

Dave Little's Road to the 2026 Meadowlands Pace
Week 3 (of 10) – Thursday, May 14
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 (\$1,236,451 – 1:48.3)	B. McClure, Dr. I. Moore Graham Grace Stables LLC, Kiwi Stables LLC, Bolton Stables	<p>Opened up his season with a 4-length romp in an elimination for the Ontario Standardbred Owners Association. So, how's tricks? Moore: "He raced well the other night, and he wasn't in prime shape. He'll be in much better shape this week. Last year, there was no pressure, but this year, I have people like you calling me all the time (he said tongue-in-cheek). He loves his job and loves the business end of the job like when the gates open. We are looking forward to this week (when he races in the Ontario SBOA final Saturday)."</p> <p>Breeding: Cattlewash-Mrs Major Hill</p> <p>Last Race: 5/9/2026 – Wbsb – Ontario SBOA elimination – 1st (1:51)</p>
2	Odds On Mr Mamba (\$314,405 – 1:47.4)	D. Dunn, M. Wrenn Odds On Racing	<p>Qualified over an off track in 1:52.4. Melanie Wrenn: "We are having trouble getting a race for him. The Indiana Sires Stakes on May 25 will be his first start of the year. He's not going to face older stock to get a race. We are not going to do that."</p> <p>Breeding: Odds On Equuleus-Honky Tonk Woman</p> <p>Last Race: 5/9/2026 – HoP – Qualifier – 1st (1:52.4)</p>

<p>3</p>	<p>Gentlemans Club (\$248,506 – 1:50.2)</p>	<p>A. McCarthy, A. Lambert Anthony Licastro</p>	<p>Overcame post 8 to win his seasonal debut at Pocono. Lambert: “He looked really good. He did a bit of work not getting to the lead for a while and had plenty left. He’s not in this week, so we will probably go back to Pocono next week for an overnight and then hope to get something at The Meadowlands. He’s the smartest horse I’ve ever been around. It’s like he’s half human.”</p> <p>Breeding: Downbytheseaside-See You At Peelers</p> <p>Last Race: 5/9/2026 – PcD – W4-7PM – 1st (1:52.3)</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Brandon Blvd (\$439,397 – 1:48.4)</p>	<p>D. Dunn, A. Harris Punisher 11 Stable LLC</p>	<p>Won the Paul Revere easily as the 1-20 favourite two Saturdays ago. Harris: “We’ll qualify him Friday at The Meadowlands. I don’t have a race available. My horse doesn’t fit any classes because he has too many wins. Once your non-winners races are shot, there are limited opportunities. His first stakes race will be on May 30 (in the Somebeachsomewhere). He’s ready now but I’m giving him the qualifier to keep him nice and tight. I’m letting the horse answer the question of what his schedule will be.”</p> <p>Breeding: Downbytheseaside-Alexis Faith</p> <p>Last Race: 5/2/2026 – PRc – Paul Revere – 1st (1:51.1)</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Ubrute (\$368,507 – 1:49.4)</p>	<p>T. Tetrick, R. Burke Burke Racing Stable LLC, Weaver Brussemi LLC, Hatfield Stables,</p>	<p>Won a Pa Stallion Series dash two Saturdays ago. What’s the story with facing lesser foes in the Stallion Series in his last race and next one on Saturday in the Poconos? Burke: “It doesn’t matter. It’s getting them around (the five-eighths-mile track).”</p>

		Phil Collura	<p>Breeding: Tall Dark Stranger-Warrawee Ubeaut</p> <p>Last Race: 5/2/2026 – Mea – Pa Stallion Series – 1st (1:52.3)</p>
6	<p>Al Papi</p> <p>(\$409,654 – 1:48.1)</p>	<p>T. Tetrick, R. Burke</p> <p>Burke Racing Stable LLC,</p> <p>J&T Silva – Purnel & Libby,</p> <p>Lawrence Karr,</p> <p>Weaver Bruscelli LLC</p>	<p>Took the week off after finishing third as the 4-5 favourite at The Meadows in a PaSS event that winner Sneaky Squeaky won in 1:50.1. Racing in PaSS on Saturday at Pocono Downs. Burke: “I don’t think track size matters to him. I thought his first start was good.”</p> <p>Breeding: Papi Rob Hanover-Baron Remy</p> <p>Last Race: 5/2/2026 – Mea – PaSS – 3rd (1:50.2)</p>
7	<p>Melillo</p> <p>(\$399,607 – 1:48.4)</p>	<p>T. Tetrick, R. Burke</p> <p>Burke Racing Stable LLC,</p> <p>Jason Melillo,</p> <p>Weaver Bruscelli LLC</p>	<p>Missed a nose to Sneaky Squeaky in the same dash as Al Papi. Also in Sire Stakes at Pocono Saturday. Burke: “He trained great. We are always looking for constant improvement.”</p> <p>Breeding: Sweet Lou-Rosemary Rose</p> <p>Last Race: 5/2/2026 – Mea – PaSS – 2nd (1:50.1)</p>
8	<p>Bookie J</p> <p>(\$243,368 – 1:50)</p>	<p>D. Dunn, C. Ryder</p> <p>Ken Jacobs</p>	<p>Ryder: “I just wanted to take a week or two off before the (NJSS) final. He will qualify Friday (at The Meadowlands). He’s doing well. The qualifier will keep him on his toes. This horse will not leave The Meadowlands.”</p> <p>Breeding: Perfect Sting-Skyy</p> <p>Last Race: 5/2/2026 – M1 – NJSS – 1st (1:50)</p>
9	<p>Windor</p> <p>(\$165,138 – 1:51.2)</p>	<p>D. McNair, M. Vanderkemp</p> <p>Dianna Secord</p>	<p>Ended up second best as the 4-5 public choice in his Ontario SBOA dash and will go in Saturday’s final. How did he look to you? Vanderkemp: “He raced really well. I thought he was super, closing in :26.4 in his first start.</p>

			<p>I was really happy with him. His first start outside of Ontario will be in the Meadowlands Pace.”</p> <p>Breeding: Bulldog Hanover-Winx</p> <p>Last Race: 5/9/2026 – Wbsb – Ontario SBOA elimination – 2nd (1:51)</p>
10	Lindy Dragonwater (\$313,840 – 1:51)	<p>C. Page, R. Burke</p> <p>Burke Racing Stable LLC,</p> <p>Knox Services Inc,</p> <p>Beasty LLC,</p> <p>Brad Grant</p>	<p>Finished fourth in OhSS action a week ago Saturday. Burke: “We are going to qualify him at The Meadows next week. I think we have him heading in the right direction.”</p> <p>Breeding: Downbytheseaside-Imagine Dragon</p> <p>Last Race: 5/2/2026 – MVR – OhSS – 4th (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
5/2	PaSS	Mea	Sneaky Squeaky	J. Bongiorno	T. Tetrick	MELILLO	AL PAPI	1:50.1
			Another C Note	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	Sonofanutcracker	T. Cancelliere	D. Dunn	AZRAEL BLUE CHIP	ROCKNACIOUS	1:50
5/9	Pa All-Stars	PcD	Another C Note	R. Burke	T. Buter	Papi Rick	Spunky Hanover	1:52.2
			Captain Apple	C. Ryder	P. Ryder	Southwind Spencer	Really Bright	1:54.1
			Treacherous Lou	R. Cleary	T. Tetrick	Easy Breeze	TALBOT ANDRETTI	1:53.4
			Toast Of The Town	N. Daley	T. McCarthy	Superchamp Hanover	Good Friday	1:52.2
5/9	Ontario SBOA elims	Wbsb	BEAU JANGLES	Dr. I. Moore	B. McClure	Tilthecowscomehome	Mega Moves	1:51
			Borderline Mobby	D. Menary	J. MacDonald	WINDOR	Redland Rocket Man	1:50.4
5/16	Ontario 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						