

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, April 24

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

10 DULL ROAR 5-2
8 LET'S FOAL AROUND 5-1
7 READY TO RUMBLE N 5-1
5 INDEPENDENT ONE 8-1
4 FOREVERNALWAYS 8-1

DULL ROAR 11 year old has been feeling his oats lately winning three in a row sharply; changes hands off a claim by twenty year old trainer Shea Lare. Shea is just getting started with his own stable but the Lare family has been in the business a long time and they've always done well. He has one other horse, and that horse has started five times at Pocono with four wins; edge in a competitive claiming handicap race...LET'S FOAL AROUND left sharply in first start off the Harmon claim but was shuffled in traffic...READY TO RUMBLE N won first off the claim by Amanda Fine, ships in from Mohawk...INDEPENDENT ONE not sure what the judges scratch was for last week but he raced well first over in a good field on 4/9 and may be ideally spotted closing off what could be a heated pace here...FOREVERNALWAYS is tough to figure since top driver Dexter Dunn opted off to drive the 9 horse here. He was in with faster horses in his last few starts and he has turned in some big miles this year but he was empty in last.

RACE 2

3 ROCKINWITHTHEBEST** 2-1
8 STIRLING ENSIGN 7-2
7 CASHNCAM 4-1
4 ROCK TO GLORY 15-1

ROCKINWITHTHEBEST had a lot of outside posts while racing in the amateur driver events, now picks up Tetrick and drops...STIRLING ENSIGN made two moves to the lead and was 2nd in last and Gingras stayed here...CASHNCAM has been racing in good form...ROCK TO GLORY was once a fast horse, but he's now 13 years old and down at the bottom of the conditions. He shows 5 well-spaced qualifying races since last and he raced well in all of them. It looks like they were using him to get some qualifying races for driver Bruno Chiodo who may be trying to get a provisional driver's license, or perhaps just practicing to drive in amateur events. Trainer Stacy Chiodo has been hot all year.

RACE 3

8 IMAROCKNROLLEGEND N 8-5
5 LOVE THE BLUES N 5-2
1 WHITTAKER N 5-1
4 FABRICE HANOVER 5-1

IMAROCKNROLLEGEND N hasn't raced since February but was 2nd behind a fast horse in his qualifier and drops to a level where he can be tough to beat if ready...LOVE THE BLUES N comes off one of his better efforts as he had post 10, left, tucked, went first over, held the show...WHITTAKER N lacked a rally in last but that was a fast race in a much better field...FABRICE HANOVER is third off the bench for top barn and had some late pace closing from post 10 in last.

RACE 4

5 SOMEWHEREINVERONA 7-2
8 LITERL LAD HANOVER 8-5
7 STONEBRIDGE REEF 4-1
2 AS ALWAYS 8-1

SOMEWHEREINVERONA finished well off a modest pace in return...LITERL LAD HANOVER chased classy two year olds last year, returns for a good layoff barn and was 2nd to a top colt in his qualifier...STONEBRIDGE REEF had late pace off the bench in last and should show more tonight...AS ALWAYS debuts for good trainer off an improved qualifier.

RACE 5

1 CAPTAIN BARBOSSA 6-5
4 THE GREEK FREEK 5-2
2 BETTER TAKE IT 5-1
7 DRAGON ROARS AGAIN 6-1

CAPTAIN BARBOSSA only had 1 win in 19 starts last year but it was a big one, something called The Little Brown Jug. Nice qualifier for a barn that can get them ready...THE GREEK FREEK also had a solid 2yo season chasing the top colts around and he was right behind the top pick in his qualifier...BETTER TAKE IT ships in off a career best at Mohawk...DRAGON ROARS AGAIN finished gamely in his local debut.

RACE 6

8 SCIROCCO ROB 8-5
7 JL CRUZE 2-1
5 IT'S ACADEMIC 9-2
3 REIGN OF HONOR 8-1

SCIROCCO ROB is as consistent and hard-trying as they come...JL CRUZE was dead on the board after missing a start and came up short; dangerous as always...IT'S ACADEMIC left well, was shuffled, came on again gamely...REIGN OF HONOR steps up in class but the horse that beat him by a neck last week is no slouch.

RACE 7

3 HARAMBE DEO 5-2
7 STARS ALIGN A 2-1
8 STONE HANOVER 7-2
4 PADUKA N 5-1

HARAMBE DEO had post 9 in last and had to race off the pace, which isn't his thing; moves inside and gets Allard back, a driver that he has teamed very well with...STARS ALIGN only raced once over this track and lost at 3/5 but that was against better; drops out of the tough Borgata series...STONE HANOVER steps up off a nice win...PADUKA N finished willingly in last, drops.

RACE 8

10 MAJOR OCCASION A 5-2
9 GIA'S SURREAL 7-2
8 MARLOE HANOVER 4-1
2 APRIL AVA 5-1

MAJOR OCCASION classy mare returns from Mohawk, likes this track...GIA'S SURREAL was a strong uncovered winner in her first start over this track; she did not race as well as Major Occasion did at Mohawk but she's in a hot barn and may keep improving...MARLOE HANOVER comes off a nice speed try...APRIL AVA fits well here.

RACE 9

4 POSEIDON SEELSTER 2-1
2 MY PAL JOE 5-2
9 SPLASH BROTHER 3-1
7 JUSTASEC N 9-2

POSEIDON SEELSTER was yet another horse that went a big mile for the team of trainer Nik Drennan and driver George Brennan, and the horse he beat, Nicholas Beach, came back to score in a sizzling 1:48.2 last week...MY PAL JOE added lasix and went a strong mile to be 2nd behind Nicholas Beach; he's a nice pacer and that was the best effort of his career...SPLASH BROTHER qualified sharply and raced gamely in that hot race last week; he's fast and he might leave this time...JUSTASEC N was 2-1 from post 9 in his U.S. debut and raced okay considering the fractions and time of the race.

RACE 10

10 SINTRA 2-1
7 SANDBETWEENMYTOES 5-2
9 ANA AFREET N 3-1
2 AMERICAN HISTORY 8-1

SINTRA hasn't raced since March 27 because of the Canadian lockdown but he won 5 of his last 6 starts up there and he took his mark of 1:47.2 over this track...SANDBETWEENMYTOES was last seen pulling up a huge 203-1 upset over the great Tall Dark Stranger in the Breeders Crown Final; nicely prepped by trainer Jim Campbell, who has a good win percentage off layoffs...ANA AFREET N has been sharp beating weaker fields in his last two starts...AMERICAN HISTORY lacked a rally in return but he's capable of more.

RACE 11

5 COVERED BRIDGE 8-5
7 MISTER DONALD N 8-1
2 THATSWHATISAID N 5-1
8 IMA REAL LADYS MAN 5-1

COVERED BRIDGE was 2nd at 3/5 in last but got beat by a pretty quick horse; another try third off the bench...MISTER DONALD N showed some improvement in his third U.S. start, now adds lasix...THATSWHATISAID N drops down, tough trip in last...IMA REAL LADYS MAN was an easy winner over weaker and raced gamely at this level two back.

RACE 12

6 GO WEST GO FAST 7-2
4 ASHLEY LOCAZ N 7-2
9 REGAL SON 6-1
3 GOOD ROCKIN 6-1

RACE 13

7 RUFO 9-1
3 WATCHMENEIGHNEIGH 5-2
9 CECIL CASANOVA 4-1
10 ALTA JEROME N 5-1

RUFO had a tough post in last at Freehold, drops, picks up Gingras, who had two other options here...WATCHMENEIGHNEIGH also takes a key drop and form is good; one to beat...CECIL CASANOVA and ALTA JEROME N draw outside posts but both seem to be in pretty good form and fit in this class.

BEST BET: ROCKINWITHTHEBEST 2nd Race