Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, March 20

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 GOOD ROCKIN 2-1
- 5 HEZA REAL DIAMOND 5-2
- 2 LACHIE MAGUIRE N 7-2
- 3 THE MOONSHADOW N 4-1

RACE 2

- 6 COALITION HANOVER 5-2
- 5 POCKET WATCH N 4-1
- 1 TORONTO 4-1
- 3 GRETSKY 4-1

COALITION HANOVER qualified well freelegged for a sharp barn that can bring them back ready and I think he rates top call in a difficult race to put an odds-line on...POCKET WATCH N also comes off a layoff and second qualifier was pretty good; Andy McCarthy took this one over the one horse...TORONTO is bred for speed by Always B Miki out of the quick mare, See You At Peelers and debuts for sharp outfit...GRETZKY is another one returning off a layoff and was starting to figure things out at the end of his sophomore season.

RACE 3

- 4 STELLENBOSCH 4-1
- 2 ITS MESMERISE N 4-1
- 3 WESTERN SHOWGIRL 5-1
- 7 TELLITSASSYMAE 5-1

RACE 4

- 6 ROCK OF CASHEL 8-5
- 2 DOUBLE ACCOUNT 2-1
- 1 ALL AMERICAN N 4-1
- 5 MEADOWBRANCH RICKY 5-1

ROCK OF CASHEL veteran trotter takes a key drop, is third off the layoff, has class...DOUBLE ACCOUNT moves inside and drops to level of narrow miss two back; key rival...ALL AMERICAN N had a tough trip in last...MEADOWBRANCH RICKY got a confident building win over cheaper in last at Pocono and recent form is good.

RACE 5

- 9 JESSE DUKE N** 2-1
- 1 ROCKIN THE ACES 5-2
- 3 ALWAYS AND AGAIN 3-1
- 6 ESCAPE TO THE BEACH 6-1

JESSE DUKE N had post 7 against tougher at Yonkers in a race he needed last start; he went some sharp miles against faster horses last year and is in a high-percentage winning barn...ROCKIN THE ACES was

close up early then had to go first over pushing a solid pace in a quick mile last start...ALWAYS AND AGAIN has proven effective when covered up and looks to repeat a quick closing win last start...ESCAPE TO THE BEACH steps up in good form.

RACE 6

- 4 PIKACHU HANOVER 8-5
- 8 KENZIESKY HANOVER 5-2
- 3 PAT MATTERS 5-1
- 1 LOVEBYTHEMASSES 6-1

RACE 7

- 1 LYONS KING 2-1
- 8 SAYING GRACE N 7-2
- 6 STONEDUST 4-1
- 3 BIG CITY BUD 5-1

LYONS KING had an impossible trip from post 7 at Yonkers in last while a ridiculous 6/5; drops...SAYING GRACE N is another beaten favorite but he finished okay in a quick mile...STONEDUST rarely wins but he usually puts in a solid effort and he raced well again last week...BIG CITY BUD has been chasing a sharp horse that won three straight.

RACE 8

- 4 HENDERSON SEELSTER 7-2
- 1 DELTASUN A 2-1
- 7 PATRIARCH HANOVER 4-1
- 8 HAYEK 6-1

HENDERSON SEELSTER broke in last, now drops down and gets a better spot...DELTASUN A was a decent third against what appeared to be a tougher field at this level in last; one to beat...PATRIARCH HANOVER returns for a barn that can get them ready off the bench...HAYEK ships in from Yonkers in good form.

RACE 9

- 5 CRUZING HILL 2-1
- 4 VICTORIAS MAVERICK 5-2
- 2 INDEPENDENT ONE 6-1
- 7 REGGIANO 6-1
- 10 DULL ROAR 9-2

CRUZING HILL was a nice overlay repeat winner in last; sharp and rates the edge in the Final of this claiming series...VICTORIAS MAVERICK was 2nd best behind a sharp Dull Roar in last and looks like the one to beat...INDEPENDENT ONE has shown improvement in last two starts...REGGIANO lacked a strong rally in last but overall recent form is solid and Tetrick is in the bike...DULL ROAR has been one of the sharpest horses in the race with three wins in his last five starts, changes hands again off a claim, drew post 10.

RACE 10

- 2 ASHLEY LOCAZ N 8-5
- 8 COLOSSAL STRIDE A 9-5
- 7 FRANCO TOTEM N 9-2
- 3 DECISION DAY 8-1

ASHLEY LOCAZ N was in a difficult spot in his U.S. debut at Yonkers; he was a quality Free For Aller in New Zealand and note that the sport's top driver, Dexter Dunn, took this one over Colossal Stride A, a horse that he's won three races with recently, and Franco Totem N, a classy veteran horse...COLOSSAL STRIDE A has been full of pace for trainer Nifty Norman and just beat similar finishing in :26 flat first over.

This could be a good match up featuring two horses from down under...FRANCO TOTEM N is yet another classy horse that was bred down under; tough veteran grinder knows how to win, qualified well.

RACE 11

6 CLIFFHANGER 2-1

9 GENERAL JOY A 7-2

4 BARRAGE HANOVER 7-2

3 THE CANDYMAN CAN 4-1

RACE 12

5 POKERFACE BLUECHIP 5-2

1 MIKE'S POWERHOUSE 3-1

4 SO SO DE VIE 7-2

8 ACTING OUT 4-1

POKERFACE BLUECHIP was used hard to get the lead in last; picks up Dunn...MIKE'S POWERHOUSE perked up in his first start for this barn and his return to the Big M; may be the one to beat here...SO SO DE VIE is better than last...ACTING OUT holds his good form.

RACE 13

10 TUXEDO BAY 2-1

1 PASSA-GRILLE BEACH 5-2

4 THNDRFRMTHETHRON N 3-1

8 PALOMAR 7-2

TUXEDO BAY struggled with illness last year and only hit the board once in 7 starts; returns off a sharp qualifier...PASSA-GRILLE BEACH made two moves to the lead and was a solid 2nd in last; one to beat ashe drops to NW2500...THNDRFMMTHETHRON N grinded first over in last, held the show; also drops down...PALOMAR was even money at this level in last, rallied but lost by a nose. This is a very good field for this NW2500 condition.

BEST BET: JESSE DUKE N 5th Race