

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, May 8

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

3 ABUCKABETT HANOVER 8-5
7 EXPLOIT 5-2
4 BETTER TAKE IT 3-1
2 SOUTH BEACH STAR 4-1

ABUCKABETT HANOVER was a good 3yo and returns off a couple of sharp qualifiers for trainer Tony Alagna, who wins at 24% off layoffs, which is higher than his overall win percentage...EXPLOIT is another colt returning for Alagna and seems well prepped...BETTER TAKE IT went first over into a hot pace and held okay in the best performance of his career last week; adds lasix...SOUTH BEACH STAR steps up sharp for Pelling.

RACE 2

7 SAWYER'S DESIRE 2-1
3 CLEVER CHARACTER 5-2
8 P L LEEROY 3-1
5 BLACK CHEVRON N 5-1

SAWYER'S DESIRE is rounding into form for Burke...CLEVER CHARACTER took a few weeks off after a subpar performance but this pacer turned in some quick miles at Hoosier last year and can improve third off the bench...P L LEEROY comes off two easy wins but faces tougher here...BLACK CHEVRON N faded against a pretty good field at this level in last and also took some time off; classes up well with these if he turns in one of his better efforts.

RACE 3

6 HYPNOTIC AM 9-5
1 NEXT LEVEL SETUFF 2-1
3 WHEN DOVESCRY 5-2
4 SPOILED PRINCESS 9-2

HYPNOTIC AM millionaire mare qualified well for a trainer who has a high win percentage off layoffs...NEXT LEVEL STUFF finished gamely in return for sharp barn...WHEN DOVESCRY seems well prepped for return for Pelling; keep in mind that the slow qualifying time occurred on a very windy day which slowed the fractions and times...SPOILED PRINCESS should be fit after two solid efforts.

RACE 4

6 PIRATE HANOVER 2-1
9 ROCKYROAD HANOVER 5-2
3 TORONTO 3-1
2 CAVIART LOTUS 4-1

PIRATE HANOVER qualified well on a windy day for good layoff barn...ROCKYROAD HANOVER also returns for Alagna barn and qualified well, plus there's upside potential here since he only raced three times as a two year old and showed some promise...TORONTO raced well at this level last week, although with two

Alagna horses returning, this field seems tougher...CAVIART LOTUS was overmatched in most of his starts last year; returns for a high-percentage barn.

RACE 5

6 BEYOND WORDS N 7-5
1 ROSE RUN VANTAGE 7-2
3 DARKRSHADEOPALE N 4-1
7 SWIFT ALLY 8-1

BEYOND WORDS N raced gamely in her U.S. debut...ROSE RUN VANTAGE left well and finished just behind top pick in last...DARKRSHADEOPALE N is back in form...SWIFT ALLY raced okay from a tough spot in a effort that she probably needed.

RACE 6

7 NO LOU ZING 7-5
3 FORTIFY 5-2
2 SERIOUSLY HANOVER 7-2
5 ISLAND OF THE SEA 9-2

NO LOU ZING went a big mile finishing second to FORTIFY in the Progress stakes at Dover in his last start in November, and returns for a barn that wins at a very high percentage off layoffs...FORTIFY also returns for Takter and is well prepped...SERIOUSLY HANOVER has come back sharp for Nifty Norman; loses Dunn to my top pick and faces a tougher field...ISLAND OF THE SEA is in good form, needs a trip.

RACE 7

5 HP NAPOLEON 4-1
8 AMERICAN HISTORY 7-5
1 DE LOS CIELOS DEO 9-2
2 HEZA REAL DIAMOND 5-1

HP NAPOLEON made up a lot of ground in the stretch in his local debut and may be sitting on a big effort...AMERICAN HISTORY missed by a nose at 2/5; 6 year old is not as fast as he used to be but he's certainly good enough to take this; one to beat...DE LOS CIELOS DEO is third off the bench for Burke and we know that he's capable of a big effort...HEZA REAL DIAMOND never got into the race chasing a fast winner in last.

RACE 8

2 SUNDOWN KID 8-5
1 RESPECT OUR FLAG 2-1
4 HARAMBE DEO 5-2
8 STONEDUST 8-1

SUNDOWN KID takes a key drop for sharp connections...RESPECT OUR FLAG gets a better post, drops for second start off the bench...HARAMBE DEO also drops, barn tends to do well off drop downs...STONEDUST steps up off an easy win.

RACE 9

5 WHEELS ON FIRE** 6-1
6 TATTOO ARTIST 6-1
8 NICHOLAS BEACH 1-1
7 COLOSSAL STRIDE N 6-1

WHEELS ON FIRE raced well off the bench and has 8 wins over this track; upset call...TATTOO ARTIST also raced well off a layoff in last and he's capable of a big mile...NICHOLAS BEACH toyed with weaker to win

his 13th race in only 16 career starts; may be tough to catch again...COLOSSAL STRIDE N has been right there in first or second in all nine starts since coming to the U.S. Consistent sort is hard to dismiss.

RACE 10

- 1 ONEY HALL 2-1
- 3 ZIG ZAG 3-1
- 8 RICH AND MISERABLE 7-2
- 4 LOVEBYTHEMASSES 4-1

ONEY HALL raced gamely off the bench in last and drops down a notch...ZIG ZAG raced evenly in return, gets a better spot and like top one, is dropping down...RICH AND MISERABLE ships in off four wins and streaky sort can be tough when he's on one of his rolls...LOVEBYTHEMASSES steps up in career best form and is hard to eliminate.

RACE 11

- 5 MASTER CONRAD 9-5
- 4 ROCKINWITHTHEBEST 5-2
- 8 ALWAYS'SYOURWAY 4-1
- 3 CASHNCAM 5-1

MASTER CONRAD finished gamely against the bias on that windy night last week; accorded edge for sharp barn...ROCKINWITHTHEBEST should be on or near the lead...ALWAYS'SYOURWAY was off a 26 day layoff and in with tougher in last at Yonkers...CASHNCAM gets a better spot.

RACE 12

- 4 SORELLA 7-5
- 6 AB'SATTITUDEXPRESS 9-5
- 7 NO MAS DRAMA 4-1
- 1 GHOSTINTHESHELL S 11-1

SORELLA had a terrific 3yo campaign and returns for a top layoff barn...AB'SATTITUDEXPRESS seems well prepped having beaten Spoiled Princess twice in two New Jersey match races; key rival...NO MAS DRAMA has come to hand for the Russo barn and tries tougher here...GHOSTINTHESHELL makes her U.S. debut for a sharp outfit.

RACE 13

- 9 WESTERN REDHOT 4-1
- 7 STATESMAN N 5-2
- 5 BETTOR BB 9-2
- 6 BEBOP ON THE BLCK 5-1

BEST BETS: WHEELS ON FIRE 9th Race