

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Friday, January 3, 2020

Note: My odds-line for my top four contenders is based on what I think each horse's chances are to win the race. For instance, if I make a horse 4-1, I think the horse's chances of winning are about 20%, so if the same exact race was run ten times, he'd win it twice. If I make all of the horses are the same odds, that's an indication that I think the race is wide open, or I'm not sure which horse or horses really has a significant edge.

Meadowlands Race Picks by Bob Pandolfo

Friday, January 3

RACE 1

7 CULINARY DELIGHT N 5-1
5 MANHATTAN PLAY 5-1
8 NARCAN JEWEL 5-1
10 CRACKLIN ROSIE 5-1

RACE 2

1 CONMAN CROWN 7-2
6 FUJI 7-2
3 ILLINIMIGHT 4-1
8 MAKE OR MISS 5-1

CONMAN CROWN left, tucked grinded first over and held okay in last; picks up driver Dexter Dunn, who had a sensational first full-year driving in North America last year...FIJI drops and this is the kind of spot where he's dangerous...ILLINIMIGHT is racing in good form...MAKE OR MISS gets a key barn change shipping in from Ohio.

RACE 3

9 BRINGER OF RAIN 5-2
1 DAYLYN HORIZON 5-2
7 IDEAL SON 9-2
6 SANATTLE SLEW 9-1

RACE 4

4 GOTWUTEVERITTAKES** 8-5
3 SOUTHWIND FROST 7-2
6 VENTURE PRINCESS 4-1
9 DEPLORABLE TOM 9-2

GOTWUTEVERITTAKES hasn't raced since October but he was chasing Indiana sire stakes king Swandre The Giant in some of his races and he raced well against him. Swandre The Giant also won a division of the Dancer beating quality colts at the Meadowlands last summer. Not sure if he's ready but he may find this company to his liking...SOUTHWIND FROST drops and picks up Dunn off a race he needed...VENTURE PRINCESS is in form for a good trotting barn...DEPLORABLE TOM beat similar in last, now draws outside.

RACE 5

3 MIAMI 7-5
4 ONE DIRECTION 3-1
5 SHOEMAKER HANVOER 9-2
1 TECH TITAN 6-1

MIAMI looks for this third straight for sharp barn...ONE DIRECTION was claimed by Surick off a good effort.

RACE 6

5 TROLLEY 7-5
8 DAYSON 5-2
3 SPECTRE 6-1
4 SAY YOU DO 6-1

TROLLEY takes a key drop and should be tough to beat...DAYSON also drops, and like my top pick, also has plenty of class; key rival.

RACE 7

2 SUTTON 8-5
3 JL CRUZE 2-1
4 MAX 4-1
1 PAPPY GO GO 5-1

SUTTON classy veteran only raced 7 times last year but makes his third start off the layoff and takes a key drop...JL CRUZE also drops to a level where he can be a handful...MAX drops for Burke...PAPPY GO GO got the key drop in last and went a big mile to win easily from post 10; steps back up.

RACE 8

3 SANDY WIN 8-5
4 MAJOR OCCASION A 2-1
1 BARON REMY 7-2
9 IDEAL LIFESTYLE A 9-2

SANDY WIN left hard in :26.4, yielded for the pocket and had something left to win her second straight at this level; accorded edge...MAJOR OCCASION hasn't raced since July but she qualified twice for good barn and the 2nd qualifier was sharp, plus she chased a fast mare who was on a big roll last summer, so there's a good chance that this one has some class.

RACE 9

7 THISGUYISONFIRE 4-1
1 MORAIRTIME 2-1
4 HAMMER CREEK 6-1
2 TRIXIE DUST 10-1

THISGUYISONFIRE had post 9 in last and never got into the race; picks up Callahan...MORAIRTIME shipped in for veteran Jack Parker, Jr. last week and was used hard leaving in :26.3 from post 9, carved out a solid pace and held gamely for the place.

RACE 10

6 ZAGSTER** 7-5
9 HASHTAGMADEYALOOK 4-1
8 TOTAL DIVA 6-1
1 HOUSE HUBBY 6-1

ZAGSTER was used pretty hard leaving from post 9 in last, cut the mile and tired; drops, gets a better spot, draws inside of main rival, and may roll for Jolting Joe...HASHTAGMADEYALOOK takes a key drop.

RACE 1

4 LA GRANGE A** 7-5
10 VERY VERY FAST 7-2

5 DW'S REVENGE 5-1
1 TRUEMASS VOLO 10-1

LA GRANGE A was on a long grind from post 8 in last, held gamely behind a strong drop-down winner; drops and gets a better post...VERY VERY FAST classy sort moves into a hot barn off a claim.

RACE 12
1 MR HOUDINI** 7-5
8 HAMMER TIME 4-1
5 SWANCREDIT 9-2
2 CRAZY ABOUT PAT 6-1

MR HOUDINI comes off an improved effort, drops for Burke barn.

RACE 13
5 SOHO LEVIATHAN A 5-2
10 ABSOLUTE INTENT 5-2
4 ANNIHILATOR 7-2
1 ALEPPO HANOVER 9-2

SOHO LEVIATHAN A dropped and took a shot leaving from post 10 in last, was used hard in what I thought was one of the best efforts he's put forward in some time; gets a catch driver and a better post and draws inside of main rival...ABSOLUTE INTENT ships in from Harrah's Philly and drops; hard to believe that this 6yo pacer only has 3 career wins in 79 starts but this is certainly a softer spot for him...ANNIHILATOR is a bit hard to gauge off the bench and after racing at a small Kentucky track but he shows up in a sharp barn and probably fits well here...ALEPPO HANOVER had no shot from post 6 in last at Yonkers; drops.

RACE 14
9 DONGAL RUNDLSCRK N** 5-2
4 WOODMERE OLEKSIK 2-1
5 MAJORETTE ANGIE 4-1
3 GLORIA PIERRE 9-2

DONGAL RUNDLSCRK N had post 10, rallied wide and chased home a sharp drop-down winner to be a sharp second at this level in last; she can leave if the Captain wants and this may be the spot...Late bloomer WOODMERE OLEKSIK seems to have forgotten how to lose as she's ripped off five straight and comes off a gritty win where she dug in gamely to get up. I think this field is a bit tougher and she could bounce off that last race, which was a new career best for her and more than a full second off her prior best. Or, she can win again, but either way, she'll put up a fight.

BEST BETS: GOTWUTEVERITAKES 4th...ZAGSTER 10th...LA GRANE A 11th...MR HOUDINI 12th...DONGAL RUNDLSCRK N 14th