

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, January 2, 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

1 MACHIATTO A 8-5
9 CAPTAIN CASH 7-2
7 ALBERGO HANOVER 7-2
6 MACINTOSH N 9-2

MACHIATTO A raced well here two back then had a tough trip against the Preferred class at Freehold in last; key driver change back to Andy McCarthy; after this one, it's pretty wide open but I'll give him the accorded edge.

RACE 2

2 KING ALPHONSO 6-5
7 LOOK IN MY EYES 7-2
4 BEYOND ORDINARY 9-2
9 NO TIME TO PLAY 8-1

KING ALPHONSO hasn't raced since November but Svanstedt can get them ready and this trotter has been chasing faster.

RACE 3

7 WESTERN REDHOT 5-2
8 TODDLER TANTRUM 8-1
10 FOX VALLEY NEMITZ 7-2
4 HAYMITCH 9-2

WESTERN REDHOT has turned a corner since the Odza claim...TODDLER TANTRUM turned in a dull performance last start, on 11/28, but he drops back to a more realistic level for a good claiming barn...FOX VALLEY NEMITZ beat this kind twice in his last four starts...HAYMITCH fits here on best.

RACE 4

3 ROCKIN THE BOYS A 9-5
2 BEST HONEY HANOVER 2-1
4 ROSE RUN TONI 9-2
1 JUXTA COWGIRL 9-1

ROCKIN THE BOYS A showed improvement finishing 2nd to a good mare in last at Philly and may be set second time off the bench...BEST HONEY HANOVER changes hands again off the claim and likes to win.

RACE 5

2 BLOOD LINE 8-5
9 LACHIE MAGUIRE N 7-2
5 GINGER TREE MARTY 6-1
1 WHITTAKER N 9-1

BLOOD LINE was short off the bench but drops and should be sharper tonight...LACHIE MAGUIRE N is in good form and has Dunn in the bike.

RACE 6

1 MY PAL JOE 5-1
10 DUDDIE'S LOR 1-1
3 LOU'S SWEETREVENGE 5-1
8 FANTASTIC VOYAGE 6-1

MY PAL JOE held well in a solid field and that was off a seven week layoff; edge...DUDDIE'S LOR won all three of his starts last year, all over this track, and beat tougher in his last start, but that was almost a year ago. His two qualifiers look very good and Dunn climbs back in the bike, so he could be ready to continue his winning streak despite the long layoff. I guess I'll have to use him in the Pick 4 but I wouldn't bet to win with a likely short price...LOU'S SWEETREVENGE ships in sharp for top connections, has a shot here, especially if the 10 is short.

RACE 7

9 GRUDEN* 6-1
3 NEW HEAVEN 7-2
5 SWEET CHAPTER 4-1
6 MONEY MAVEN 9-2

GRUDEN broke at the start in last but his prior efforts were solid, he gets a key driver change, and he has gate speed; upset call in a wide open trot.

RACE 8

7 SEASWIFT JOY N 6-5
6 MARLOE HANOVER 9-2
10 LUCKY ARTIST A 5-1
2 SHE'S NUN BETTOR N 6-1

SEASWIFT JOY N had no shot chasing top class mares in last but she beat good fields in her two prior starts at Yonkers, she handles two turns well, and she rates the call despite the month's layoff for a barn that can get them ready...MARLOE HANOVER has been racing well...LUCKY ARTIST A is a nice mare who has speed and has raced very well around three and four turns. We may find out tonight how she likes two...SHE'S NUN BETTOR N had a tough trip in last, but gets Dunn back in the bike.

RACE 9

7 HEZA REAL DIAMOND 5-2
1 FRANCO TOTEM N 2-1
6 DE LOS CIELOS DEO 4-1
4 SOMEBADDUDE 8-1

HEZA REAL DIAMOND raced well in a quick mile against a tougher field at this level last start, adds lasix and he's capable of a big mile...FRANCO TOTEM N grinded in a fast mile against a tougher field at this level and came up short as a lukewarm favorite; could be tough to beat here...DE LOS CIELOS DEO didn't have the greatest trip in that fast race last week but he fits well here...SOMEBADDUDE handles this track well and seems better than last.

RACE 10

9 LET IT RIDE N 7-5
4 HIGHALATOR 7-2
6 HARAMBE DEO 9-2
7 WESTERN JOE 6-1

LET IT RIDE N was a top horse down under and he's looked the part winning all four of his U.S. starts, two over this track, and including last at Dover when he went a big mile to wear down the tough HIGHALATOR.

RACE 11

10 DANCE CLUB 2-1
7 SANDY WIN 3-1
5 SWEETER LULU 9-2
3 ISLAY N 8-1

DANCE CLUB had post 8 against faster at Yonkers in her last three starts. She has to prove she can handle two turns but Burke's horses usually do...SANDY WIN also comes in from Yonkers and drops...SWEETER LULU was shuffled with pace in last...ISLAY N was 0 for 19 last year but shows improving form.

RACE 12

9 PADUKA N 2-1
1 BETTERLATETHNNEVER 5-2
4 BECHERS BROOK A 9-2
6 LOVE THE BLUES N 5-1

RACE 13

1 PRIMO GIOVANNI 5-2
4 THNDRFRMTHETHRON N 7-2
8 BABES DIG ME 7-2
7 JO PA'S SWEET LOU 12-1

PRIMO GIOVANNI drops and gets a better spot...THNDRFRMTHETHRON N was too far back in last but finished gamely; picks up the leading driver here.

RACE 14

8 LEVITATION 4-1
2 BROADWAY PROMISE 4-1
1 OMAHA OMAHA 9-2
4 EXPLOSIVE RIDGE 9-2

LEVITATION showed some life in last, drops...BROADWAY PROMISE also steps down in class and overall recent form is good...OMAHA OMAHA drop helps...EXPLOSIVE RIDGE crushed weaker.

RACE 15

8 BARBADOS 5-2
10 CAMPORA N 4-1
1 CHASER HANOVER 4-1
4 DOCTOR BUTCH 5-1

BARBADOS raced okay against better here in his last two starts and could get a wake up call off the drop as Dunn keeps the drive...CAMPORA N went a big mile over this track last year so maybe shipping in from Yonkers will help and the drop in class may also give him a boost...CHASER HANOVER beat softer with a nice effort in a race he figured to win; tries tougher...DOCTOR BUTCH classy guy is 11 years old now and coming off a 1 for 19 year but he showed some life in last two starts and he could turn in a strong try against this kind.

BEST BET: GRUDEN 7th Race