

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, May 22

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 ELVER HANOVER 7-5
6 THE GREEK FREAK 2-1
4 DRAGON ROARS AGAIN 6-1
5 SEA OF LIFE 7-1

ELVER HANOVER drops out of The Graduate Series and may have a class edge here...THE GREEK FREAK is the other Burke horse dropping out of The Graduate Series and there's no reason to think that this guy can't come up with a big mile.

RACE 2

5 SOUTHWIND PETYR 2-1
7 JIMMY CONNOR B 5-2
8 NATAMERI 7-2
2 PIRATE HANOVER 9-2

SOUTHWIND PETYR qualified sharp for Harder and he raced well against tougher in the Matron last fall...JIMMY CONNOR B rallied wide and finished quickly from a tough spot in last...NATAMERI was an easy winner in his 3yo return at Vernon Downs; barn must be high on him to ship him here...PIRATE HANOVER broke in last, raced okay in return two back.

RACE 3

2 IDEAL SON 10-1
9 SUGARTOWN 3-1
8 JUSTIN CREDIBLE 4-1
7 ROCKIN RAMBARAN 4-1

IDEAL SON never got into the race in last; moves inside and needs a trip...SUGARTOWN finished well in last and may try leaving here...JUSTIN CREDIBLE was claimed by a live barn while in good form...ROCKIN RAMBARAN was used pretty hard on the lead in last.

RACE 4

4 BECHERS BROOK A** 5-1
2 HEZA REAL DIAMOND 5-2
10 GODS SPIRIT N 5-2
3 WES DELIGHT 5-1

BECHERS BROOK A was used hard in a speed duel in last at Philly; he took his mark of 1:48.1 over this track may be worth a price here...HEZA REAL DIAMOND drops and is dangerous here...GODS SPIRIT N is second time off a layoff, drops, and may be tough to beat despite the post...WES DELIGHT was in too tough in last.

RACE 5

4 IT'S ACADEMIC 7-5

5 HYPNOTIC AM 5-2
2 AB'SATTITUDEEXPRESS 3-1
7 EL IDEAL 8-1

IT'S ACADEMIC classy trotter is sharp...HYPNOTIC AM had late trot in a race she needed...AB'SATTITUDEEXPRESS steps up sharp...EL IDEAL was short in return but has speed if ready for best.

RACE 6
7 GOTWUTEVERITTAKES 10-1
10 READY FOR MONI 5-2
6 PIKACHU HANOVER 3-1
9 JL CRUZE 7-2

GOTWUTEVERITTAKES missed by a nose to a nice trotter in last and may go well at a price...READY FOR MONI had a strong 3yo season, qualified back well for a barn that often has them ready to win off the bench...PIKACHU HANOVER went a big mile to finish 2nd at this level in last, albeit against a weaker field than this...JL CRUZE classy veteran came back to form in last.

RACE 7
4 WARRAWEE VITAL 3-5
7 CAPTAIN VICTORIOUS 9-2
5 SERIOUSLY HANOVER 9-2
1 ALLYWAG HANOVER 6-1

WARRAWEE VITAL raced big in both of his starts this year, finishing second, and may be tough to deny at short odds here...CAPTAIN VICTORIOUS finished with solid pace in his first start of the year for top connections...SERIOUSLY HANOVER seems to be holding form nicely...ALLWAG HANOVER is third off the layoff, may show more.

RACE 8
6 JK FIRST LADY 8-5
1 MACHNHOPE 2-1
5 TREACHEROUS REIGN 8-1
8 PEAKY SNEAKY 8-1

JK FIRST LADY went first over and was a fine second in her first start of the year. She should be ready now...MACHNHOPE dug in gamely to hold off JK First Lady; looks for 4 straight...TREACHEROUS REIGN gets a better spot off a race she needed and she's capable of a big mile...PEAKY SNEAKY looked short in return but has had two weeks more of training for a top barn and she's another mare that can pop a big mile. This is a very good race.

RACE 9
4 YACHT SEELSTER 5-1
9 NANDOLO N 8-5
7 FRANCO TOTEM N 5-1
5 LYONS KING 6-1

YACHT SEELSTER drops and can perk up...NANDOLO N had quick late pace closing from far back in is U.S. debut; drops and may be a handful here...FRANCO TOTEM N drops and has enough class to pull off an upset with these...LYONS KING held gamely chasing a buzzsaw in last.

RACE 10
4 LOVEDBYTHEMASSES 5-2
5 SORELLA 2-1

6 BEADS 4-1
8 EMMA TOWN BUD 14-1

LOVEDBYTHEMASSES was a sharp winner as my \$17.60 Best Bet last week and I'll stick with him...SORELLA classy mare raced well in return for top barn...BEADS is a fast trotter when flat but he's now made a break in 6 of his last 7 starts...EMMA TOWN BUD tried to leave last week, was caught very wide and broke stride; he's capable of more.

RACE 11
4 THIS IS THE PLAN 7-2
5 AMERICAN HISTORY 1-1
7 NICHOLAS BEACH 4-1
6 ANA AFREET N 15-1

THIS IS THE PLAN overcame post 8 with a strong effort and a sharp drive by Gingras to win the Borgota Final at Yonkers; took a month off and this isn't necessarily his favorite track but he may get a good trip...AMERICAN HISTORY steps up off a another strong win...NICHOLAS BEACH is fast and fit for Bongiorno.

RACE 12
5 JOESSTAR OF MIA A 8-5
3 QUALITY BUD 7-2
8 CLIFFHANGER 12-1
10 LEXUS WITH A VIEW 4-1

JOESSTAR OF MIA A was first over pushing a hot pace and held gamely for the place behind a tough favorite in first start for new barn...QUALITY BUD drops to a level where he has a shot...CLIFFHANGER also drops down; he has a chance at a price on one of his better efforts...LEXUS WITH A VIEW gets a tough post but drops to a level where he's a threat.

RACE 13
6 FIRE START HANOVER 2-1
5 LOVELY DONNA 7-2
7 BESTSELLER HANOVER 9-2
4 KICKUPAHEELS N 9-2

RACE 14
5 PARTY BOY 4-1
2 ARCHANGEL THREE 2-1
7 POKERFACE BLUECHIP 4-1
9 FOREVERALWAYS 9-2

BEST BET: BECHERS BROOK A 4th Race