 (eliminations) and June 20 (final). Then, the Meadowlands Pace.” Breeding: Perfect Sting-Skyy Last Race: 5/2/2026 – M1 – NJSS – 1st (1:50)
9	Lindy Dragonwater	C. Page, R. Burke	Finished fourth in OhSS action on Saturday. not in this week. Burke: “I’m not real happy

	<p>(\$313,840 – 1:51)</p>	<p>Burke Racing Stable LLC, Knox Services Inc, Beasty LLC, Brad Grant</p>	<p>with him, so it’s back to the drawing board. I have to get him to the mile track.”</p> <p>Breeding: Downbytheseaside-Imagine Dragon</p> <p>Last Race: 5/2/2026 – MVR – OhSS – 4th (1:53.2)</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Windor</p> <p>(\$160,575 – 1:51.2)</p>	<p>D. McNair, M. Vanderkemp Dianna Secord</p>	<p>Won a Mohawk qualifier last Saturday and is racing this Saturday at Mohawk. Vanderkemp: “When you consider it was cold with snow flurries, the qualifier was pretty good. He pretty much has got the SBOA/WEG (this week), then the (OnSS) Gold, then the North America Cup.”</p> <p>Breeding: Bulldog Hanover-Winx</p> <p>Last Race: 5/2/2026 – Wbsb – Qualifier – 1st (1:54.3)</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
5/2	PaSS	Mea	Sneaky	J. Bongiorno	T. Tetrick	MELILLO	AL PAPI	1:50.1
			Squeaky	R. Burke	R. Wrenn Jr.	Frantic Hanover	Twin B Thriller	1:51.2
5/2	NJSS	M1	BOOKIE J	C. Ryder	D. Dunn	AZRAEL BLUE CHIP	Thisbeestings Deo	1:50
5/9	NJSS	M1						
5/9	Pa All-Stars	PcD						
5/9	WEG/SBOA elims	Wbsb						
5/16	WEG/SBOA final	Wbsb						
5/16	PaSS	PcD						
5/23	NJSS final	M1						
5/24	PaSS	Phl						
5/30	Somebeachsomewhr	Wbsb						
6/6	N.A. Cup elims	Wbsb						
6/13	N.A. Cup finals	Wbsb						
6/19	Messenger elims	YR						
6/26	Messenger final	YR						
7/4	Meadowlands Pace elims	M1						
7/11	Meadowlands Pace final	M1						