

RANK	HORSE (EARNINGS – MARK)	DRIVER, TRAINER OWNER(S)	DAVE LITTLE'S COMMENTS
1	<b>BETTOR'S WISH</b> (\$470,806 – 1:49.3)	D. DUNN, C. RYDER CHRIS RYDER, BELLA RACING, FAIR ISLAND FARM, KENNETH SOLOMON	ROONEY CHAMPION TAKES OVER THE TOP SPOT AFTER A POCKET-TRIP WIN IN THE STRONGER OF THE TWO NORTH AMERICA CUP ELIMS IN 1:49.3 TO STAY UNBEATEN IN FOUR STARTS IN 2019. OPTED FOR POST 3 IN THE FINAL. RYDER: "HE CAME OUT OF THE RACE GREAT. NOTHING WORRIES ME WITH THIS HORSE BECAUSE NOTHING WORRIES HIM. IF YOU LOOK IN THE PROGRAM, 5 AND 6 ARE THE BEST POSTS, BUT WE DECIDED BEFORE THE DRAW WE'D TAKE 3 OR 4. IF HE WASN'T SO HANDY OFF THE GATE, I MIGHT HAVE TAKEN 5." <b>LAST RACE: 6/8 – WMP – NORTH AMERICA CUP ELIMINATION – 1<sup>ST</sup> (1:49.3)</b>
2	<b>WORKIN ONA MYSTERY</b> (\$177,567 – 1:49)	T. TETRICK, B. BROWN DIAMOND CREEK RACING, STAMBAUGH LEEMAN STABLE, ALAN KEITH, WINGFIELD BROTHERS	MOVED TO THE TOP AT THE QUARTER AND CRUISED HOME FROM THERE TO TAKE ELIM 2 IN 1:49 AS THE 4-5 FAVORITE, UPPING HIS SEASONAL STATS TO 3 WINS IN 3 STARTS AND 8-FOR-9 LIFETIME. CONNECTIONS TOOK POST 4 FOR SATURDAY NIGHT. BROWN: "THE POST WAS TIMMY'S DECISION, BECAUSE HE HAS A GAME PLAN IN HIS HEAD. I WAS AMAZED AFTER THE RACE. WE SCOPED MYSTERY AND HE HAD A LOT OF MUCUS, PROBABLY DUE TO ALLERGIES. HE'S BEEN IN AN OXYGEN CHAMBER THIS WEEK IN AN EFFORT TO CLEAR IT UP. I LIKE MY CHANCES IN THE FINAL." <b>LAST RACE: 6/8 – WMP – NORTH AMERICA CUP ELIMINATION – 1<sup>ST</sup> (1:49)</b>
3	<b>CAPTAIN CRUNCH</b> (\$675,806 – 1:49.1)	S. ZERON, N. JOHANSSON 3 BROTHERS STABLES, CHRISTINA TAKTER, ROJAN STABLES, CAVIART FARMS	LOST HIS STRANGLEHOLD ATOP THE POLL AFTER AVOIDING SOME SHADOWS AND GOING OFF STRIDE EARLY IN ELIM 1 AS THE 1-2 FAVORITE, THEN HAD TO SURGE LATE TO FINISH FIFTH AND CLAIM A SPOT IN THE FINAL. JOHANSSON: "HE RACED A MONSTROUS MILE TO CATCH THE FIELD. I THINK HE SHOWED A LOT OF GRIT AND DETERMINATION." So, NANCY, WHO'S THE HORSE TO BEAT IN THE NA CUP? "CAPTAIN CRUNCH!" <b>LAST RACE: 6/8 – WMP – NORTH AMERICA CUP ELIMINATION – 5<sup>TH</sup> (1:50.1)</b>
4	<b>HURRIKANE EMPEROR</b> (\$317,900 – 1:49.3)	D. DUBE, J. McDERMOTT JONATHAN KLEE RACING, KUHEN RACING, PEGASIS INVESTMENT GROUP, WILLIAM GAROFALO	LED TO THE STRETCH BEFORE SETTling FOR FOURTH TO BETTOR'S WISH, BEATEN 2¼ LENGTHS IN HIS ELIM. HAS GOOD EARLY SPEED AND WILL NEED IT, HAVING DRAWN POST 9 FOR THE FINAL. McDERMOTT: "HE WAS DOING SOMETHING I DIDN'T LIKE IN THE LAST TURN, SO I CHANGED HIS RIGGING A LITTLE. THERE IS GOING TO BE A LOT OF ACTION IN THE FIRST EIGHTH OF A MILE IN THE FINAL. I THINK WE'LL BE PARKED THE MILE, BUT IT COULD WORK OUT AS THERE WILL BE A GOOD OUTER FLOW." <b>LAST RACE: 6/8 – WMP – NORTH AMERICA CUP ELIMINATION – 4<sup>TH</sup> (1:50)</b>
5	<b>BEST IN SHOW</b> (\$88,663 – 1:50.3)	B. McCLURE, L. TOSCANO RICHARD P YOUNG, JOANNE YOUNG, CRAIG W HENDERSON	DID GOOD THINGS IN ELIM 1, CLOSING IN :26 TO FINISH THIRD TO BETTOR'S WISH, AND HAS DRAWN POST 7 FOR THE FINAL. TOSCANO: "I WAS TICKLED WITH HIS EFFORT. HE'S GONE FROM NON-WINNERS OF 2 TO THE NORTH AMERICA CUP IN A MATTER OF 3 STARTS. HE'S DOING EVERYTHING I COULD ASK OF HIM. HE'S STILL LEARNING." <b>LAST RACE: 6/8 – WMP – NORTH AMERICA CUP ELIMINATION – 3<sup>RD</sup> (1:50)</b>
6	<b>DE LOS CIELOS DEO</b> (\$210,258 – 1:48.4Q)	D. MILLER, R. BURKE BURKE RACING STABLE LLC, LAWRENCE R KARR, J&T SILVA- PURNEL & LIBBY, WEAVER BRUSCEMI LLC	BURSTS ONTO THE ROAD TO THE CRAWFORD FARMS MEADOWLANDS PACE SCENE BY FINISHING SECOND TO BETTOR'S WISH IN ELIM 1 AFTER EXPLODING HOME IN :25, WHICH CAME ONE WEEK AFTER A SPARKLING 1:48.4 QUALIFIER AT THE MEADOWLANDS. WILL DEPART FROM POST 2 IN THE FINAL. BURKE: "OFF THE 48 QUALIFIER, I FIGURED HE WAS PROBABLY PRETTY SHARP. NOTHING THIS YEAR HAD GONE RIGHT FOR HIM UNTIL THAT QUALIFIER. I ALWAYS THOUGHT HE WOULD BE MY BEST HORSE IN A LONG TIME." <b>LAST RACE: 6/8 – WMP – NORTH AMERICA CUP ELIMINATION – 2<sup>ND</sup> (1:49.4)</b>
7	<b>CAPTAIN VICTORIOUS</b> (\$160,271 – 1:51Q)	Y. GINGRAS, R. BURKE THE CAPTAIN V STABLE	ANOTHER WHO MAKES HIS RTTCFMP DEBUT FOR THE BURKE BRIGADE. RALLIED FOR SECOND IN ELIM 2 AT ODDS OF 60-1, BEATING STAG PARTY TO THE WIRE WHILE FINISHING JUST 1¼ LENGTHS BEHIND WORKIN ONA MYSTERY. HAS DRAWN POST 5 FOR THE FINAL. BURKE: "HE'S SUPER SHARP. HIS STOMACH WAS SCREWED UP EARLIER THIS YEAR. THEN I STARTED CHANGING THINGS UP. FROM HERE ON OUT, WE'LL SEE IF MY TWO COLTS FIT WITH THIS GROUP." <b>LAST RACE: 6/8 – WMP – NORTH AMERICA CUP ELIMINATION – 2<sup>ND</sup> (1:49.1)</b>
8	<b>AIR FORCE HANOVER</b> (\$202,888 – 1:50.1)	Y. GINGRAS, B. BROWN COUNTRY CLUB ACRES INC., JOE SBROCCO, RICHARD M LOMBARDO, W J DONOVAN	GOT NAILED AT THE WIRE BY CAPTAIN CRUNCH IN ELIM 1 TO JUST MISS GETTING INTO THE FINAL. WILL LEAVE FROM THE RAIL IN THE NA CUP CONSOLATION SATURDAY. BROWN: "HE DIDN'T SCOPE WELL, EITHER, BUT DID NOT HAVE AS MUCH MUCUS AS WORKIN ONA MYSTERY. WE ARE TREATING HIM IN OHIO WITH A NEBULIZER." <b>LAST RACE: 6/8 – WMP – NORTH AMERICA CUP ELIMINATION – 6<sup>TH</sup> (1:50.2)</b>
9	<b>LOVE ME SOME LOU</b> (\$205,099 – 1:50.4)	D. MILLER, T. CANCELLIERE J. CANCELLIERE	HASN'T BEEN OUT SINCE A SECOND-PLACE FINISH AT THE HANDS OF WORKIN ONA MYSTERY AFTER LEAVING QUICKLY FROM POST 8 AND GOING AN INSIDE TRIP THE REST OF THE WAY AT POCONO FOUR WEEKS AGO. HE IS NOT IN TO GO THIS WEEK. <b>LAST RACE: 5/19 – PCD – PENNSYLVANIA SIRE STAKES – 2<sup>ND</sup> (1:50.3)</b>
10	<b>REIGNING DEO</b> (\$285,669 – 1:54.1Q)	A. McCARTHY, B. PELLING DEO VOLENTE FARMS, PELLING RACING, BRIAN GORDON	WENT A SECOND-OVER TRIP ON THE WAY TO A THIRD-PLACE FINISH IN THE NEW YORK SIRE STAKES AT BUFFALO IN HIS LAST START. HE GOES NEXT IN THE NYSS AT TIOPA ON SUNDAY. PELLING: "I THINK OUR PATH IS RIGHT. AT TIOPA, WE GET TO STRETCH OUT. THEY GET TO GO FAST. WE SHOULD KNOW WHERE WE ARE AT AFTER THIS. HE IS STAKED TO EVERYTHING." <b>LAST RACE: 6/5 – BR – NEW YORK SIRE STAKES – 3<sup>RD</sup> (1:54.4)</b>