

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Friday, June 25

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 SONOFAMISTERY 7-5
5 MOON BRIDGE 5-2
1 COLONIAL AS IT 3-1
6 LOCATELLI 10-1

SONOFAMISTERY was driven more aggressively in last and responded with a game win...MOON BRIDGE was in too tough in the Graduate but raced well against good fields in its two prior starts...COLONIAL AS IT has won 4 of 5 career starts in dominant fashion at Philadelphia, tries two turns and tougher; note that Gingras is slated to drive this one before heading to Yonkers...LOCATELLI broke in last but his prior starts this year were good efforts.

RACE 2

4 KILDARE KING 5-2
2 AUNT IRENE 7-2
9 ALTAR 9-2
1 ETHICS N 8-1

KILDARE KING takes a key drop and looks like the one to beat...AUNT IRENE wasn't that sharp in her first two starts this year, took a month off for a top barn; hard to gauge...ALTAR has been breaking stride, also hard to gauge...ETHICS N showed some life in last.

RACE 3

6 JUSTLIKEHIM 2-1
8 SOUTHWIND FROST 2-1
3 FUJI 4-1
7 GREY 11-1

JUSTLIKE HIM drops off a race he needed; top call in amateur driver race...SOUTHWIND FROST is the one to catch...FUJI fits well here...GREY needs more.

RACE 4

7 GYPSY LEATHER 5-1
4 ALWAYS A FORCE 6-5
3 TRICK CARD 5-1
5 MISTER HAT 5-1

GYPSY LEATHER flashed sharp early speed, wilted in last but his prior starts were solid...ALWAYS A FORCE followed TRICK CARD's cover and rolled home to a new lifetime best in last; one to beat...TRICK CARD was an underlay at 6/5 in last; he only has 1 career win but was Kirby's choice here and he may leave and get a good trip...MISTER HAT never got going against better in last; two back was a nice effort.

RACE 5

5 ALBERT A'SCOOTIN 4-1

8 MARVALOUS ONE 9-2
2 RISKY MILLION 5-1
4 TITUS SEELSTER 5-1

ALBERT A'SCOOTIN was overmatched in last at Philly but his two prior starts were good efforts and he took his career mark over this track...MARVALOUS ONE was used too hard leaving in last...RISKY MILLION was in better fields at this level recently...TITUS SEELSTER comes off an improved effort against weaker.

RACE 6

7 WINGDING HANOVER 8-5
1 GOTTALOVEMYSHADOW 2-1
3 BEST HONEY HANOVER 4-1
4 DARKRSHADEOPPALE N 13-1

WINGDING HANOVER left to the early lead, yielded and ended up 5th on the outside, brushed three wide and went evenly in a trip that was tougher than it looks on paper; faces an overall slower field this week and Georgie Nap knows what to do...GOTTALOVEMYSHADOW had outside posts against tougher in last two starts but beat similar, and my top pick, three starts back...BEST HONEY HANOVER dropped to this level in last and was used to the early lead, held okay; chance here.

RACE 7

4 DE LOS CIELOS DEO 3-5
8 BRANQUINHO 4-1
3 SPIRIT OF TRUTH 8-1
9 MCNULTY Z TAM 9-1

DE LOS CIELOS DEO has been off three weeks, was a beaten favorite in his last two starts; drops and is clearly the class here if he shows up with anything close to his best...BRANQUINHO's last win was a 1:49.2 score at Pocono last summer; he returns off a five month layoff at a reduced level and may have a shot if the top pick disappoints...SPIRIT OF TRUTH was used leaving from post 9 in last, held okay; two back was a pretty good placing...MCNULTY Z TAM rallied wide and finished willingly at a higher level in his first start since May 1; he rarely wins but he has early zip and Dube may take a shot here.

RACE 8

8 TJ BLAST 2-1
7 KINGOFTHEJUNGLE 3-1
4 BETTOR NOTBITTER A 7-2
3 TOLLY HO 4-1

TJ BLAST has been used hard leaving in some quick miles and held well each time; gets a better post after having 9 and 10 in his last two starts...KINGOFTHEJUNGLE is in form and might leave for a trip...BETTOR NOTBITTER A was reclaimed by Ouevedo in last, fits well here...TOLLY HO steps up sharp.

RACE 9

7 JUST WAVE GOODBYE 4-1
4 P L LEEROY 6-1
3 BUGGER BRUISER 4-1
6 DAVIDS COMING HOME 4-1

JUST WAVE GOODBYE was used hard in a quick pace in last; he doesn't win often but he might offer some value here...P L LEEROY raced okay against a better field in last and might be live at a price here...BUGGER BRUISER and DAVIDS COMING HOME are in good form and look like contenders here.

RACE 10

5 IDEATION HANOVER 2-1

2 CAVIART AUDREY 5-2
6 STAYCATION HANOVER 3-1
4 WESTERN SHOWGIRL 11-1

IDEATION HANOVER left from post 8 and tucked 4th, brushed to the lead, yielded at the half, and came back on gamely to miss by a nose in last...CAVIART AUDREY was dead on the board and showed little in her 3yo return on June 12; she should be sharper tonight and note that Gingras is slated to return from Yonkers to drive this stakes winning filly...STAYCATION HANOVER has developed nicely for the Pelling barn, comes back off a five week break.

RACE 11

3 MR MCDREAMY 5-2
6 DEPENDLEBURY A 7-2
8 RIGGINS ART 9-2
7 STIRLING ENSIGN 6-1

RACE 12

4 SO MIKI HANOVER 4-1
6 OFF THE RECORD 2-1
1 JM BETONSIX 5-2
5 IONINDUSTRIAL HEMP 4-1

SO MIKI HANOVER tries the big track and she may be as fast as any of these...OFF THE RECORD got a perfect trip to edge JM BETONSIX....JM BETONSIX set the pace and just missed in last but is now 0 for 11 in her career...INDUSTRIAL HEMP jogged in her debut at Yonkers then was a tiring third in a sire stakes race at Saratoga; off since June 2 with room to improve.

RACE 13

9 J ROCKIN B** 7-2
7 ALWAYSABEACHDAY 5-1
8 BE BEST 6-1
3 ROCK IS SWEET 8-1

J ROCKIN B has been chasing better here; may go all the way...ALWAYSABEACHDAY was gaining on top pick the last time they were in the same race together...BE BEST may have a chance at a price against this group...ROCK IS SWEET hasn't won in a long time but moves into a high-percentage barn and may show more.

BEST BET: J ROCKIN B 13th Race