

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Friday, January 8, 2021

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 THAT'S INCREDIBLE 4-1
1 CAVIART CATERINA 9-2
5 BREAK THE DEAL 5-1
2 SOMTHNGABOUTMARY N 9-1

THAT'S INCREDIBLE didn't have a smooth trip while racing in tight quarters but came on nicely for show; edge in a wide open race where there's no clear-cut favorite...CAVIART CATERINA gets a key driver change...BREAK THE DEAL was also shuffled inside in last, improved her position...SOMTHNGABOUTMARY N gets a better post.

RACE 2

2 R HERBIE BLUE CHIP** 2-1
8 LIGHT MOVES 4-1
5 STONEBRIDGE SYDNEY 6-1
4 MANHATTANUP NO ICE 12-1

R HERBIE BLUE CHIP was racing in NY sire stakes races but finished willingly in her first start since July, which was also her first start for new barn and her first start over this track; seems likely to go well.

RACE 3

2 WINTER MINT 6-1
7 IT AINT THE WHISKY 8-5
10 GOTWUTEVERITTAKES 4-1
6 NAMJE 10-1

WINTER MINT made a couple of moves against a better field at this level two back and may have a shot at a price...IT AINT THE WHISKY raced okay against similar in his last two starts, qualified back well and is the one to beat for top driver...GOTWUTEVERITTAKES takes a key drop...NAMJE probably needed last for good connections.

RACE 4

6 KRISPY GIONGER 5-2
10 OFF THE PRESS 4-1
5 JOE'S SIGN 4-1
3 THE DOUBLE DEUCE 6-1

RACE 5

2 DARKRSHADEOPALE N 5-2
3 ROYALTYWESTHO 5-2
1 HOTTIEONTHEHORIZON 7-2
8 QUITE A SIGHT 5-1

RACE 6

4 GRUDEN 4-1
2 HALLIAMA 4-1
2 WINNERUP 4-1
8 MARION GONDOLIER 9-2

RACE 7

1 DEO 5-1
2 LION SAFARI AS 8-5
5 TAKE A WISH 5-1
6 ESA 5-1

DEO has improved in recent starts and may be well placed behind the favorite...LION SAFARI AS has been a beaten favorite in four of his last six starts including three at this level but he could be the quickest of these...TAKE A WISH gets a better post and drops...ESA rallied gamely from far back in last.

RACE 8

1 ROCK OF CASHEL 5-2
4 HENDERSON SEELSTER 4-1
2 MCMATTERS 9-2
7 ARABELLA'S CADET 5-1

ROCK OF CASHEL is 11 years old now but had a pretty good year last year and finished 2nd in his last three starts at Philadelphia. Of his 44 career wins, 14 were over this track (29%), compared to his win percentage of 16% at the other tracks....HENDERSON SEELSTER broke in last and was shuffled back in his prior race; drops and may be some value here...MCMATTERS chased a sharp horse in recent starts...ARABELLA'S CADET hasn't raced since October but qualified well, adds lasix, drops down.

RACE 9

5 TANGO DANCER 9-2
7 DBLDELITEBRIGADE N 7-5
8 CALLMEQUEENBEE 5-2
1 ROSE RUN VICTORIA 9-2

TANGO DANCER drops, has tactical speed and the top driver...DBLDELITEBRIGADE N was 19-1 in her U.S. debut last week and raced gamely against a tougher field. She will take a lot of money here...CALLMEQUEENBEE is a solid racemare and she drops out of the same race as the likely favorite...ROSE RUN VICTORIA has been racing in solid form.

RACE 10

7 DELTASUN A 6-1
3 SOME CHAPTER 8-5
6 HILL OF A HORSE 9-2
2 THE VETERAN 6-1

RACE 11

2 GET LEGS 4-5
7 SCIROCCO PATRICK 5-1
3 BEYOND ORDINARY 5-1
1 ST MARTINS 8-1

RACE 12

1 FIREFLY 5-2
6 BE BEST 3-1

7 MANHATTAN PLAY 4-1
8 QUEEN JOSEPHINE 9-2

RACE 13

7 RESITA 5-2

5 ICINGON DE CUPCAKE 7-2

2 EXPLOSIVE RIDGE 4-1

1 TONY SOPRANO 8-1

RESITA drops and gets a better spot...ICINGON DE CUPADE drops and fits well here...EXPLOSIVE RIDGE moved up to this level in last and put in a fine effort...TONY SOPRANO was facing faster the last time he was here in November.

BEST BET: R HERBIE BLUE CHIP 2nd Race