

## **Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, August 1, 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

4 SWIFT AS A SHADOW 5-2  
3 ALBERT A'SCOOTIN 7-2  
2 SANATTLE SLEW 4-1  
8 IN ROCK WE TRUST 5-1

SWIFT AS A SHADOW chased better in this class last week and held nicely...ALBERT A'SCOOTIN drops to the bottom condition...SANATTLE SLEW also takes a key drop; he only has 1 win in his last 57 starts but fits here...I'm going to ignore IN ROCK WE TRUST's last race in an amateur driver event; two back he held okay against faster.

#### RACE 2

1 IM A DIRECTOR 7-5  
5 ANCLE 7-1  
3 HONOR ME 5-2  
9 NEVER SAY NEVER 9-2

IM A DIRECTOR chased a sharp winner home 2<sup>nd</sup> best against similar in last and could be tough to deny here...ANCLE takes a key drop...HONOR ME was in the amateur driver races last two, but his effort three back makes him a threat here...NEVER SAY NEVER ships in off a win for a sharp outfit.

#### RACE 3

8 HYPNOTIC AM 2-5  
2 TRICKY SISTER 12-1  
5 AB'SATTITUDEXPRESS 6-1  
3 MAY BABY 6-1

HYPNOTIC AM didn't have the smoothest trip when finishing third against tougher in the Del Miller; class edge....TRICKY SISTER has been facing better and she could improve...AB'SATTITUDEXPRESS has been winning handily against Jersey bred's...MAY BABY ships in from Hoosier for a sharp outfit; she's been beating weaker easily.

#### RACE 4

10 TALL DARK STRANGER 1-2  
4 ALLYWAG HANOVER 5-2  
8 CAPTAIN KIRK 10-1  
3 SEA OF LIFE 18-1

TALL DARK STRANGER was used hard setting the pace and looked like he may give it up but he came back on gamely to win the Meadowlands Pace; big guy could regress off that but he had an extra week off and is so tough...ALLYWAG HANOVER raced gamely and was a solid third in the Big M Pace and he should be the main threat here...CAPTAIN KIRK is quick and I would ignore his 7<sup>th</sup> place finish in the Pace because he was used hard getting the lead from post 10.

#### RACE 5

9 CRYSTAL FASHION 4-1  
1 WHEN DOVESCRY 4-1  
10 FORBIDDEN TADE 4-1  
3 JL CRUZE 4-1

CRYSTAL FASHION does his best work over this track, seems to be cycling back to form...WHEN DOVESCRY was used hard in her first start of the year and gets lasix back tonight...FORBIDDEN TRADE is another trotter than likes this track and he was a solid 2<sup>nd</sup> behind a razor sharp trotter in the Hambo Maturity...JL CRUZE veteran always tries hard.

#### RACE 6

7 RAMONA HILL 7-5  
1 BACK OF THE NECK 2-1  
2 THIRD SHIFT 7-1  
5 MAESTERAEMON 12-1

RAMONA HILL showed that her Breeders Crown upset win from post 10 was no fluke as she was impressive overcoming post 10 again winning the Del Miller in last; she goes against the boys in this Hambletonian elimination but she could be fastest...BACK OF THE NECK was a breezy winner of the Stanley Dancer Memorial and Svanstedt has a good shot in this year's Hambo...THIRD SHIFT is the other Swanstedt trainee here but needs a bit more if the top two do their best...MAESTERAEMON had no shot racing off the pace from post 10 in last. He put in a fine effort two back and could go well at a price.

#### RACE 7

4 ROCKNIFICENT 2-1  
2 ALEXIS'S BEACH 5-2  
5 PEAKY SNEAKY 4-1  
3 LADY LOU 8-1

ROCKNIFICENT was parked to the lead in :26 and held the show...ALEXIS'S BEACH finished in front of top one in last and it was the best effort of her career...PEAKY SNEAKY improving sort...LADY LOU improving sort had a tough trip in the Nadia at Hoosier and has been chasing a sharp filly.

#### RACE 8

8 READY FOR MONI\*\* 6-5  
6 CHESTNUT HILL 7-2  
4 ROME PAYS OFF 4-1  
2 SISTER SLEDGE 4-1

READY FOR MONI came off the bench with a sharp closing win and should only get better. Gingras had to choose between this colt and the filly, Sister Sledge, and he took this one...CHESTNUT HILL was first over in that race and held okay, now draws inside of the favorite...ROME PAYS OFF has improved for the Melander barn and certainly has a shot here...SISTER SLEDGE has to go off lasix but this filly was strong winning the Geers.

#### RACE 9

4 BETTOR'S WISH 5-2  
1 BACKSTREET SHADOW 7-2  
6 GEEZ JOE 4-1  
10 OUR MAJORDAN A 4-1

BETTOR'S WISH didn't look his best from post 10 last start but it was a very fast race over an off track, he gets lasix and a much better post...BACKSTREET SHADOW should be forwardly placed and is holding his form...GEEZ JOE was used hard to get the lead in last and held gamely...OUR MAJORDAN A showed his

class with a game two move win in last; if he handles the gate and blasts out of there, he could overcome post 10.

#### RACE 10

- 1 PLUNGE BLUE CHIP 4-5
- 3 KENZIESKY HANOVER 9-2
- 9 FELICITYSHAGWELL S 6-1
- 8 GRAND SWAN 8-1

PLUNGE BLUE CHIP comes off two sharp efforts against Manchego and Atlanta and should be tough to deny here.

#### RACE 11

- 1 SPRINGSTEEN 8-5
- 4 DORSODURO HANOVER 2-1
- 6 THE DEVIL'S OWN N 7-2
- 2 VETTEL N 12-1

SPRINGSTEEN had an off year last year but he came back to the races sharp for new trainer Brett Pelling and should be tough to beat here...DORSODURO HANOVER was dead on the board off the drop in last and finished an okay third; he drops again and is the one to beat...THE DEVIL'S OWN N had no shot trying to close from 8<sup>th</sup> in last; he's sharp and has a shot if the top two burn each other up...VETTEL N gets a better post and is a price factor with a trip.

#### RACE 12

- 4 DE LOS CIELOS DEO 9-5
- 7 MCTHRILLER 5-2
- 1 DA DELIGHTFUL 7-2
- 8 HARAMBE DEO 4-1

#### RACE 13

- 6 MY ALPHA ROCK N 2-1
- 9 VANQUISHED N 2-1
- 2 MELODIES MAJOR 6-1
- 7 EFFRONTE A 6-1

MY ALPHA ROCK N was a solid horse down under but struggled in his first three starts here this year. Has been transferred to his prior connections and trainer Shane Tritton and I expect a much improved effort off the drop and barn change...VANQUISHED N wired similar in his last start here and is the one to beat...MELODIES MAJOR ships back in from Yonkers, has some backclass and took his mark over this track; upset chance...EFFRONTE A drops and is capable of a big effort on one of his best races.

BEST BET: READY FOR MONI 8<sup>th</sup> Race