

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, May 15

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 MY PAL JOE 2-1
- 5 DRAGON ROARS AGAIN 5-2
- 2 CAPTAIN VICTORIOUS 3-1
- 3 GARDYS LEGACY A 5-1

MY PAL JOE has held his form well for Chartrand, only lost by 1 1/2 lengths against a better field in last...DRAGON ROARS AGAIN has finished 2nd in his last four starts and handled the step up in class well in last...CAPTAIN VICTORIOUS is certainly fast enough if he's ready for his first start since August...GARDYS LEGACY A lacked a rally in his U.S. debut but seems likely to show more.

RACE 2

- 6 P L OZZY 5-2
- 1 CAVIART LOTUS 8-5
- 4 SURREALIN 4-1
- 9 MULLINAX 4-1

P L OZZY didn't have an easy trip from post 10 in his local debut, still finished in :26.1...CAVIART LOTUS went well off the bench in last. He's 0 for 12 but the one to beat for top connections...SURREALIN seems well prepped for return...MULLINAX was well managed last year and made good money in sire stakes races; showed nothing at Yonkers in his 3yo return but adds lasix here and Yannick may put him in play.

RACE 3

- 6 SUNDOWN KID 4-5
- 1 JOESTAR OF MIA A 4-1
- 4 CLEVER CHARACTER 6-1
- 10 POKERFACE BLUECHIP 9-1

SUNDOWN KID was 2nd behind a quick pacer in last, drops, may be too quick for these...JOESTAR OF MIA A hasn't hit the board in five starts here but recent form at Pocono is good, and he changes barns...CLEVER CHARACTER steps up off a nice try...POKERFACE BLUECHIP drops and is a threat with a trip, although post 10, which used to be a mild hindrance at this track, is only winning at 6% this year.

RACE 4

- 4 BUCK DANCER 4-1
- 9 HOCKEY HANOVER 5-2
- 7 PIKACHU HANOVER 4-1
- 10 EMMA TOWN BUD 6-1

BUCK DANCER drops and should show more...HOCKEY HANOVER comes off a game two move effort and could be sitting on a big race third off the bench for Burke...PIKACHU HANOVER was 4/5 in Isat, finished mildly for the show...EMMA TOWN BUD comes off a sick scratch and steps up after beating weaker easily.

RACE 5

3 AMERICAN HISTORY 6-5
7 FRANCO TOTEN N 9-2
1 CHASER HANOVER 6-1
8 NANDOLO N 6-1

RACE 6

4 LYONS SENTINEL 7-2
6 RACINE BELL 7-2
5 SOHO BURNING LOVE A 7-2
3 SNOBBYTOWN 4-1

LYONS SENTINEL finished well off the layoff in last. I'll give her the edge in a really nice field of quality pacing mares...RACINE BELL has been impressive AT Yonkers...SOHO BURNING LOVE also ships in sharp from Yonkers...SNOBBYTOWN was beaten by Racine Hill then came back with a sharp win in the Open at Yonkers.

RACE 7

4 LOVEDBYTHEMASSES** 8-1
7 SCIROCCO ROB 3-1
1 AMIGO VOLO 7-2
2 GET LEGS 4-1

LOVEDBYTHEMASSES rallied gamely from a tough spot in last; upset call...SCIROCCO ROB is as consistent as they come...AMIGO VOLO finished his 3yo season on a serious roll for Nifty Norman; second qualifier looks okay...GET LEGS improved trotter is clearly stepping up in class here but has won 8 of his 9 starts over this track.

RACE 8

5 WARRAWEE VITAL 7-2
6 CAPTAIN BARBOSSA 7-2
2 OCEAN ROCK 4-1
1 NO LOU ZING 4-1

WARRAWEE VITAL raced well in return finishing second behind a buzzsaw...CAPTAIN BARBOSSA has come back sharp for Alagna and looks like the one to beat...OCEAN ROCK qualified sharply for a barn that can bring them back ready...NO LOU ZING came back to the race sharp, tries tougher.

RACE 9

3 GUARDIAN ANGEL AS 5-1
6 CRYSTAL FASHION 5-1
9 MANCHEGO 2-1
7 LINDY THE GREAT 7-2

GUARDIAN ANGEL AS was in a tough spot in return at Scioto; trotted in 1:50.1 over this track last year...CRYSTAL FASHION was short in return but classy veteran can show more...MANCHEGO outstanding trotting mare is the class of the field; she qualified well on 4/10 but then qualified poorly on 4/24, reportedly spiked a fever, and had to miss a scheduled start. Hard to say if she's tight enough but if she is, she'll be tough to beat...LINDY THE GREAT has come back sharp for the Miller barn; steps up but he could have a conditioning edge.

RACE 10

8 RUTHLESS HANOVER 6-5
3 FORTIFY 4-1
6 CHIEF MATE 9-2
7 ELVER HANOVER 7-1

RACE 11

10 HOT MESS EXPRESS 2-1

7 SO RUDE 7-1

6 BEYOND WORDS N 5-2

5 HELLO LOVE 3-1

HOT MESS EXPRESS raced well in Indiana Sire stakes last year and was transferred to the Alagna barn; she faces older here but based on her qualifiers, she's improved...SO RUDE turned in some sharp efforts in NY Sire Stakes last year, comes back in a different barn and is admittedly hard to gauge off the bench but she could go well at a price, especially if the top one gets a tough trip from post 10...BEYOND WORDS N lost at 2/5 in last but raced well...HELLO LOVE was a sharp winner over weaker in last then was scratched lame.

RACE 12

6 HP NAPOLEON 9-2

9 IM SIR BLAKE A 5-2

8 DE LOS CIELOS DEO 7-2

2 RESPECT OUR FLAG 9-2

HP NAPOLEON left and yielded then chased a hot pace in a blistering mile; drops, makes third start off the layoff, and may be some value here...IM SIR BLAKE A was also ion that fast American History race last week and that was a rude introduction to North American racing, but he acquitted himself well...DE LOS CIELOS DEO also comes out of that 1:48 mile and we know what he's capable of on one of his good nights...RESPECT OUR FLAG steps up off a nice win.

RACE 13

6 WHEELS ON FIRE 5-2

4 WESTERN JOE 8-5

5 ANGERS BAYAMA 7-2

3 ANA AFREET N 9-2

WHEELS ON FIRE left sharply, got the pocket and had something left to finish in :26.1 while taking a new lifetime best in 1:48.1 winning as my \$17.40 Best Bet last week. I don't see why he can't come right back as he's still relatively fresh...WESTERN JOE is a game horse, always hard to leave out...ANGERS BAYAMA kept up well in his return and may be sharper tonight...ANA AFREET N best needed.

RACE 14

9 ROCKIN RAMBARAN 5-2

2 INDEPENDENT ONE 8-1

1 TJ BLAST 7-2

6 SUNNY BO 14-1

ROCKIN RAMBARAN may be able to get early position in a race that appears short on early zip...INDEPENDENT ONE gets a better spot and may have a shot at a price...TJ BLAST has speed and form is solid...SUNNY BO hasn't won a race in a long time but comes off an improved effort, adds lasix, and may be live at a price here.

BEST BET: LOVEDBYTHEMASSES 7th Race