

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, August 8, 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

7 SPRINGSTEEN 8-5
5 ANGERS BAYAMA 9-5
1 IDEAL FEELING 6-1
4 SHAMWOW 6-1

SPRINGSTEEN has come on strong for new trainer Brett Pelling; comes off a career best but wasn't used hard to do it and could take another step forward in third start off the layoff...ANGERS BAYAMA comes off two sharp wins against similar; key rival and most likely gets good early position here...IDEAL FEELING and SHAMWOW are both in good form and either could offer value if the top two get used up.

RACE 2

3 REFLECT WITH ME 1-9
4 PEAKY SNEAKY 4-1
5 LADY LOU 8-1
2 NEW YEAR 35-1

REFLECT WITH ME looks tough to deny at short odds.

RACE 3

5 MANCHEGO 2-5
3 WHEN DOVESCRY 5-1
2 PLUNGE BLUE CHIP 5-1
6 KENZIESKY HANOVER 10-1

MANCHEGO is always tough to beat and her only loss in five starts this year was a narrow miss to Atlanta....WHEN DOVESCRY is third off the bench and maybe we'll see her best today...PLUNGE BLUE CHIP is usually a few steps slower than the top trotting mares like Manchego and Atlanta but she tries hard and her form is solid.

RACE 4

6 DIP ME HANOVER 5-2
9 CAVIART EVA 5-2
8 SANS DEFAUT 4-1
3 LINDY'S STARDUST 6-1

RACE 5

6 BEADS 8-5
8 CHESTNUT HILL 2-1
9 JULA TRIX TREASURE 5-1
7 PATRIARCH HANOVER 8-1

BEADS never got into the race last week but he's better than that; adds lasix, gets Gingras in the bike, and can leave the gate...CHESTNUT HILL, like top pick, faces weaker, has ability...JULA TRIX TREASURE is

good enough but has been racing from off pace and draws post 9...PATRIARCH HANOVER may be well placed here.

RACE 6

5 DARLENE HANOVER 2-1
4 MATERIAL GIRL 5-1
10 ALTAR 5-2
6 MAZZARATI 7-1

DARLENE HANOVER has improved steadily for Bittle and draws a good post...MATERIAL GIRL could be some value here as she seems to be improving...ALTAR could be the best but will have to overcome post 10...MAZZARATI has won two in a row, loses Tetrack to the 4; will have to go faster but these lightly raced two year olds can surprise you because they can develop quickly from one race to another.

RACE 7

2 DANCIN LOU 8-5
8 BETTOR'S WISH 5-2
3 HURRIKANE EMPEROR 7-2
10 CENTURY FARROH 10-1

DANCIN LOU has shown high speed and good stamina, a tough combination...BETTOR'S WISH added lasix in last and put in a solid effort grinding uncovered into a hot pace; classy guy is capable of a big mile...HURRIKANE EMPEROR was short in last but he has turned in a few big miles this year...CENTURY FARROH has been in top form but gets a tough post.

RACE 8

4 TYPE A 2-1
5 LOCATELLI 5-2
1 PLUMVILLE PRINCES 3-1
7 MOONSTONE S 8-1

TYPE A is perfect in two starts for hot barn...LOCATELLI has actually trotted faster than his stable mate but Gingras took Type A...PLUMVILLE PRINCE showed improvement in his third start and drew clear with a sharp late burst...MOONSTONE S is improved for a sharp outfit and may try to steal it for Tetrack.

RACE 9

7 SORELLA** 8-5
12 HYPNOTIC AM 9-5
11 PANEM 7-2
4 MAY BABY 10-1

SORELLA was first over against a tigress in last; two back she sizzled in 1:50.2 with the shoes removed and the shoes are off again today; edge drawing inside of her main rival...HYPNOTIC AM didn't have an ideal trip finishing third to Ramona Hill two back; key rival...PANEM is in career best form but probably needs a perfect trip against the top two. Driver Dexter Dunn engineers a lot of perfect trips, so she's in good hands...MAY BABY is sharp and gave it a good try against Hypnotic AM in last.

RACE 10

2 ATLANTA 9-5
7 GIMPANZEE 2-1
4 GUARDIAN ANGEL AS 5-1
5 SOUL STRONG 14-1

ATLANTA remains in top form, draws inside and should be tough...GIMPANZEE has been strong so far this year, perfect in four starts; meets a bit better field here but could be tough to beat...GUARDIAN ANGEL AS

has to race off a qualifier after missing time due to sickness; dangerous if ready...SOUL STRONG finished gamely in last and should be set for best in his third start off the bench; could go well at a price with right trip.

RACE 11

5 RAMONA HILL 3-5
1 READY FOR MONI 5-2
2 BACK OF THE NECK 5-1
6 THREEFIFTYTWO 9-1

RAMONA HILL was a brilliant two year old filly who capped off her season with a sharp two move win from post 10 in the Breeders Cup at Mohawk. But this year she's been even better. Her win from post 10 in the Del Miller was impressive as she made two moves to a fast half and drew off in hand. In her elimination race last week, she was stuck behind poor cover and in a seemingly impossible situation approaching the three quarters; but, she launched a powerful three wide rally to go from last to first closing in :25.4 for the win while not really asked for her best. If you haven't seen it, do yourself a favor and go to the Meadowlands website and watch the replay because it was an effort that people will be talking about for years to come. Horses aren't supposed to be able to do that anymore in this speed-favoring modern age. She faces a better field here in the Hambletonian Final but her versatility is an asset and she just may be too fast for these...READY FOR MONI looks like the main rival to me. He was a quality two year old but this year he's matured nicely winning both of his starts handily and I think he might be sitting on a big effort today...BACK OF THE NECK was on a pretty easy lead last week but proved no match for the filly. He won his two prior starts following horses so maybe that's the key to his success...THREEFIFTYTWO put in a solid two move effort over the track in last; gets a class test here but comes into this the right way for a good barn.

RACE 12

7 VAINQUEUR R P NO 4-1
9 EUROBOND 4-1
3 JL CRUZE 5-2
1 MUSCLE M UP 6-1

VAINQUEUR R P NO made it look easy beating weaker in his U.S. debut. He loses Gingras to the two horse but I'll stick with this import. This is the Vincennes Trot and this trotter actually raced at Vincennes...EUROBOND is back in form and dangerous if Scotty can get him to the lead...JL CRUZE is doing real well at the age of 9; one to beat in a contentious race...MUSCLE M UP gets a better spot this week.

RACE 13

6 TALL DARK STRANGER 1-9
5 CAPTAIN KIRK 4-1
4 MANTICORE 12-1
7 CAPT MIDNIGHT 20-1

TALL DARK STRANGER adds lasix off a rare subpar performance, which wasn't terrible...CAPTAIN KIRK beat the favorite with a sharp front end effort.

RACE 14

6 OUR MAJORDAN A 8-5
3 GEEZ JOE 7-2
1 JESSE DUKE N 6-1
5 DONTTELLMEAGAIN 12-1

RACE 15

4 SOHO BURNING LOVE A 8-1
5 SHARTIN N 2-5

3 KISSIN IN THE SAND 6-1
8 WARRAWEE UBEAUTY 9-1

SOHO BURNING LOVE A comes into this sharp and may go well at a price...SHARTIN N rarely loses but she did come up short losing to a big longshot in her last start over the track. If she's at her best, they're all chasing.

RACE 16
10 LETS ROLL 5-1
8 GODS SPIRIT N 5-1
4 OLLIE'S Z TAM 5-1
1 VANQUISHED N 6-1

LETS ROLL ships back in after having a tough post at Philly and has gone some quick miles over this track; edge despite post in one of the most competitive races of the day.

BEST BET: SORELLA 9th Race