

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, February 27

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

2 MAJOR BETTS** 8-5
8 ROCKIN THE ACES 2-1
1 ALWAYS AND AGAIN 5-1
4 WYATT J 9-1

MAJOR BETTS was in a tough spot at Yonkers in last, had to use some energy leaving and tucking, then rallied gamely three wide around the final turn; makes third start off the bench, took his mark around two turns and could be tough to beat here...ROCKIN THE ACES drops down while still in good form and appears to be the main rival in possible two horse race.

RACE 2

1 BATTLE STRONG 8-5
8 SKYWAY FIREBALL 7-2
3 FULL VIEW 4-1
7 ARI ALLSTAR 8-1

BATTLE STRONG was 10th at the half in last; takes a key drop and gets a better spot...SKYWAY FIREBALL was scratched sick last week but fits here if ready...FULL VIEW drops and should show more...ARI ALLSTAR flashed some late pace in last.

RACE 3

6 CALLMEQUEENBEE A 6-5
10 MAJOR BATTLE 4-1
1 BEST HONEY HANOVER 5-1
3 MILADY DENVER A 6-1

CALLMEQUEENBEE A has been chasing tougher...MAJOR BATTLE finished willingly in her first start since De. 18 and her first for sharp trainer Jenny Melander...BEST HONEY HANOVER won at this level two back...MILADY DENVER A was a sharp winner over weaker here two back.

RACE 4

6 YANKEE OSBORNE 2-1
2 CHEYENNE RYAN LEE 4-1
8 FORCE N FURY 4-1
1 ALBERGO HANOVER 4-1

YANKEE OSBORNE was 10th at the half in last; drops, can race on or off the pace here and is the one to beat...CHEYENNE RYAN LEE drops and moves inside...FORCE N FURY hasn't raced since December, qualified okay for new barn...ALBERGO HANOVER 6 year old is 0 for 6 so far this year and was 0 for 15 last year, now he moves into the Burke barn looking to find some of that 1:49 speed from his 4yo season.

RACE 5

4 ENVIRONS HANOVER 8-5

1 UNIQUE BEACH 5-2
2 NEVADA N 7-2
6 BIG CITY BUD 4-1

ENVIRONS HANOVER came off almost an 8 month layoff to beat similar in last...UNIQUE BEACH raced okay against the top pick, now adds lasix, and Dunn took him over NEVADA N, who qualified nicely for hot barn...BIG CITY BUD is in form and fits here with the right trip.

RACE 6
5 I'M A BIG DEAL 4-1
1 SAYING GRACE N 4-1
9 DECISION DAY 2-1
2 INCREDIBLE SHARK 4-1

I'M A BIG DEAL came off a layoff and rallied to win with a pretty easy trip, steps up, but could be sharper tonight and veteran trainer Virgil Morgan, Jr. is always a force to be reckoned with...SAYING GRACE N had no shot in last chasing a buzzsaw from an outside post...DECISION DAY dropped to this level, chased a blazing pace and held well in last; I can't remember the last time he left the gate but even if he doesn't leave, he could get up here, as he is sharp and has some class...INCREDIBLE SHARK drops and can take all in a competitive race.

RACE 7
5 SPORTS COLUMN 5-1
1 ACTOR HANOVER 7-5
4 DEALER'S TABLE 5-2
2 ODDS ON LAUDERDALE 6-1

SPORTS COLUMN has sharpened and raced well at this level in last...ACTOR HANOVER drops, gets a better spot and could be tough to beat here...DEALER'S TABLE also takes a key drop and is a threat...ODDS ON LAUDERDALE beat weaker two back then had post 10 in last.

RACE 8
6 PADUKA N 8-5
3 CHASER HANOVER 7-2
2 ANOTHER DAILY COPY 4-1
4 THNDRFRMTHETHRON N 9-2

PADUKA N takes a key drop...CHASER HANOVER finished well in last, drops...ANOTHER DAILY COPY recorded a good final quarter in last at Freehold and had no shot considering the very slow opening half; two back he left and left and finished third behind Western Fame in a key race at Pocono (Western Fame came out of that race to win with a sparkling mile here last week)...THNDRFRMTHETHRON is another one that drops and the sport's leading driver gets back in the bike.

RACE 9
3 RICH AND MISERABLE 8-5
2 SOME CHAPTER 2-1
4 GET LEGS 5-2
1 GOES DOWN SMOOTH 4-1

RICH AND MISERABLE classy trotter left, tucked, grinded first over and held well in last; drops...SOME CHAPTER finished strongly from a tough spot off a slow pace in last; still very sharp...GET LEGS hasn't done much wrong winning 6 of his first 7 starts...GOES DOWN SMOOTH came off a layoff with a game effort from post 9; will have to be even sharper against this field.

RACE 10

3 TULHURSTSANTANNA A 4-1

9 HESA KINGSLAYER N 9-1

7 STARS ALIGN A 4-1

8 ANA AFREET N 5-2

TULHURSTSANTANNA A steps up sharp and draws well...HESA KINGSLAYER N has raced well against the tough Let It Ride N at Yonkers and also finished 2nd behind that one in his last race over this track; gets a tough post for a closer...STARS ALIGN A ships in with good credentials for top connections...ANA AFREET N could be best here if ready in first start since December.

RACE 11

4 WESTERN REDHOT 4-1

8 CANDELL 6-1

9 REGGIANO 6-1

6 GOTTA GO B B 6-1

RACE 12

2 CRUZING HILL 8-1

8 FOREVERNALWAYS 8-5

7 RUTHLESS DUDE 5-2

3 BRIGADOON 8-1

CRUZING HILL changes hands off a claim and moves out of the amateur driver races...FOREVERNALWAYS was a sharp winner against similar in last, also changes hands...RUTHLESS DUDE holds good form...BRIGADOON was used hard leaving in last; changes hands off a claim.

RACE 13

7 UNLOADED N 5-2

5 THATSWHATISAID N 5-2

2 STARZNHEAVEN 7-2

10 BILLY LINCOLN N 4-1

BEST BET: MAJOR BETTS 1st Race