

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, July 11, 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 about the same odds, that's an indication that I think the race is wide open, or that I can't pinpoint a horse that appears to have a strong edge.

Meadowlands Race Picks by Bob Pandolfo

RACE 1

9 SEEING EYE SINGLE 7-5
8 HEAVENLY SOUND 5-2
2 BIG STRETCH MARK 5-1
7 SPICEBOMB 7-1

SEEING EYE SINGLE takes a key drop and has a class edge here...HEAVENLY SOUND had an off year last year but seems to be rounding into form now...BIG STRETCH MARK gets a better post this week...SPICEBOMB best needed.

RACE 2

8 EL IDEAL 4-5
6 CAPRICORNUS 7-2
3 BEADS 4-1
2 BEYOND KRONOS 8-1

EL IDEAL qualified sharply for a barn that gets them ready and this colt finished off his two year old season strongly...CAPRICORNUS is in good form for a top barn...BEADS seems much faster as a three year old but broke as the favorite in both start this year; threat if he can stay flat.

RACE 3

8 ESCAPETOTHEBEACH 5-2
4 TROJAN BANNER N 7-2
7 VETTEL N 4-1
5 ROCKIN RON 5-1

ESCAPETOTHEBEACH takes a key drop...TROJAN BANNER N is in good form and also drops...VETTEL N beat a weaker field at this level in last; sharp...ROCKIN RON speedy veteran comes down the ladder and may be well placed.

RACE 4

2 FRANCO TOTEM N 8-5
8 MCTHRILLER 2-1
6 HAYDEN HANOVER 5-1
5 MY ALPHA ROCK N 5-1

RACE 5

4 SORELLA 5-2
9 ROMONA HILL 2-1
6 DUBAI PRINCESS 4-1
1 COMMON SENSE S 9-2

SORELLA has come to hand for Nancy Takter...ROMONA HILL won the Breeders Crown off a cagey drive by McCarthy, qualified back well...DUBAI PRINCESS is also racing well for Nancy Takter...COMMON SENSE S is third off the layoff and may show more speed.

RACE 6

7 THIS IS THE PLAN** 6-1
9 BACKSTREET SHADOW 7-2
3 SINTRA 7-2
2 HIGHALATOR

THIS IS THE PLAN chased and went evenly in his first start since November and is capable of an upset in this wide open race, for top connections...BACKSTREET SHADOW ships back in off a sharp win at Tioga, handles this track well and likes to win...SINTRA is certainly a threat off back to back seconds behind the sharp Geez Joe...HIGHALATOR came up short at Philly but likes this track.

RACE 7

7 SYNERGY 2-1
8 BACK OF THE NECK 5-2
4 MAESTERAEMON 4-1
2 HOLLYWOOD STORY 4-1

SYNERGY left, tucked, grinded uncovered and held the show in return race...BACK OF THE NECK set the pace and finished in front of top pick...MAESTERAEMON needed last, gets better spot...HOLLYWOOD STORY has four wins in four career starts, steps up but may have more speed to show.

RACE 8

3 TALL DARK STRANGER 2-5
10 PAPI ROB HANOVER 5-2
1 MAJOR BETTS 10-1
9 CAPT MIDNIGHT 12-1

After Tall Dark Stranger's impressive and precocious debut last year, I figured he'd go through his 2yo season undefeated and he almost did, winning 8 of 9 starts. His first start back this year was a powerful off the pace win against older horses. Big guy draws inside of his main rival in this elimination race...PAPI ROB HANOVER is a fast one. He beat Tall Dark Stranger in the Breeders Cup Eliminations last year and he came back to the races with a game closing effort from a tough post. Hard to say how aggressive David Miller will be from post 10, since the first 8 finishers will be in the final...MAJOR BETTS and CAPT MIDNIGHT have come back sharp.

RACE 9

8 BRASSY HANOVER 6-1
10 BETTOR'S WISH 8-5
3 WORKIN ONA MYSTERY 4-1
4 DANCIN LOU 6-1

BRASSY HANOVER has come back sharp this year. His third at Tioga two back was a game effort and he finished in :25.1 to win last over the track; upset call...BETTOR'S WISH is the class of the field and he'll be trying hard to win despite the post because this is the final with a \$250,000 purse...WORKIN ONA MYSTERY finished gamely from a tough spot in last...DANCIN LOU beat my top pick at Tioga then lost at 3/5 here last week but it's not like he didn't race well.

RACE 10

3 GIMPANZEE 2-5
1 CHIN CHIN HALL 5-1

10 REIGN OF HONOR 10-1
2 KINGS COUNTY 12-1

GIMPANZEE was pretty far back at the half last start and came on strongly for the win; hard to knock this classy trotter.

RACE 11
6 THE DEVILS OWN N 7-2
4 WESTERN JOE 2-1
1 DONTTELLMEAGAIN 7-2
2 CRIMSON AND CHROME 14-1

THE DEVILS OWN N finished well for the show from post 9 in last and won his two prior starts...WESTERN JOE is in top form and should be well placed...DONTTELLMEAGAIN chased a sharp repeat winner at a higher class level...CRIMSON AND CHROME gets a better post and should show more.

RACE 12
10 ROCKIE GOT FRAMED 8-5
4 DECISION DAY 5-2
3 YEAHNAH 10-1
8 ARQUE HANOVER 10-1

ROCKIE GOT FRAMED was first over against tougher in a quick mile; key drop...DECISION DAY drops and should race much better...YEAHNAH has done his best work on smaller ovals but is eligible to improve second start off the bench for a top trainer...ARQUE HANOVER is another one dropping in class.

RACE 13
3 SAMS A CHAMP A 2-1
9 LAREDO TORPEDO N 5-2
2 LETSCHASETHEDREAMN 6-1
7 DAVIDS COMING HOME 6-1

BEST BET: THIS IS THE PLAN 6th Race