

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, June 26

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

- 2 WET MY WHISTLE 8-5
- 5 FLAWLESS COUNTRY 9-5
- 3 DUCHESSPEDIA 9-2
- 4 ADIRONDACK 5-1

WET MY WHISTLE has come back as an improved filly for Swanstedt...FLAWLESS COUNTRY was a top two year old filly last year, raced well in her first two starts of the year although she didn't seem significantly faster than her two year old form; comes off a sick scratch...DUCHESSPEDIA picked up Andy McCarthy and improved sharply in last...ADIRONDACK comes off an improved effort.

RACE 2

- 1 CAPTAINS PRINCESS 5-2
- 3 MAX CONTRACT 2-1
- 2 DONT FENCE ME IN 3-1
- 6 ALWAYS GONNA B YOU 4-1

CAPTAINS PRINCESS was confidently driven in both qualifiers and looks like another talented 2yo for the Alagna barn...MAX CONTRACT well bred filly sold for \$200,000 and uncorked a :54 last half to win her qualifier at Gaitway; looks like the one to beat...DON'T FENCE ME IN also seems well prepped for Alagna...ALWAYS GONNA B YOU debuts for the Holloway barn off two solid preps.

RACE 3

- 7 SOUTHWIND PETYR 7-5
- 5 TORONTO 5-2
- 2 ART SCAPING 4-1
- 1 LOUIE THE LOOPER 8-1

SOUTHWIND PETYR was first over against much faster in last; form is solid and he's clearly the most accomplished 3yo in this race...TORONTO finished just behind Southwind Petyr on 5/29 and ahead of him on 5/22; appears main rival...ART SCAPING has been improving and holding his own against older horses...LOUIE THE LOOPER raced okay against weaker in his last two starts at Philadelphia.

RACE 4

- 3 SHE'S NUN BETTOR N 3-1
- 7 ROCKNIFICENT 8-5
- 5 TREACHEROUS REIGN 7-2
- 2 STONEBRIDGE SOUL 9-2

RACE 5

- 9 THE GREEK FREAK 2-1
- 2 CAPTAIN KIRK 2-1
- 8 BAYFIELD BEACH 4-1
- 3 PIRATE HANOVER 6-1

THE GREEK FREAK comes out of some very fast races against more accomplished horses...CAPTAIN KIRK bottomed out a weaker field at Scioto at 1/9 odds; faces tougher here but like The Greek Freak, he turned in some solid efforts against the best 3yo's last year; key rival...BAYFIELD BEACH makes first start for the Takter barn and qualified well...PIRATE HANOVER comes off a pretty good effort in a quick mile and he appears to be improving.

RACE 6

4 SWEET HELLO 2-1
2 ONECROOKEDLEG 5-2
6 SWEET OMEN 3-1
5 JK I FEEL FINE 9-2

SWEET HELLO shows two good preps at Gaitway including last which was a race where they went 1:26.1 to the three quarters, and that was clearly the fastest paced race of the preps here; Tetrick's choice of three...ONECROOKEDLEG seems well prepped for hot barn...SWEET OMEN well bred filly...JK I FEEL FINE was much improved in second qualifier for sharp outfit.

RACE 7

4 LOVEDBYTHEMASSES 8-1
2 NO DRAMA PLEASE 14-1
5 AB'SATTITUDEXPRESS 7-2
8 JL CRUZE 7-2

In this tough race in the Pick 4 with many possibilities, LOVEDBYTHEMASSES drops and may go well at a price...NO DRAMA PLEASE has sharpened since beating weaker here on 5/7 and is a price factor in exotics with a trip...AB'SATTITUDEXPRESS drops and may be the one to beat in a competitive trot...JL CRUZE veteran consistently tries hard.

RACE 8

7 ONE EIGHT HUNDRED 8-5
2 SAVE ME A DANCE 2-1
4 BETTER TAKE IT 6-1
6 HEZA REAL DIAMOND 10-1

ONE EIGHT HUNDRED left well and yielded, came home in :26 to take a new lifetime mark of 1:48.4 last week; 3yo is much improved...SAVE ME A DANCE has turned in a few races that would make him tough here and he qualified back sharply as he makes his first start for the Burke barn off a private purchase.

RACE 9

1 STARS ALIGN N 7-2
5 THIS IS THE PLAN 1-1
4 MACH N CHEESE 8-1
6 AMERICAN HISTORY 8-1

STARS ALIGN N comes off a good effort over the track; upset call...THIS IS THE PLAN comes off a scorching 1:47.2 mile at Northfield, the fastest mile ever on a half mile track. He's always been better on the small tracks and only has 1 win in 15 starts over this track, but his last two starts over this track were solid seconds and he just may be too good for these right now...MACH N CHEESE has sharpened since his last start over this track and may go well at a price...AMERICAN HISTORY beat the favorite here in December and was very sharp until regressing somewhat in his last two starts; best needed.

RACE 10

6 FORBIDDEN TRADE 9-2
2 ATLANTA 4-5

1 LINDY THE GREAT 7-2
3 CRYSTAL FASHION 12-1

FORBIDDEN TRADE has raced well in three starts this year and may be some value here...ATLANTA qualified sharply for return...LINDY THE GREAT is a threat on best.

RACE 11
6 VENERATE 1-1
10 DANCINGINTHEDARK 5-2
2 THANKFUL NO 6-1
7 BEYOND ORDINARY 14-1

VENERATE, a top Hambletonian prospect, qualified sharply twice for his 3yo return for a barn that tends to bring them back ready and draws inside of main rival...DANCINGINTHEDARK is another Hambo contender this year and his first two starts of the year were impressive including a romp at this level in last...THANKFUL NO ships in from Sweden for Trond and gets Dunn in the bike...BEYOND ORDINARY is in good form but needs to find another gear against the top two.

RACE 12
3 FATHER NUNO 7-5
6 IMA REAL LADYS MAN 7-2
2 ANA MALAK N 9-2
8 FUNATTHEBEACH N 8-1

RACE 13
4 A MAJOR OMEN* 5-1
8 GODS SPIRIT N 8-5
9 THE DEVILS OWN N 7-2
2 STONEDUST 5-1

A MAJOR OMEN beat some good fields including a win at the NW20000 level here last fall, finished well from a tough spot in last and seems to be cycling back to form; upset call...GODS SPIRIT N is the one to beat at this level...THE DEVILS OWN N lost at 4/5 at this level last week but it wasn't an easy trip...STONEDUST drops to a level where he fits.

BEST BET: A MAJOR OMEN 13th Race