

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, January 4, 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

Saturday, January 4

RACE 1

3 JK CAPTAIN JACK 7-2
8 DUDDIE'S LOR 6-5
4 BICORNE HANOVER 9-2
10 THISISHOWWEDOIT 6-1

JK CAPTAIN JACK had a tough parked out trip from post 8 and didn't tire badly; moves into a better post...DUDDIE'S LOR set the pace against the bias and held well two back then came back with a game closing win from post 10; gets a free ride and should be tough again....BICORNE HANOVER showed some life closing well after a shuffle in last.

RACE 2

4 SAYING GRACE N 9-1
2 ENDEAVOR 5-2
7 FRANCO TOTEM N 2-1
1 KEYSTONE PHOENIX 7-2

SAYING GRACE N had an odd trip in last as he tried to squeeze through along the inside when a horse drifted out but then had to be taken under a hard hold as that horse came back in; gets a needed drop in class and may be worth a price...ENDEAVOR drops after a difficult three wide trip and may be tough...FRANCO TOTEM N didn't have a good trip in last and the track was noticeably tiring that night; hard to eliminate...KEYSTONE PHOENIX ships in sharp for good barn and had speed.

RACE 3

3 TENACIOUS ONE N 5-1
7 SMILEANDSAYCHEESE 5-2
6 BETTER WATCH OUT 4-1
1 MR PROFETA 5-1

TENACIOUS ONE A flashed some speed over a tiring track in last; adds lasix and may be worth a price in a wide open race...SMILEANDSAYCHEESE is better than last and probably the one to beat with Dexter Dunn, who was the leading driver during the recently finished Fall meet and should continue to shine.

RACE 4

3 JK WILL POWER 5-2
1 SHARP ACTION MONEY 3-1
5 LAREDO TORPEDO N 7-2
7 RON'S EOM 7-1

JK WILL POWER ships in from Dover and lands in a hot barn, handles this track very well; edge in a wide open race.

RACE 5

2 INCREDIBLE SHARK 4-1
8 ODDS ON LAUDERDALE 4-1
5 GINGER TREE MARTY 9-1
1 JK WILDFIRE 10-1

INCREDIBLE SHARK set a fast pace against the bias in last...ODDS ON LAUDERDALE steps up off a sharp closing win from post 10 and has backclass to step up and perform well...GINGER TREE MARTY fits well here for the Burke barn.

RACE 6

9 BUSHWACKER 7-2
5 SEEING EYE SINGLE 7-2
1 NASCAR SEELSTER 7-2
3 CAPTAIN DOLMIO N 5-1

BUSHWACKER took a shot on the front end but the track was very tiring and biased against speed on 12/21; he only lost by a nick after being used through the mile from post 10; gets top driver...SEEING EYE SINGLE drops and didn't have a good trip in last; one to beat...NASCAR SEELSTER also drops and showed some life in last...CAPTAIN DOLMIO N raced well in his local debut.

RACE 7

2 SOMEBADDUDE 8-5
5 MCTHRILLER 5-1
7 PALOMAR 8-1
8 STONEDUST 10-1

SOMEBADDUDE was sharp beating weaker and looks pretty tough here...MCTHRILLER is holding his form...PALOMAR never got into the race in last but won two of his prior three starts...STONEDUST drops and really had no shot in last.

RACE 8

8 WHEELS ON FIRE** 8-5
1 CLOSING STATEMENT 3-1
5 EDDARD HANOVER 4-1
3 MINDTRIP 4-1

WHEELS ON FIRE set the pace against the bias in last; takes a key drop...CLOSING STATEMENT drops and moves inside off a race he needed; might be the main rival here.

RACE 9

1 LEGION OF BOOM 8-5
9 BOYS TURN 5-2
4 DRAGON STRIKES 6-1
5 WEEKEND ATNANNIES 8-1

LEGION OF BOOM steps up sharp and picks up the top driver...BOYS TURN raced well off the bench in first start for the Burke barn.

RACE 10

1 ROOTIN TOOTIN 8-1
3 WHITTAKER N 2-1
6 ALL IT TAKES 9-1
2 ARCHANGEL THREE 5-1

ROOTIN TOOTIN won at this level three back, then was dull against a much better field in the slop two back, and had a wide trip from a tough spot in last; they add lasix and I'll take a shot at a price...WHITTAKER N game grinder is sharp and the one to beat here.

RACE 11

2 BELL I NO 8-5

5 SOLO STORY 5-2

8 EFFRONTE A 4-1

3 BECHERS BROOK A 6-1

BELL I NO had a tough trip parked the mile without cover in last and I thought he hung in there pretty well considering. Two back he was used leaving along the dull rail and then shuffled back; drops and should go well...SOLO STORY also takes a key drop and can take all...EFFRONTE A is the wild card here. He hasn't raced since October in Australia but the qualifier was solid and trainer Darran Cassar has had his down under imports ready to roll in the past, plus he gets Dexter Dunn in the bike.

RACE 12

5 ROCK THE NITE 4-5

6 BRALEY HANOVER 4-1

4 TRUMP THAT 6-1

10 FRANKIE ROCKS A 12-1

ROCK THE NITE takes a key drop for sharp trainer...BRALEY HANOVER is 2nd off the bench for Burke.

RACE 13

8 UNCLE REIMUS 9-1

7 ITSONLYROCKNROLL A 5-2

3 CONSTNTLYSIDEWYS A 8-5

5 MESSI N 6-1

UNCLE REIMUS ships in from Northfield where he made a break while trying to launch a three wide brush in last, changes barns. He's pretty quick when right and maybe the two turn layout will help...ITSONLYROCKNROLL A flashed some early speed over a tiring track in last; drops and can take all...CONSTNTLYSIDEWYS A drops and moves inside off a pretty good try on the front end and may be tough to beat.

RACE 14

2 I'M AN ATHLETE 8-5

3 STEVE SAID 7-2

7 JUSTIN CREDIBLE 10-1

9 WISE IMAGE 10-1

BEST BET: WHEELS ON FIRE 8th Race