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***Sam DePinto, Dr. Ian Moore and Bruce Saunders
prove that age is just a number when it comes to
training a Meadowlands Pace entrant***

MEADOWLANDS PACE NIGHT!

**SATURDAY, JULY 12
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JAYWALKING

By Jay Bergman



Retirement is for some but not for all. As athletes have maximized their skills and savvy while remaining active into their 40s, it comes as no surprise that horsemen have extended their careers as well. On Saturday night (July 12), three trainers considered senior citizens in some parts will try to take down The Meadowlands Pace.

For two it would be a first and a career-marking accomplishment. For another, who enjoyed an "asterisk" victory in this race just a few years ago, that opportunity to win the race outright seems close at hand.

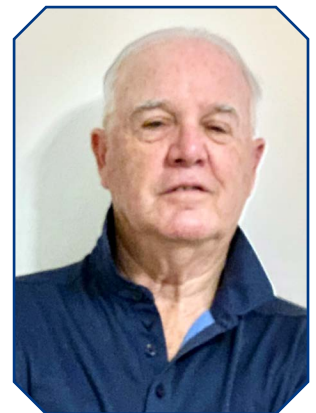
Trainers Bruce Saunders, who just turned 81 in late June, Sam DePinto, who turns 70 later in July, and Dr. Ian Moore at 71 will send out four of the nine horses competing in Saturday's \$656,000 Meadowlands Pace. While it tends to be a younger set in the sulky come race time, trainers showing longevity is not that uncommon in the Standardbred sport. Nevertheless, for these three to arrive in one of the sport's biggest contests with true contenders says a lot about the men and their missions.

For Bruce Saunders, the eldest of the three, there's a recognition that there may not be another chance at capturing a race of this stature. Some 15 years ago Saunders seemed to have finally found the one horse with the ability to capture The Meadowlands Pace in Rock N Roll Heaven.

"I'd say it was one of the worst beats of all time in The Meadowlands Pace," said Saunders. "I think if you go back and look at the race that Art Official upset Some beach-somewhere and then watch the replay of One More Laugh beating Rock N Roll Heaven you'll see what I mean."

Rock N Roll Heaven was a special horse and lost that 2010 Meadowlands Pace by a head after encountering pressure throughout the mile that included a 25 4/5 first quarter and a 1:20-flat three quarters.

Manolete, Saunders charge in Saturday's edition, won't have the post advantage nor the acclaim that Rock N Roll Heaven had, but Saunders is no less enthusiastic about his chances. "I think he showed in the prep that he's as good a horse coming off a helmet as he is on the front end," said Saunders.



COURTESY BRUCE SAUNDERS

**Bruce Saunders is the
oldest trainer in the
Meadowlands Pace field
at 81 years old.**

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JULY 12

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Memorial

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Races 8-11

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"The outside draw is obviously a concern," continued the career winner of over 1,500 races. "But I'm happy with my horse and I'm happy with my driver, who they don't call the 'Money Man' for no reason."

Saunders reference to driver Scott Zeron's ability to win major races with longshots is obvious and that's likely to be the position he'll be in on Saturday with Zeron in search of his first Meadowlands Pace victory as well.

Saunders is most grateful for the support he has from those working with the horses in a stable that numbers between 12 and 15 depending on the season.

"I've been fortunate to have M & L of Delaware and M & M Harness Racing as loyal owners for a long time," Saunders said.

Regarding training horses at his age, Saunders spoke frankly: "What else do I know this well," Saunders said. "Retirement is not for me. I'd be too bored. There's no way you can live off just Social Security."

Manolete, a son of Cattlewash, has been incredibly consistent for Saunders over a 20-race career that has seen him finished first or second on 15 occasions. "He always shows up," Saunders said, describing the \$52,000 Harrisburg yearling purchase from 2023.

Dr. Ian Moore is the second-oldest trainer in the field but has the good fortune of a larger stable and owners with deep pockets. Prince Hal Hanover (post 4) and Joel And The Jets (post 7) give Moore two chances to win this race outright for the first time following the placement of Lawless Shadow to the top spot in the 2021 edition.



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Dr. Ian Moore won the 2021 Meadowlands Pace with Lawless Shadow.

"There's a lot of pressure running a stable like this," Moore said when asked about the challenges he faces as a trainer of his age. "That's the toughest part for me."

As for his horses, Moore has been one of the sport's most gifted trainers over the last 20 years and has usually been on point when aiming for the biggest races. In Prince Hal Hanover, the product of Meadowlands Pace champion Captaintreacherous and Breeders Crown winner Percy Blue Chip, a daughter of one of Moore's best horses Shadow Play, he has a big chance.

"I was very happy with his prep race," Moore said. "It had rained and the track was actually pretty dull at the time."

Prince Hal Hanover paced a pair of 26 and change quarters finishing out his mile in 1:48 2/5 over the Woodbine Mohawk Park surface on July 5. While Moore had a 2-year-old pacing colt win an Ontario Gold division in 1:50 1/5 later in the program, the trainer noted that the track had dried out and had been worked on following the first few races of the evening.

Prince Hal Hanover was one of two horses in The Meadowlands Pace that raced exceptionally well in the North America Cup eliminations only to suffer impossible trips in the final. Prince Hal Hanover started from post nine and trailed the entire mile, eventually finishing eighth beaten just four lengths.

Moore's Joel And The Jets also was a North America Cup finalist and though the weaker of the two on paper, is expected to race better than his fifth-place finish in last week's prep at The Meadowlands. "He wasn't at his best," said Moore. "He had a lung issue but we've resolved that and I expect him to race well."

Regarding his age, Moore made this profound declaration: "A good trainer is never too old to learn."

Like Saunders, trainer Sam DePinto is another of those with a small stable that rarely gets an opportunity to compete in the sport's biggest dances. In Papis Pistol (post 1), DePinto has the inside track on what he hopes could be the biggest night of his training career.

"I'm really happy with the way he's coming into the race," said DePinto. "It's going to depend on the pace and the trip. Without Louprint in the race I can see a lot of people taking shots at the lead."

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2025 MEADOWLANDS PACE JULY 12 ~ RACE 11 ~ 10:46 EDT

1 – PAPI'S PISTOL (DAVE MILLER – SAM DEPINTO) 9-2

2 – PAPI'S ROCKET (YANNICK GINGRAS – RON BURKE) 20-1

3 – KNOCKOUT ROUND (ANDY MCCARTHY – TONY ALAGNA) 25-1

4 – PRINCE HAL HANOVER (TODD MCCARTHY – DR. IAN MOORE) 7-2

5 – CAPTAIN OPTIMISTIC (DEXTER DUNN – NANCY TAKTER) 3-1

6 – FALLOUT (TIM TETRICK – TONY ALAGNA) 6-1

7 – JOEL AND THE JETS (LOUIS ROY – DR. IAN MOORE) 15-1

8 – MANOLETE (SCOTT ZERON – BRUCE SAUNDERS) 12-1

9 – MADDEN OAKS (BRAXTEN BOYD – CAM CAPONE) 5-2

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The withdrawal of the North America Cup champion and likely heavy race favorite opens the door for what figures to be a more contested race but perhaps equally more challenging on the drivers.

"I think if the pace is moderate my horse can cut it and sprint home. If they go 1:20 or faster on the front I'd much rather see him coming off a helmet," said DePinto.

The longtime New Jersey-based conditioner has had his share of quality sophomores but has never been in a Meadowlands Pace final.

"I had We Will See but he kicked himself in the stall while in detention for The Meadowlands Pace eliminations (2010) and didn't make the final," DePinto said.

We Will See finished second that year in the North America Cup and would earn more than \$1.2 million as a 4-year-old the following year. DePinto's Artesian was also second in the North America Cup in 2003 then suffered interference in his Meadowlands Pace elimination.

With no eliminations were required for this year's edition, ironically Papis Pistol captured the \$30,000 prep with Hall of Fame driver David Miller aboard for the first time in a 1:49 1/5 effort. Papis Pistol took a 1:49 3/5 mark last year at The Meadowlands and DePinto thought under the right conditions could have gone much faster.

"It was a cold and windy night," DePinto said. "I was sure he could've paced in [1]:48 and a piece."

This year Papis Pistol didn't qualify for the North America Cup but came back the following week with a stunning 1:48 virtuoso performance at Woodbine Mohawk Park in an Open Pace for sophomores.

Having had the quality of horse to win this race but unable to finish the job, DePinto waxed about what it would mean to him.



LISA PHOTO

Sam DePinto will have his first horse in the Meadowlands Pace.

"Next to my wife, my two boys, who I'm very proud are New Jersey State Troopers, my four grandchildren and my sons' spouses, winning The Meadowlands Pace would be the greatest thing that's ever happened," DePinto said, putting his life's priorities in order.

The fate of the three men will be known just after 10:45 PM (EDT) on Saturday at The Meadowlands. The Pace Final is slated as race 11 on a stakes-filled 14-race program that starts at 6:20.

Meadowlands Pace Night Schedule

RACE # - CONDITIONS	OFF TIME	WAGERING OPTIONS
1: OPEN HANDICAP TROT	6:30	DD (1-2) - PICK 5 (1-5)
2: NON-WINNERS \$12,500 L5	6:52	PICK 3 (2-4)
3: \$119.5K STANLEY DANCER	7:15	SURVIVOR 7 (3-9)
4: \$119.5K STANLEY DANCER	7:43	\$50K GTD PICK 4 (4-7)
5: \$142.2K DEL MILLER	8:07	PICK 3 (5-7)
6: \$141K DEL MILLER	8:30	PICK 6 (6-11)
7: \$147.5K WILLIAM HAUGHTON	8:53	PICK 3 (7-9), Hi-5
8: \$142K DOROTHY HAUGHTON	9:22	\$100K GTD PICK 4 (8-11)
9: \$425K HAMBLETONIAN MATURITY	9:46	PICK 3 (9-11)
10: \$147.5K WILLIAM HAUGHTON	10:10	PICK 5 (10-14)
11: \$656K MEADOWLANDS PACE	10:46	PICK 4 (11-14)
12: \$172.6K JERRY SILVERMAN	11:13	PICK 3 (12-14)
13: MISS VERSATILITY	11:34	DD (13-14)
14: TRACKMASTER 80.5 OR LESS	11:54	Hi-5

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MEADOWLANDS PACE NIGHT HANDICAPPING

Race 3 \$119,500 Stanley Dancer



GARNET BARNSDALE

(4) SUPER CHAPTER is in top form and the one to beat here
(7) GAP KRONOS S
(5) MONSERRATE

Race 4 \$119,500 Stanley Dancer

\$50K GTD PICK 4

(3) GO DOG GO is top dog until he gets beat.
(5) MARYLAND
(4) NORDIC CATCHER S

Race 5 \$142,200 Del Miller

(8) YO TILLIE can trot in 1:51, can anyone else in here?
(4) CHAMPAGNE PROBLEMS
(7) LADY LANDIA

Race 6 \$141,000 Del Miller

PICK 6

(5) WHAT A BID HANOVER gets a better post, a better trip, and a better result.
(7) LUNA LOVEGOOD
(3) APERFECT ANNIE

Race 7 \$147,500 William Haughton

(3) COACH STEFANOS gets another setup for his big late kick.
(1) ABUCKABETT HANOVER
(10) VOUKEFALAS

Race 8 \$142,000 Dorothy Haughton

\$100K GTD PICK 4

(1) TWIN B JOE FRESH takes command earlier and makes amends
(6) KOBE'S GIGI
(9) SYLVIA HANOVER



JAY BERGMAN

(4) SUPER CHAPTER: Yonkers Trot champ faces easiest division.
(7) GAP KRONOS S
(1) HIDALGO

(5) MARYLAND raced gamely against top colt; gets first win of 2025.
(3) GO DOG GO
(6) MAXIMUS MEARAS S

(8) YO TILLIE may be the best sophomore trotter of either sex.
(4) CHAMPAGNE PROBLEMS
(11) WALSPEA

(5) WHAT A BID HANOVER was given an overconfident drive in last; should be tighter.
(10) CONVERSANO
(7) LUNA LOVEGOOD

(5) CAPTAIN ALBANO should benefit from a solid draw after overland journey.
(11) SABONIS
(3) COACH STEFANOS

(1) TWIN B JOE FRESH will try to control this one after getting out-sprinted.
(6) KOBE'S GIGI
(9) SYLVIA HANOVER



RAY COTOLO

(4) SUPER CHAPTER can outfoot most here. Should just roll forward.
(5) MONSERRATE
(6) BLANK

(5) MARYLAND has a time to shine once more off two tighteners.
(3) GO DOG GO
(6) MAXIMUS MEARAS S

(8) YO TILLIE should crush with any replication of that last effort.
(1) KADENA
(7) LADY LANDIA

(5) WHAT A BID HANOVER could find an incredible setup for her late kick.
(8) R DUTCHESS
(3) APERFECT ANNIE

(3) COACH STEFANOS should find his trip again. Lots of outside speed.
(11) SABONIS
(10) VOUKEFALAS

(1) TWIN B JOE FRESH didn't seem fully herself last time. Should rebound.
(9) SYLVIA HANOVER
(6) KOBE'S GIGI



DERICK GWINN

(5) MONSERRATE is off a confidence-building win. Time to stretch his legs before big dance.
(1) HIDALGO
(4) SUPER CHAPTER

(3) GO DOG GO has been dominant in both starts and might leave here.
(5) MARYLAND
(6) MAXIMUS MEARAS S

(8) YO TILLIE seems too fast for these; isn't eligible to Oaks.
(4) CHAMPAGNE PROBLEMS
(7) LADY LANDIA

(9) VOGUISH price should be right off the break in last.
(5) WHAT A BID HANOVER
(1) TORRISI

(5) CAPTAIN ALBANO can make the top moving to the middle of the gate.
(11) SABONIS
(9) SEVEN COLORS

(1) TWIN B JOE FRESH gets a pass for last loss. Inside post gives Dunn options.
(8) MY GIRL EJ
(6) KOBE'S GIGI



MELISSA KEITH

(5) MONSERRATE collared Super Chapter in 2024 Valley Victory.
(4) SUPER CHAPTER
(7) GAP KRONOS S

(6) MAXIMUS MEARAS S just missed in Breeders Crown; seasonal debut.
(3) GO DOG GO
(5) MARYLAND

(8) YO TILLIE romped in Reynolds; fastest 2025 filly trotter.
(7) LADY LANDIA
(11) WALSPEA

(10) CONVERSANO is nearly perfect this year at Meadowlands.
(1) TORRISI
(7) LUNA LOVEGOOD

(5) CAPTAIN ALBANO: beaten 6/5 fave couldn't clear resurgent Nijinsky Saturday.
(9) SEVEN COLORS
(11) SABONIS

(8) MY GIRL EJ held her own in latest; added Lasix.
(1) TWIN B JOE FRESH
(9) SYLVIA HANOVER



MIKE PRIBOZIE

(5) MONSERRATE beat the fave last year and just kicked 26 3/5 to win.
(4) SUPER CHAPTER
(7) GAP KRONOS S

(3) GO DOG GO has been 1/9 in two spots this year; class test now.
(5) MARYLAND
(2) VARIEGATED

(8) YO TILLIE comes off blowout score in fast time. Hard to go against.
(6) DEJA BLU
(9) DELANEY HANOVER

(8) R DUTCHESS shows LQ kicks that jump off the page; has the ability to leave also.
(10) CONVERSANO
(1) TORRISI

(11) SABONIS is improving rapidly and LOVES to win.
(3) COACH STEFANOS
(5) CAPTAIN ALBANO

(9) SYLVIA HANOVER upset 'Fresh' in latest; she could be back to early self.
(1) TWIN B JOE FRESH
(6) KOBE'S GIGI



GREG REINHART

(5) MONSERRATE romped in his Meadowlands return last time out.
(4) SUPER CHAPTER
(7) GAP KRONOS S

(3) GO DOG GO is the best horse in this division right now.
(5) MARYLAND
(6) MAXIMUS MEARAS S

(8) YO TILLIE races in her Hambo Oaks here since she's not eligible.
(4) CHAMPAGNE PROBLEMS
(2) BEST FRIENDS GIRL

(10) CONVERSANO just keeps winning.
(5) WHAT A BID HANOVER
(1) TORRISI

(5) CAPTAIN ALBANO gets serious post relief here.
(11) SABONIS
(3) COACH STEFANOS

(1) TWIN B JOE FRESH should bounce back here from post one.
(9) SYLVIA HANOVER
(8) MY GIRL EJ



MATT ROSE

(1) HIDALGO was okay in the Zweig; back at his preferred track.
(4) SUPER CHAPTER
(5) MONSERRATE

(5) MARYLAND needs this win to return to the top of the Hambo hill.
(3) GO DOG GO
(2) VARIEGATED

(8) YO TILLIE faces a stern test here but just seems a touch faster.
(6) DEJA BLU
(7) LADY LANDIA

(5) WHAT A BID HANOVER should be perfectly spotted from midpack for Ake.
(3) APERFECT ANNIE
(10) CONVERSANO

(5) CAPTAIN ALBANO gets major post relief after two tough 10-hole tries.
(3) COACH STEFANOS
(11) SABONIS

(6) KOBE'S GIGI returns to Burke off a serious qualifier; upsets?
(1) TWIN B JOE FRESH
(9) SYLVIA HANOVER



DARIN ZOCCALI

(5) MONSERRATE seems to do his best work at The Meadowlands.
(4) SUPER CHAPTER
(7) GAP KRONOS S

(3) GO DOG GO has been incredible his first two starts this year
(6) MAXIMUS MEARAS S
(5) MARYLAND

(8) YO TILLIE has looked like a monster so far this year.
(7) LANDY LANDIA
(9) DELANEY HANOVER

(5) WHAT A BID HANOVER nearly overcame a tough grind last time.
(1) TORRISI
(7) LUNA LOVEGOOD

(5) CAPTAIN ALBANO finally gets away from post 10; should be aggressive.
(11) SABONIS
(1) ABUCKABETT HANOVER

(1) TWIN B JOE FRESH bounces back with a major post edge on Sylvia Hanover.
(9) SYLVIA HANOVER
(6) KOBE'S GIGI

MEADOWLANDS PACE NIGHT HANDICAPPING

Race 9
\$425,000
Hambletonian
Maturity

Race 10
\$147,500 William
Haughton

Race 11
\$656,000
Meadowlands
Pace

Race 12
\$172,650 Jerry
Silverman

Race 13
Miss Versatility

\$100K Pick
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Races 8-11



(2) PRIVATE ACCESS went too fast, too soon last week; can rebound.
(5) WARRAWEE MICHELLE
(4) DRAWN IMPRESSION



(4) DRAWN IMPRESSION is in great hands in a field dominated by mares.
(5) WARRAWEE MICHELLE
(2) PRIVATE ACCESS



(7) HIGHLAND KISMET soars with a more methodical steer.
(6) ELISTA HANOVER
(1) SECURITY PROTECTED



(6) ELISTA HANOVER was huge in defeat last time; getting better and better.
(7) HIGHLAND KISMET
(3) EMOJI HANOVER



(6) ELISTA HANOVER ran out of racetrack in Graduate final.
(2) PRIVATE ACCESS
(5) WARRAWEE MICHELLE



(6) ELISTA HANOVER gets a better draw off huge trip, no Lasix, no prob.
(5) WARRAWEE MICHELLE
(9) DATE NIGHT HANOVER



(6) ELISTA HANOVER drew much better, just needs pace to chase.
(2) PRIVATE ACCESS
(5) WARRAWEE MICHELLE



(6) ELISTA HANOVER is unlikely to see the rail but may have a live tow throughout.
(8) SIR PINOCCHIO
(5) WARRAWEE MICHELLE



(6) ELISTA HANOVER has been very sharp and has a great draw here
(2) PRIVATE ACCESS
(5) WARRAWEE MICHELLE

PICK 5

(9) KEN HANOVER is too good for these right now.
(1) CHARLIE MAY
(11) BYTHEMISSAL

(7) MAXIMUS MIKI can bounce back in a big way following tough trip.
(5) CAPTAIN LUKE
(11) BYTHEMISSAL

(4) FUNTIME BAYAMA finally gets a good post and appears primed.
(9) KEN HANOVER
(5) CAPTAIN LUKE

(4) FUNTIME BAYAMA hasn't been involved but closing well. New tactics here?
(11) BYTHEMISSAL
(9) KEN HANOVER

(2) ERVIN HANOVER blazed fractions in Brower; reunited with Roy.
(5) CAPTAIN LUKE
(9) KEN HANOVER

(9) KEN HANOVER is too sharp to ignore; price will be micro again.
(1) CHARLIE MAY
(2) ERVIN HANOVER

(9) KEN HANOVER leads this division right now.
(5) CAPTAIN LUKE
(1) CHARLIE MAY

(9) KEN HANOVER is in career form and has the speed to overcome the post.
(5) CAPTAIN LUKE
(11) BYTHEMISSAL

(5) CAPTAIN LUKE has been gradually improving and could be priced
(9) KEN HANOVER
(7) MAXIMUS MIKI

PICK 4

(8) MANOLETE is in a wide-open race now without Louprint; price play.
(9) MADDEN OAKS
(5) CAPTAIN OPTIMISTIC

(4) PRINCE HAL HANOVER has the speed and staying power to trip out.
(9) MADDEN OAKS
(1) PAPIS PISTOL

(4) PRINCE HAL HANOVER probably finds the trip with his speed.
(9) MADDEN OAKS
(5) CAPTAIN OPTIMISTIC

(4) PRINCE HAL HANOVER will fire out and secure winning trip.
(9) MADDEN OAKS
(5) CAPTAIN OPTIMISTIC

(8) MANOLETE closed in card's fastest last quarter Saturday.
(1) PAPIS PISTOL
(4) PRINCE HAL HANOVER

(9) MADDEN OAKS looks the best of these if he reproduces Cup effort.
(8) MANOLETE
(1) PAPIS PISTOL

(4) PRINCE HAL HANOVER showed his talent when second to Louprint on June 7.
(9) MADDEN OAKS
(1) PAPIS PISTOL

(4) PRINCE HAL HANOVER was too far back in NA Cup but perfectly spotted here.
(9) MADDEN OAKS
(5) CAPTAIN OPTIMISTIC

(1) PAPIS PISTOL for Miller time in a big spot with a sharp horse
(8) MANOLETE
(9) MADDEN OAKS

(2) RODEO DRIVE DEO got good in the Fan Hanover; post edge.
(11) MIKI AND MINNIE
(7) LOOKSGOODINLOULOU

(6) THREE TIMES BETTOR has come back strongly and may be more than meets the eye.
(11) MIKI AND MINNIE
(2) RODEO DRIVE DEO

(2) RODEO DRIVE DEO is unstoppable with a target.
(11) MIKI AND MINNIE
(6) THREE TIMES BETTOR

(7) LOOKSGOODINLOULOU was kept on reserve in her qualifier; fastest filly 2yo ever.
(11) MIKI AND MINNIE
(2) RODEO DRIVE DEO

(2) RODEO DRIVE DEO showed grit, late speed in last two.
(8) WICKEDPACE
(11) MIKI AND MINNIE

(2) RODEO DRIVE DEO's last two are very sharp; will be flying late again.
(11) MIKI AND MINNIE
(7) LOOKSGOODINLOULOU

(6) THREE TIMES BETTOR is a talented filly who can break out here.
(2) RODEO DRIVE DEO
(11) MIKI AND MINNIE

(2) RODEO DRIVE DEO has big late speed and can pounce on the front-runners.
(11) MIKI AND MINNIE
(4) CANT SEE ME

(2) RODEO DRIVE DEO could be ready to ascend toward the head of this class
(6) THREE TIMES BETTOR
(8) WICKEDPACE

(1) CALL ME GOO makes an early move and controls this race.
(2) M-M'S DREAM
(6) NELSONBRITEAGLE NO

(1) CALL ME GOO won the Six Pack easily.
(2) M-M'S DREAM
(6) NELSONBRITEAGLE NO

(1) CALL ME GOO gets a perfect post to flaunt once more.
(2) M-M's DREAM
(6) NELSONBRITEAGLE NO

(2) M-M'S DREAM woke up with a big mile last time; peaking?
(1) CALL ME GOO
(6) NELSONBRITEAGLE NO

(6) NELSONBRITEAGLE NO set stake record in 2024 FanDuel Championship.
(1) CALL ME GOO
(2) MMS DREAM

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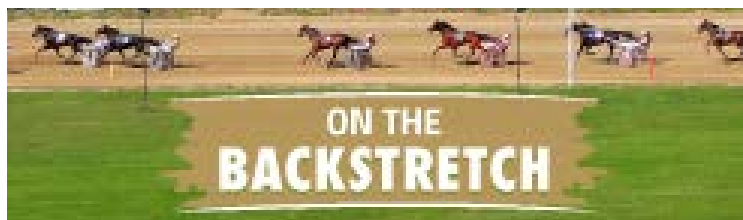
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BY DERICK GIWNER

There has been an explosion of young talent in harness racing and Cam Capone at just 26 years old has certainly joined the conversation in 2025 with the emergence of his top 3-year-old pacer Madden Oaks. The trainer has seen his win totals and earnings climb every year since starting his own stable full-time in 2022 and has already eclipsed his previous year totals with half a season to go.

Born in New Jersey, Capone comes from a harness racing family, with his dad Mark a regular on the east coast for decades. Cam took time after his morning training to discuss his path into the sport, the upcoming Meadowlands Pace with morning-line favorite Madden Oaks, and much more. Enjoy!

TRAINER CAM CAPONE

How did you get started in harness racing?

My grandfather always had a couple of cheap claimers then my dad took it to the next level by himself and his dad always helped him out. After I was born, I was on a jog cart when I was like 2 years old with my dad. I was always around horses and kind of knew I wanted to do it. I did go to college for a while and I came back home and started working again with them. I claimed my first horse and it was all go from there.

Was there ever a chance that you wouldn't pursue a path in harness racing?

When I was going to college I kind of stopped watching it altogether. I think that made me enjoy it again. I was in the race bike at 10 years old. I was really into it as a young kid. I wanted to be a driver but I was a little too big for it. When I was a senior in high school I was really into football and I ended up going to play football at school for a year and it really just wasn't for me. So I transferred to West Chester in PA. I came home for COVID and decided I would take a semester off because I was working with the horses during COVID. I had some of my own at that point and I never went back to school. The funny part is that I didn't think I was going to get back into the horses because college was a lot of fun, but I didn't know what career path I was going to take. I was going to school for business and a lot of my buddies had dads who worked on Wall Street or had their own businesses, so it was going to be an easy situation for me to get a job. So I never thought I'd get back into it but when I came home the love for it came out again.

What did your father Mark Capone teach you about being a trainer?

Pretty much everything. He taught me how to keep a horse sound and to adjust your training methods to the horse. You can't have one method for every horse. Really, he's taught me basically everything. There have been a few other guys I can attribute a few things to, but for the most part my dad has been my role model my whole life and I just kind of listen to him. He always had a good stable but a lot of his guys were on Wall Street when 2007 happened and a few passed away due to cancer and one to old age. It was just bad luck for him and he lost all of his owners. When you lose that many owners it is hard to rebuild. He went from having like 35 horses to about eight in almost a year. He still did good, he had Native Doll (\$442k) and A And Gs Princess (\$285k), but he never really had a lot of horses again after that.

Your father only has one training start in 2025. Has he completely stepped aside?

When I got back in he was training and I was just the owner. I was just trying to learn. We were doing it together with one horse, then a couple of horses. A couple of years ago I got an owner and kind of went on my own. We were still working together but I was a little on my own. He



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Cam Capone has set career highs in wins and earnings in 2025.

helped me along the way, but that is when I went down as trainer.

He moved to North Carolina. He's was up in Canada with Madden Oaks for a while. He's been helping me out as much as he can because he knows how tough it is, especially now with 20 horses in the barn. We are racing every night basically. Since we've got this really nice colt now he doesn't want to leave [laughing]. He wants to enjoy the ride with me.

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You stable already has reached career highs in wins (36) and earnings (\$514,531) with half a year to go. How happy are you with those numbers?

I've gotten a couple of new owners that are great; they are easy to get along with. I've got a great team with me right now and everything seems to be clicking. The horses are racing great, everything is going great and I have a really nice horse.

You've tried your luck in the bike as well. Do you enjoy driving and do you see yourself doing it in the future?

I just play around with the amateurs. When I won with I'm Burlington a couple of times in 1:50 and 1:51, I was only about 185 to 190 pounds at the time and I thought maybe this could be a thing and I should try it. I put him in an overnight with me at Chester and you just realize that the guys who drive in this area, Meadowlands especially, they have such a talent to get along with horses. They make horses go as fast as possible and never even really have to urge them. That's when I realized that the pros make more speed than me. All I'd be doing by driving is costing myself money.

But I like to play around in the amateurs. It is a cheaper spot and all the guys are good, no one is dangerous really. Every once in a while something crazy will happen but everyone is pretty safe.

Where are you stabled?

Tioga Downs.

What is your favorite track to race at and why?

It's got to be The Meadowlands. I grew up there and my dad loved racing there. It was always his main track to race at. When there is a crowd

there and the lights are on, it is really cool and exciting.

What is your favorite thing to do outside of harness racing?

I like to golf. You get away, turn the phone off. It is relaxing for me. Sitting on the couch watching TV is no good for me. I'd rather be out doing something.

What is one thing about you most fans/bettors don't know?

I'm a big football guy, and lacrosse. Both of my parents are from Syracuse so we watch all of the Syracuse sports, especially basketball and lacrosse. They are usually pretty dominant in those sports. The basketball has been slow the last few years but I think they won the lacrosse national championship this year.

What is one word that describes harness racing for you?

Thrill. Sometimes you are a little too worked up but most of the time when you put a horse on the track, especially when you have a good shot, it is just thrilling. There is no real feeling like that except when I ask people who have had a kid, that's the next closest thrill to having a kid. I guess that is why once people know about horses and get around racing they never get away. It just kind of catches you.

Let's Talk Madden Oaks. Did his narrow defeat in the North America Cup surprise you? Was it more than you could've expected?

We knew we had a good horse going into it but it was one of those things where we had the 10 hole and hopefully it worked out. At the top of the lane, honestly, with the fractions Louprint put up, I thought we were going to win. He just a tough horse.

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He just raced on Sunday at Tioga. Was it the perfect prep?

He went a great race and that was all we wanted to go with him. He made it look super easy. He's as good as he's ever been and he's learning every start. He's only got nine lifetime starts.

What do you think Madden Oaks' chances are now that there is no Louprint in the Meadowlands Pace?

Going into it with the 10 hole it was a weird situation. We thought we could win the North America Cup from the 10 hole and we thought we could win the Pace from out there if we worked out a trip. He's a really nice horse and he likes to stalk for the most part. He's been getting put on the front in the last couple of starts but he seems to give a bigger kick when you come from behind with him. [Driver] Braxten [Boyd] and I talk every day now. With Louprint in there we thought he was going to blast out and go a big opening half and we needed to work out a trip where we were about three lengths off at the top of the lane. This morning [July 7] someone called me like five times and I was like 'what the heck'. Then they texted me Louprint is scratched. I was like holy crap. I really for bad for Ronnie [Burke]. It's brutal that he had to have that surgery. That horse is a freak of nature. He's not a big horse. There really isn't a lot to him, but he's crazy fast and has a lot of heart.

Now with Louprint out, I think we are going to win this thing to be honest with you, especially moving inside a post. The nine hole is a huge difference than the 10 hole. If you don't drive you don't see it. I've driven there in the amateur races and leaving from the 10 is almost impossible but from the nine, if you shoot right for the turn you can almost cross over. As to what we'll do, I leave that up to the driver but we spoke about 10 minutes ago and feel that as long as everything goes good I think we are going to get it done.

How great is it to have a horse like Madden Oaks in your barn at such a young age?

As a young guy it is pretty cool that we bought one horse from the sale and he's turned out to be – with Louprint out right now – possibly the best 3-year-old colt in the country.

At just 26 years old, how do you see your future in harness racing?

I hope I look like Noel Daley or Brett Pelling or one of those guys. Hopefully it all works out. I just have to stay humble, work every day, show up every day, and do the right thing by my horses.

I noticed you have a few infractions on your record for improper conduct. Is that just you being young?

I'm just really passionate about the horses and sometimes I feel like you work so hard and you are at it 365 days a year, you never really get away, then you have guys doing crazy erratic things and you feel like you should pitch your opinion out there, but most of the time it is probably

not the right thing to do. I feel like it comes with age. The more you go around the world the calmer you get. As a young guy, everyone has been there, sometimes you just lose your head.

If you had the power to change one thing in the sport, what would it be?

Probably finding a way to get people to come back to the track. If you ask a lot of the older people in the game, they tell you it is so much different. It used to be more exciting because everyone knew who you were when you went out to eat. It was a different time and I feel like if we could get that publicity of the sport back, that is what I would do. We need to get the fans back because that is what makes anything.

As a young guy, how do we get people your age interested?

A lot of my friends don't even know about it but I know if you gave them a \$50 voucher to come to the track I could get them to show up. Once they are there once or twice and have a little fun, they'll be saying 'let's go to the track again'. Most of the time if they come to the track people will gamble or drink. You have to keep them entertained. I know they have commentators telling you who to bet in the races, but tracks should try to have someone there to direct people on what they are doing so they can actually learn. I know they've had a lot of food trucks and other events at The Meadowlands but I think tracks have to get more creative to not only get the crowd there but help them understand the sport.

What does a day in the life of Cam Capone look like?

I wake up between 6:30 and 7:00, get to the barn around 7:30, I'm on the track until about 11:30, we are done around 2:00. Then I try to get a bite to eat and I'll come back later to feed the horses. I try to give my help the least amount of work as I can because we have a lot going on right now. This Saturday I'll be leaving too and they have to pick up the slack. It is a pretty calm life, really. Some nights I'll leave the barn at 7:30 or 8:00 at night and when we are racing we don't get done until midnight.

Time for the stretch drive...

Best Horse you ever saw: Bulldog Hanover. He was just a freak. He never got tired. He's Watching is another one. He was just a tiny horse with not much to him but he was real blocky and really wide. He could fly.

Lasix – Yes or No: It is a great medication. If you take it away a lot of these older horses won't be able to race.

Favorite TV Show: ESPN.

Trotters or Pacers: I was always a pacing guy but now one of the guys I deal with has basically all trotters. I actually get along with them good. I don't like them when they are making breaks but if they are set, they are really honest. They go within a second of their normal time for the most part every week; their class is their class. With pacers, when they are good they can be an Open horse and when they are bad they can be non-winners of \$1,500. Still, I guess I have to stick with pacers.



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North America Cup runner-up Madden Oaks starts from post nine in Saturday's Meadowlands Pace.

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Despite Louprint's Meadowlands Pace absence, Burke positive about Pace undercard chances

By Jay Bergman

Though the sport's leading trainer Ron Burke was forced to withdraw the likely favorite – Louprint – for Saturday's Meadowlands Pace early in the week, the trainer sounded upbeat and optimistic about his chances in a few other stakes events on the star-studded program. As for Louprint, Burke revealed that the homebred son of Sweet Lou is on the road to recovery and likely only to miss a short time following a procedure.

"It's an issue that came up before," said Burke. "If we didn't resolve it now, it could have compromised his long-term health."

With Louprint on the mend, Burke is focused on a solid contingent he has in the pacing stakes on the undercard, with the \$172,650 Jerry Silverman a prime spot for a pair of solid sophomore pacing fillies.

"Rodeo Drive Deo had the skip in a race at Woodbine but other than that she's been super," said Burke of the daughter of Captaintreacherous that posted a mild upset taking down division leader Miki And Minnie in a Pennsylvania Sire Stakes event at Pocono on June 21.

Idle since that race, Burke believes his filly will be ready to battle on Saturday. "I trained her a mile probably faster than any of the others qualified," Burke said of Rodeo Drive Deo, who starts from post two in the 11-filly field carded as race 12.

The homebred Looksgoodinloulou set a world record last year and has only raced twice this season, including an uncharacteristic second-place finish in a Pennsylvania Sire Stakes race at The Meadows on June 7. "She's really at her best on the big track," said Burke, noting how the daughter of Sweet Lou was somewhat compromised on the turns over the five-eighths oval.

"She qualified great (July 4) and Yannick was grabbing into her following Miki And Minnie in the qualifier," Burke said, also noting that Looksgoodinloulou has a solid head-to-head record with the recognized divisional leader.

Looksgoodinloulou starts from post seven while Miki And Minnie will look to rebound in the Silverman from post 11.

Bythemissal drew post 11 in the second of two divisions of the William R. Haughton Memorial Open event (race 10) with a purse of \$147,500. "He was a little bit flat finishing last time after a solid mile," said Burke of the 6-year-old son of Downbytheseaside. "I'm expecting a much better effort from him. He's always better with a two-week break between races."

Starting from the second tier will give driver Yannick Gingras the options he needs following Charlie May along the pylons. Also on the inside part of the starting gate are Ervin Hanover (post 2) as well as Captain Luke (5), who was recently a solid second in the Graduate Series final at The Meadowlands on July 5.

Bythemissal drew into what appears to be the softer of the two Haughton divisions, with Graduate champion Sabonis meeting Captain Albano, Abuckabett Hanover and Coach Stefanos in the first \$147,500 division carded as race seven.

Sabonis landed in the second tier as well following his 1:47 3/5 victory in the Graduate final. Coach Stefanos (post 3) was last seen pacing over the field for driver James MacDonald in a division of the Dave Brower

Memorial on June 28. Last year's Breeders Crown champion has shown an affinity for the East Rutherford mile oval and once again finds a good stalking spot.

Captain Albano, last year's sophomore champion, finally lucks out in the draw, though this will be the first time he'll be up against older competition. The Noel Daley-trained stallion landed post five following a pair of post 10 draws in the Graduate series.

Three years ago, Kobe's Gigi upset future Horse of the Year Test Of Faith as a 51-1 shot in the Lady Liberty on Hambletonian Day at The Meadowlands. The now 7-year-old daughter of JK Endofanera makes her Meadowlands debut in 2025 among nine mares in the \$142,000 Dorothy Haughton Memorial. Kobe's Gigi drew post six inside Perfect Sting champion Sylvia Hanover (post 9) and outside last year's Horse of the Year Twin B Joe Fresh (post 1).

Kobe's Gigi raced at Oak Grove in May and returned to the Burke stable with a qualifying mile on June 18 at Gaitway Farms paced in a snappy 1:50 2/5.

"I think she's probably going to need a start," said Burke, recognizing the 24-time winner has been out of competitive action for two months.

"I'm expecting a much better effort from him. He's always better with a two-week break between races."

-Ron Burke on Bythemissal's chances

Kobe's Gigi's last stakes start at The Meadowlands came in 2024's Breeders Crown for Open Mares where she finished second behind Twin B Joe Fresh and in front of Sylvia Hanover.

"She was locked in and I'm not saying she was going to beat 'Joe Fresh' that night but she would've been close," said Burke with belief in the veteran mare's solid credentials.

The Dorothy Haughton goes as race eight with Twin B Joe Fresh looking to get back on the winning track after losing for the first time in a long time to Sylvia Hanover, a filly that got the better of her when the two were sophomores in 2023.

At times during her freshman and sophomore season Sylvia Hanover appeared to be a handful to drive but now as a 5-year-old the daughter of Always B Miki was a total professional in her Perfect Sting triumph on June 28, leaving in 26-flat from the rail before eventually yielding control. Driver Tim Tetrick steered her out to follow Twin B Joe Fresh's cover past the half and Sylvia Hanover sprinted home in 26 1/5 to complete the upset.

Burke also has longshot Papi's Rocket in the \$656,000 Meadowlands Pace as well as trotters Hidalgo (\$119,500 Stanley Dancer) and M-M's Dream (\$40,000 Miss Versatility) on the Saturday card.



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CONFESSIONS

By Keith Gisser

Did we really have too few Pace entrants?

Nobody can argue that the Meadowlands Pace is not one of the three most prestigious pacing races in North America. If you are an East Coaster, you will swear over a cocktail that it is the best. If you are Canadian, you will swear over a Tim Horton's coffee that the North America Cup is number one. And, if you are a Midwesterner, you will swear over a beer (that you are drinking on the far turn at the Delaware County Fair) that it is The Little Brown Jug.

I'll vote for the Jug. It speaks to what our sport is about. Its elimination and final on the same day format (as the Meadowlands Pace did in its first two years of existence) make it a better test for the sophomore colts than the other two, especially over a smaller track, but we can leave the argument for another time.

This year's Meadowlands Pace drew just 10 entrants, meaning no eliminations were needed. Several wags on the Internet insist that the dearth of entries is another sign of the coming apocalypse of our sport. As a reminder – wags express their opinions on social media for others to judge and comment on. I, on the other hand, am a pundit. A pundit expresses opinions on social media for others to judge and comment on, but gets paid for it.

There are several factors that could be contributing to the relatively small number of entrants in this year's race. Maybe Louprint, who ultimately scratched because he had to have minor emergency surgery, is just that good. There have been other years where dominant horses scared off enough of the others that no elims were needed. The son of Sweet Lou-Rockin Racer has only won 12 of 15 lifetime starts and has never missed the board. I sure as heck would not want to enter only to race for second money. It is not really a \$656,000 race. It now becomes a \$328,000 race.

Maybe it's the various Sires Stakes programs which seem to become

more and more lucrative every year. Why ship halfway around the country when you can get fat on home cooking? Especially since the Grand Circuit isn't really a circuit and hasn't been for years. It's a grand collection of good, very good and outstanding stakes, but it's not a circuit.

Since I got back into horse ownership a few years ago my perspective has changed a bit, but I still wager a few bucks here and there, and from that standpoint – as a handicapper – eliminations are usually horrible.

Two seven-horse fields with only two horses being eliminated from each? Pass. One 12-horse elim to get rid of the last two finishers. That's gonna be some good racing! And if you believe that, I have a great deal for you on some land near Alligator Alcatraz.

In The Pace, favorites score at just about a 67% rate. Again, even in a full field, barely playable.

Sure, some eliminations can be thrilling. Think Fake Left vs. Western Hanover in the third elim of the 1992 Jug. Granted, the greatest three-heat duel of all time, but a rarity to see that happen in an elimination heat. It is hard not to mention the Breeders Crown elim (and final) duel between Dragon's Lair and Nihlator in 1992. Or we could go back to the 1972 Jug with Albatross and Nansemond, but those were different times. My kingdom for a horse, or an elimination horse race this century.

In the Pace, I can't recall one, unless you consider Miss Easy making a break (when I felt she had a real shot at becoming the first filly to taste victory). 1993, when Riyadh became the first sub 1:50 elim winner?

As Darin Zocalli said on these pages five years ago, "I love The Meadowlands Pace. It is one of my favorite events in all of horse racing. But, when taking its usual position on the calendar, in the middle of July after races like the North America Cup, The Max Hempt Memorial [this race has since been moved to August] and several sire stakes events, do we really need a 10-horse elimination to eliminate one horse?"

The one exception to my membership in the He-Man Elimination Races Club is the Breeders Crown. More often than not, we get full elimination fields and the races are competitive. But in general, it would not bother me if I never saw another elimination race that was not held on the same day as the final, whether for the Meadowlands Pace or not.

That's all for this time. Now go cash. Maybe on a longshot in the Pace now that Louprint is unfortunately on the sidelines.

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Harmon was living a dream against all-star driving squad

By Derick Giwner

At just 24 years old driver Lauren Harmon got the thrill of a lifetime when she competed in the Hall of Fame Trot against seven enshrined drivers/trainers.

The site was Goshen Historic Track - the world's oldest active harness racing track - on Sunday, July 6. Lining up behind the gate were David Miller, Wally Hennessey, Dave Palone, Chris Ryder, Yannick Gingras, Tim Tetrick, Jimmy Takter, and of course Harmon. That's 72,926 career driving wins including Harmon's 47.

"It was a huge experience," said a beaming Harmon after the race. "I kind of kept her off the gate a bit just to see what was going to happen. I knew Wally had a good chance at leaving and mine felt pretty good so I just let her float out of there. We got a seat right behind Wally and I thought I was in a good spot right there."

Unfortunately for Harmon, Hennessey's horse began to stop badly on the final turn, leaving her in



DERICK GIWNER PHOTOS

(left) Lauren Harmon is interviewed by Hall of Famer Roger Huston in the Goshen Historic Track winner's circle. (above) Harmon steering Hall of Fame Trot participant Southwind Banshee.



a bad position. The third-generation horsewoman from Michigan navigated the bad situation deftly and was able to rally for fourth.

Reel Em In with all-time driving wins leader Palone got the win ahead of Gingras and Hurrikanestpatrick and the newly enshrined Ryder with Luke's Bar.

"It was so cool and an experience I never thought I'd have the chance to have," said Harmon, who at first didn't realize she was going to be in that race. "At first I thought it was an amateur race that Rod Newhart called and asked me to drive in. Once the draw came out, Peter Gerry, the owner, called me and told me 'you're driving against a lot of big drivers.' It wasn't until then that I realized I was in the Hall of Fame trot."

Harmon admitted that she was feeling "a lot of nerves" before the race but settled down nicely once she was in her element on the track. Not surprising for someone with nearly 500 career drives and an "A" license allowing her to compete against professionals at all tracks.

One person who came away impressed with Harmon, who was honored later that evening as the Harness Racing Museum and Hall of Fame's Amateur Driver of the Year, was Peter Gerry.

"She drove like a pro. I was delighted that she got the mount," said Gerry, who sponsors the race in honor of his parents Mr. & Mrs. Elbridge T. Gerry Sr.

While Harmon could in theory drive professionally, she maintains her amateur status and plans to keep it unless the right opportunity arises.

"I drive a couple for my stepmom and my dad as well as a couple of my own. If the opportunity is there [to drive professionally], of course, but we'll see," said Harmon. "I feel like it would be a cool experience but it would have to fall in line."



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Wallin trainees aim for the fast lane on road to Hambo/Oaks

By Ken Weingartner

After a delayed start on the Road to the Hambletonian, Maximus Mearas S will look to get into the fast lane Saturday when he makes his seasonal debut in a division of the Stanley Dancer Memorial for 3-year-old male trotters at The Meadowlands.

Maximus Mearas S, a Grand Circuit winner and Breeders Crown runner-up last year for trainer Lucas Wallin, entered the summer ranked No. 4 on Meadowlands announcer/analyst Ken Warkentin's Road to the Hambletonian. Wallin hoped to have the colt ready to debut in the W.N. Reynolds Memorial on June 28 at The Big M but needed additional time.

"He trained down super, and then I brought him to The Meadowlands and trained a little faster and we weren't as happy with him," said Wallin, who conditions Maximus Mearas S for owner Kjell Magne Andersen. "We had to treat a couple joints and gave him a little time off. It was nothing serious but, it definitely put us behind schedule. There are a lot of good colts out there that are ahead of us right now."

Maximus Mearas S heads to the second of Saturday's two \$119,500 Grade 3 Dancer divisions off a gate-to-wire 1:54 4/5 qualifier win June 27 at The Meadowlands with regular driver Scott Zeron in the sulky. He is 4-1 on the morning line in a seven-horse field that includes 9-5 favorite Maryland and 7-2 second choice Go Dog Go.

"He did it in a good way, so hopefully he gets better and better," Wallin said about his colt's qualifier. "He is a little bit bigger horse, and for me, it looks like the bigger ones sometimes need a couple races or qualifiers before they really hit their full trot. He was like that last year. He has talent enough to win on Saturday, but I don't expect him to win right away. The most important thing is that he looks good and has a little trot at the end."

Maximus Mearas S was lightly raced last year but made the most of his opportunities. He had four wins, including a Bluegrass division and Breeders Crown elimination, and two seconds in six starts. He missed by a neck against Maryland in the Breeders Crown final, when he sprinted home from seventh place with a 26 2/5 last quarter.

The son of Chapter Seven-Darling Mearas S has earned \$242,295.

"He's very good at everything, and he's a real fighter," Wallin said. "He's got good stamina, speed, and attitude. He wants to do it. He's better chasing horses than cutting the mile, like he had to do in his qualifier, but it's good to know he can cut it as well."

Maximus Mearas S is No. 8 in the most recent Road to the Hambletonian rankings. The Dancer divisions feature eight of the Top 10, including No. 1 Super Chapter (the 9-5 choice in the first split) and second-rated Maryland.

Eliminations for the 100th edition of the Grade 1 Hambletonian Stakes, the sport's premier event for 3-year-old trotters, are scheduled for July 26 at The Meadowlands. The \$1 million final is Aug. 2 at The Big M.

"It's a very, very good group of colts this year; stronger than many years," Wallin said. "It's not going to be easy. Hopefully, he will have this race and then the (Hambletonian) eliminations and he can make the final. Then I'm pretty confident he's going to be right there, but we're a little behind the others right now."

In addition to the two divisions of the Dancer, The Meadowlands on Saturday hosts two divisions of the Del Miller Memorial for 3-year-old female trotters. Wallin will send out Delaney Hanover in the first group, an 11-horse field that will compete for a purse of \$142,200. Yo Tillie is the 3-1 morning-line favorite.

Delaney Hanover will leave from post nine with Zeron in the sulky. She is 10-1.

"Post nine with 11 horses, it's going to be tough to find a good spot there," Wallin said. "Hopefully, she gets a good trip, and we go into the (Hambletonian Oaks) elimination two weeks after that in good spirit."

The Grade 1 Hambletonian Oaks, for 3-year-old trotting fillies, will have eliminations the same day as the Hambletonian to determine the 10-horse field for the \$500,000 final on Aug. 2.

Delaney Hanover, a daughter of Muscle Hill-Danielle Hanover, made her seasonal debut on June 28 in a division of the Reynolds. She finished third, beaten by three-quarters of a length by Conversano (the 3-1 favorite from post 10 in the second Miller division) in 1:52 1/5.

Last year, she won a leg of the Kindergarten Classic Series and finished



LISA PHOTO

Maximus Mearas S will make his 2025 debut on Saturday.

second in the New Jersey Classic for freshman trotting fillies. For her career, she has hit the board in five of eight races and earned \$126,502 for owners Wiesman Farms, Shermay Stables, and Wallin Racing Stable.

"She was very good in the Reynolds," Wallin said. "She is best if she can come from off the pace and follow one to the last eighth, but she came first-up and really raced good."

"I think she is going to have a great season if she stays healthy and sound. She had a lot of speed last year and she's definitely stronger this year. She already was a big, beautiful filly last year, and I feel like she grew into her body and can carry her speed a little longer. It's going to be very exciting to watch her the next couple weeks. I think it is wide open with the fillies, and I really think she is one of the better ones."

Racing begins at 6:20 p.m. (EDT). For free Harness Eye past performances for Saturday at The Big M, click [here](#).

MSOA announces national broadcast of 2025 Adios Pace for the Orchids on FOX

The Meadows Standardbred Owners Association (MSOA) and the Hollywood Casino at The Meadows are thrilled to announce that this year's Grade 1 Delvin Miller Adios Pace for the Orchids Presented by the Burke Family, honoring the memory of Mickey Burke, will be broadcast nationally on FOX from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM (ET) on Saturday, July 26, 2025.

The Adios is one of the most prestigious events in harness racing, showcasing the nation's elite 3-year-old pacing colts and geldings. This year's national broadcast represents a major milestone, bringing the energy, tradition, and thrilling competition of Adios Day to a broader audience across the country.

The MSOA and Hollywood Casino at The Meadows are also proud to welcome The Burke Family as this year's Presenting Sponsor, paying tribute to the late Mickey Burke and his lasting impact on the sport.

"We're incredibly proud to partner with FOX to highlight the Adios on such a prominent platform," said Dawnelle Mock, Executive Director of the MSOA. "This is a tremendous opportunity to share the energy, speed, and history of the Adios with viewers nationwide."

Fans are encouraged to tune in live on FOX or join us in person at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows for a full day of exciting racing and celebration.

For more details and event updates, visit www.meadowsharness-racing.com.

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RACE OF THE WEEK

11 MEADOWLANDS SAT

1 Mile Pace, MEADOWLANDS PACE - FINAL, 3 YEAR OLD COLTS & GELDINGS (DECLARATION FEE - \$7,500) Purse \$656,000

EXACTA AND TRIFECTA | 10 CENT SUPERFECTA | 50 CENT LATE PICK 4 (11-12-13-14) (TAKEOUT 15%)

1 PAPIS PISTOL

3:14.8 (7/8) \$10,021
9-2 Dr. Miller 354-61-45-45 (172)

5 July/25	8M1	fst80°	263	551	1:22.4	1:49.1	M1PacePrep	30000	1	3 ² 1	3 ² 1	3 ³ 1	3 ³ 1	11 ²	DaMiller	SaDePinto	27	283	274	254	1:49.1	104	+5.3w	7.10	PapisPistolManoleteCptrOptm	3hole,room rail,handy-6
27 Jun/25	23M1	fst80°	28	561	1:25	1:52	Qua		5	1 ¹ 1	1 ¹ 1	1 ¹ 1	1 ¹ 1	4 ³ 4	ToMcCrthy	SaDePinto	28	281	284	273	1:52 ³			2.0	AdmiralHillRhydsSupRydingth	Ld,ovrtn lane,brd-6
14 Jun/25	6Wbs	fst68°	271	543	1:21.3	1:48	Opn 3YO	37000	8	2 ¹ nk	1 ² 1	1 ¹ 1	1 ¹ 1	11 ²	DoMcnaire	SaDePinto	271	272	27	262	1:48	116	+8.6w	2.65	PapisPistolThKayCCmAyeCptrOptm	Down road,all out-9
7 Jun/25	7Wbs	fst69°	261	532	1:21.1	1:48.3	NA CUP	36500	3	7 ⁵ 3	7 ⁸	6 ⁰ 5 ⁴	6 ⁴ 3	5 ⁴ 1	AnMiller	SaDePinto	272	273	271	271	1:49 ²	109	+8.5w	40.60	LtLupThWrCkShstMadenOaks	Wide,tring-8
31 May/25	8Wbs	fst48°	271	554	1:23.2	1:50.1	SOME BEACH	59495	6	1 ¹ 1	1 ² 1	1 ¹ 1	1 ¹ 1	1 ¹ 0	AnMiller	SaDePinto	271	283	273	27	1:50 ²	104	+6.7w	10.20	BrtmCryLtLupThWrCtsOnFre	Press,tired-7
24 May/25	9M1	fst58°	284	564	1:23.2	1:51	Qua		1	1 ¹ 1	1 ¹ 1	1 ¹ 1	1 ¹ 1	2 ³ 1	AnMiller	SaDePinto	284	271	272	281	1:51 ³			0	AmrcnRnPsPstCshBnders	Ld,ovrtn lane,clr 2nd-3
10 May/25	6M1	fst60°	281	56	1:23.3	1:52 ²	Qua		6	1 ²	1 ²	2 ¹ 0	1 ¹	2 ²	AnMiller	SaDePinto	281	274	273	291	1:52 ⁴			0	ChimichnPapisPstBnders	Ld,batld toe,blt 2nd-5

b c 3, by Papi Rob Hanover, Bang Bang by Sweet Lou
S C DePinto Sor Lk NJ/C Anvanits,Manalapan,NJ/A Perretti,Asbury Pk,NJ/B Shackman AB

Last 5 Sts-\$70,661

*1:48 Wbs 7/8

1:49.3 M1

25 M1	1	1	0	0	\$15,000	25	*	4	2	0	0	\$40,005
24 M1	10	4	1	1	\$159,525	24	Tot	14	4	2	2	\$184,867
23 M1	0	0	0	0	-	Life	18	6	2	2		\$224,952

2 PAPIS ROCKET(L)

21:50.4 (5/8) \$8,158

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b c 3, by Papi Rob Hanover, Real Touch by Real Desire
Burke Rqg Stb & Weaver Brusconi,PA/Knox Services,OH/Slaughter Rqg Stb,KY

Last 5 Sts-\$38,669

1:50.4 Mw 5/8

25 M1	2	0	1	0	\$38,75	25	Tot	6	0	4	1	\$48,948
24 M1	5	2	1	1	\$84,714	24	Tot	15	6	4	2	\$287,903
23 M1	0	0	0	0	-	Life	21	6	8	3		\$336,851

3 KNOKOUT ROUND

21:50.4 (5/8) \$1,488 SHS-HBG \$95,000

25-1 A. McCarthy 198-27-27-23 (136)																											
5 July/25	8M1	fst80°	263	551	1:22.4	1:49.1	M1Pac	30000	5	5 ⁵	5 ⁵ 1	5 ⁵ 1	5 ⁵ 1	6 ⁴ 1	Br-Farhi	Standardbreds Corp,ON, CA	273	283	274	254	1:49 ⁴	102	+5.3w	38.80	PapisPistolManoleteCptrOptm	Sat,bk,2nd ov,study-6	
20 Jun/25	17M1	fst77°	291	58	1:26.2	1:53.1	Qua		3	2 ³	2 ³ 1	2 ³ 1	2 ³ 1	2 ³ 1	AnMcCrthy	ToAlagna	292	284	282	264	1:53 ²			36.55	RmbrThKnKndRndTmThPg	Ld,yld,ang pst 3/4,even-5	
7 Jun/25	4Wbs	fst69°	261	56	1:23.4	1:50.2	NA CUP	36500	6x	8 ⁹ 3	7 ⁷	8 ⁶ 3	8 ⁷ 1	7 ⁵ 4	ScZeron	ToAlagna	281	291	274	262	1:51 ³	97			36.55	CaptrOptmJoNtJts Swngtown	Off slow broke-8
31 May/25	12M1	fst58°	283	562	1:24.1	1:51.3	5u nw2cd	15500	6	4 ³ 2	4 ³ 2	2 ¹ 1	1 ¹ 1	2 ¹ 1	AnMcCrthy	ToAlagna	291	28	27	272	1:51 ³	95	+1.6w	*8.0	ThTysonKnKndRndLgShp	1st up,lid,ovrtn l-8	
24 May/25	6M1	fst58°	272	564	1:24.3	1:52 ²	Qua		1	1 ¹ 1	1 ¹ 1	1 ¹ 1	1 ¹ 1	2 ¹ nk	AnMcCrthy	ToAlagna	272	292	274	274	1:52 ²			nb	Alatoych KnKndRnd	Ld,game,ovrtn late-2	
17 May/25	3M1	fst72°	281	564	1:24.3	1:50 ³	Qua		6	6 ⁸ 4	5 ⁵ 1	5 ⁵ 1	5 ⁵ 1	4 ⁷ 1	AnMcCrthy	ToAlagna	30	28	281	254	1:52 ²			nb	CaptrOptmFswWtdOwfs	Off pace,outdn,no bid-7	
30 Nov/24	11M1	fst33°	272	543	1:22.2	1:49.3	Gov Cup	382200	3	6 ⁴ 3	6 ⁴ 3	6 ⁴ 3	6 ⁴ 3	5 ⁵ 1	AnMcCrthy	ToAlagna	282	272	273	272	1:50 ⁴	97		62.50	CaptrOptmSwngtownPpsRckt	Took bck,3rd ov,no bid-10	

b g 3, by Sweet Lou, Can't Stop Me Now by Western Ideal
Micki Rae Stables LLC,Sudbury,MA/Riverview Racing LLC,Baynton Beach,FL

Last 5 Sts-\$44,453

1:50.4 Phl 5/8

25 M1	2	0	1	0	\$38,75	25	Tot	6	0	4	1	\$48,948
24 M1	1	0	0	0	\$19,110	24	Tot	8	2	1	3	\$35,952
23 M1	0	0	0	0	-	Life	11	2	2	3		\$88,417

4 PRINCE HAL HANOVER

31:49.3 (5/8) \$12,574 LEX-SEL \$130,000

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Kimelman to Hall of Fame

Candidates for 2025 ballot announced

The Hall Of Fame Screening Committee of the United States Harness Writers Association (USHWA), after meeting with a select group of Harness Racing Museum trustees over the Fourth Of July weekend, announces that Mike Kimelman Sr. has been elected to the Harness Racing Hall of Fame. The direct election in the Veterans designation is provided for in the USHWA bylaws, allowing for one longtime distinguished contributor to the sport who has cut back on current direct activity being put straight in by the Committee, selecting from nominations made by chapters of USHWA.

Mike Kimelman Sr. entered harness racing through an investment opportunity brought to his late father Oscar, a Hall of Fame Immortal, and soon Oscar, along with sons Mike Sr. and Ted, became so enamored of the sport that they purchased a 600-acre property in Wallkill NY that would eventually be fashioned into Blue Chip Farms.

Kimelman Sr., while still running the Wall Street investment firm Kimelman and Baird, served as president of Blue Chip Farms from 1970 to 2001. Coupled with the successful debut of the New York Sire Stakes program, which soon became a model for many racing jurisdictions, and Kimelman luring Hall of Fame farm manager Bill Brown to join the Blue Chip team, the farm grew into one of North America's leading breeding operations, with sires such as Most Happy Fella and Bettor's Delight. Mike and Ted sold Blue Chip Farms into 2001 to Mike's partner and friend Thomas Grossman, who continues to operate the farm in a first-class manner.

Kimelman was also one of a small group who was a focal point in strengthening ties between North American and European breeders and owners, which has resulted in many stars from "across the pond" racing in North America. The establishment of French wagering on the Hambletonian was also a part of the success of Kimelman's group.

Mike Kimelman Sr. has served on the Board of the Hambletonian Society since 1987; he is today First Vice President as well as a member of the Society's Executive Committee and Breeders Crown Committee, in the latter role setting up a key rights fee structure that has enabled the Crowns to remain among the sport's premier events.

Kimelman will be feted for his Hall Of Fame selection on two occasions: the first comes on Sunday, February 22, 2026, at the Dan Patch Awards Banquet hosted by USHWA, to be held at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando. The second will be the official date of his Hall induction, Sunday, July 5, 2026, at the annual Hall Of Fame Dinner in Goshen.

At Goshen, the Screening Committee and Hall Of Fame trustees also discussed the Hall Of Fame candidates nominated by the Chapters, and the Screening Committee has decided to advance the following three people to the summer balloting of USHWAs and Hall Of Famers:

--Dr. John Egloff, squire of Vieux Carre Farm of Gettysburg PA, veterinarian, and an owner-breeder with a half-century of top-level production of horses in his pedigree;

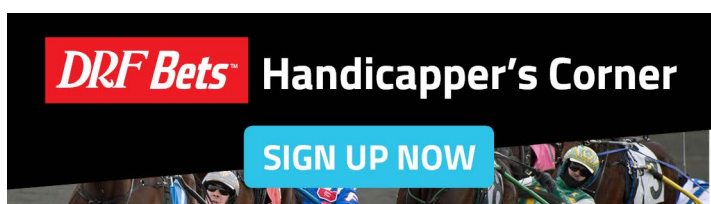
--Marvin Katz, Toronto businessman, who has been associated with a very long list of horses, in ownership and breeding, that might be topped by Dream Maker, Tall Dark Stranger, Peaceful Way, and Muscle Massive;

--David Reid, who has ascended the ranks of marketing and standardbred sales company administration to heading the annual Lexington Selected Yearling Sale, regarded as the leader in Standardbred circles.

All three have long and varied service to most of the sport's top organizations and associations, giving back to the sport in which they have enjoyed success.

This trio will be joined on the ballots by Communicators Hall Of Fame nominees Derick Givner and Ellen Taylor, selected by USHWA's directors. A candidate must receive 75% of the yes-no ballots cast to earn election into the Hall. Results will be announced later in the summer. Electees would be honored in Florida and Goshen, as Mr. Kimelman will be.

-release (USHWA)



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THURSDAY, JULY 10

RACE 6

(3) ILLICIT BEHAVIOR looked extremely strong when winning his second qualifier with no McClure urging. His price will be right.

-Kevin Plowcha



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FRIDAY, JULY 11

RACE 3

(3) MR MOUTON was a good second behind one of the best 3-year-old trotters in training last time. Yes, he faces older here, but none of them have his talent.

-Derick Givner



RACE 5

(5) SEASIDE DIVA drops again after coming up second best at the NW10000 level. Burke trainee is barely two months removed from her second-place effort in the Matchmaker final and it's tough to see her being defeated tonight.

-Matt Rose



SATURDAY, JULY 12

RACE 13

(2) M-M'S DREAM stepped up with her best stakes effort of the year last time and might just be ready now to get over the top as the likely second choice behind Call Me Goo.

-Givner



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NEWS FROM AROUND THE HARNESS INDUSTRY

PROCEDURE SIDELINES LOUPRINT AHEAD OF MEADOWLANDS PACE

Dan Patch Award-winner Louprint, the 7-5 morning-line favorite for Saturday's \$656,000 Meadowlands Pace for 3-year-olds, will miss the Grade 1 event and is expected to be sidelined for several weeks following an emergency procedure Monday to remove a testicle, co-owner Mark Weaver said.

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HALL OF FAME WELCOMES CLASS OF 2025

A crowd of 270 people gathered Sunday evening at the Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame to celebrate the induction of the Hall of Fame class of 2025.

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HOOSIER PARK MOVES TO EARLIER POST TIME NEXT WEEK

Beginning on Tuesday, July 15, Harrah's Hoosier Park will have earlier first post time go into effect, with the new daily post time of 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday for the remainder of season.

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HUNTSVILLE'S BOYS BEST IN NEW YORK SIRE STAKES

Hunt Off The Press (\$3.30) stole the headlines in the New York Sire Stakes for the 2-year-old colt and gelding pacers on Wednesday afternoon (July 9) at Buffalo Raceway with a rousing 7 1/2 length thumping of Shaw Time in 1:56 4/5 over the fast track.

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NEW GRANDSTAND CEMENTS CLINTON RACEWAY'S FUTURE

The new grandstand that officially opened Sunday (July 6) at Clinton Raceway, "cements Clinton's future in horse racing," said general manager Ian Fleming, who is celebrating his 50th year working at the track.

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EMOTICON LEGACY MOVES UP TOP 10 POLL

Emoticon Legacy moved from fourth to third in the Week 4 edition of the Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown poll released Tuesday, swapping positions with Ken Hanover for the only change in the Top 10.

Emoticon Legacy, who won the Dr. Harry M. Zweig Memorial at Vernon Downs, was one of two horses in the Top 10 in action last week. The other was No. 8 Brue Hanover, who won the Preferred at Woodbine Mohawk Park this past Saturday.

Louprint received 31 of 35 first-place votes to remain No. 1 for the fourth week. Emoticon Legacy got two and No. 2 Twin B Joe Fresh and No. 4 Ken Hanover got one each. Miki And Minnie rounded out the top five.

The Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown poll does not determine year-end awards. The members of the U.S. Harness Writers Association vote on all Dan Patch Award division winners plus Trotter of the Year, Pacer of the Year, and Horse of the Year.

Rankings based on the votes of harness racing media representatives on a 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis.

Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown Standardbred Poll: Week 4

Rank-Name (1st Votes)	Age/Sex/Gait	Record	Earnings	Points	Pvs
1-Louprint (31)	3cp	5-5-0-0	\$449,132	345	1
2-Twin B Joe Fresh (1)	5mp	3-2-1-0	\$184,732	272	2
3-Emoticon Legacy (2)	3ct	3-3-0-0	\$254,940	239	4
4-Ken Hanover (1)	5hp	6-5-0-1	\$174,952	231	3
5-Miki And Minnie	3fp	4-3-1-0	\$186,105	165	5
6-Periculum	6ht	2-2-0-0	\$152,980	107	6
7-Super Chapter	3ct	3-3-0-0	\$223,175	105	7
8-Brue Hanover	5gp	15-12-0-1	\$199,512	91	8
9-Chantilly	3fp	3-3-0-0	\$111,939	65	9
10-Sylvia Hanover	5mp	4-2-1-1	\$123,244	49	10

-edited release (by Ken Weingartner)

HISTORIC TRACK RECEIVES \$7,500 FROM MONTI-GOSHEN USHWA

On Saturday's (July 5) card of Goshen Historic Track's Grand Circuit meet the Monticello-Goshen Chapter of the United States Harness Writers Association (USHWA) made their annual donation to the world renowned harness racing track.

However, due to the success of the chapter's collaboration with the New York Sire Stakes and their combined annual banquet, this year's check for \$7,500 was nearly double the amount from previous years.

Track president Steve Jones accepted the donation from chapter president Chris Tully in the winner's circle, following a race that was ironically won by a horse owned and bred by Jones.

Jones said, "This year's support from the Monticello-Goshen chapter is especially generous. As always, Historic Track has several projects earmarked for renovation and improvement, and this lofty sum certainly goes a long way."

Tully stated that, "Historic Track is one of the most distinct places in all of harness racing. Each year the grandstand comes alive amid the cheers of hundreds of racing fans. It's an incredible sight to see, and it is an honor to raise money for both of our beloved 'Cradle of the Trotter' facilities."

The organization makes annual donations to both Goshen Historic Track and the Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame, two separate and distinct entities that share the same hallowed ground and a mutual purpose of preserving and promoting harness racing.

The practice of raising money and donating funds to Historic Track and the Hall of Fame began in the mid-1970s with Monticello Raceway publicity icon John Manzi, and has continued ever since. In just the last 20 years, the local Monticello-Goshen chapter has donated over \$150,000 to these important industry preservationists.

This year's Monticello-Goshen USHWA awards banquet will be the chapter's 66th annual event, sponsored by the New York Sire Stakes, and will be held on Sunday, December 7, 2025 at the Otterkill Golf Club, Campbell Hall, NY.

-release (Monticello-Goshen Chapter of USHWA)

2025 MEADOWLANDS PACE NIGHT DINING

Dining options are still available for this Saturday, July 12th – Meadowlands Pace Night.

Meadowlands Pace night features a stakes-filled card worth over \$2.5 million, with post time at 6:20 pm. The race card also features (estimated purses):

- \$275,000 WR Houghton Open Pace
- \$400,000 E.T. Gerry Hambletonian Maturity
- \$250,000 Stanley Dancer
- \$200,000 Del Miller Memorial
- \$175,000 Jerry Silverman Memorial
- \$175,000 Dorothy Houghton Open Mare Pace

In addition to the exciting on-track action, fans can ride the mechanical shark, kick some soccer darts, grab some grub from local food trucks, dance with DJ ALX, and get a commemorative "Pace & love" t-shirt (while supplies last).

Outdoor Café picnic tables have waitress service and are tented for guest comfort. Guests can dine on racetrack staples, including chicken wings and French fries, cheese steaks, burgers, pretzels, popcorn, ice cream, and more. Reservations must be pre-paid and are \$100 per table. Each table seats up to four people. The \$100 is a food credit that can be used at the Café. Café tables can be purchased at <https://meadowland-racetrack.ticketleap.com/meadowlands-pace-dining-2025/>

The Lounge is an indoor dining option, offering views of both the on-track race action and the large TVs in the FanDuel Sports Book. Tables of 2 & 4 are available along with bar seats. Each purchase is a beverage and food credit for Victory Sportsbar. The à la carte menu features great bar food, salads, and sandwiches. Lounge dining can be purchased [here](#).

For all Pace night details, visit <https://playmeadowlands.com/pace/>

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