

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, September 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 TYPHOON STRIDE N 1-1
1 BLANK STARE 5-2
4 PARTY BOY 6-1
5 DA DELIGHTFUL 9-1

TYPHOON STRIDE N was first over pushing a quick pace against tougher...BLANK STARE finished second at 3/5 in last at Philadelphia but had to rally from a tough spot...PARTY BOY beat weaker two back then finished third behind two classy pacers at this level in last...DA DELIGHTFUL hasn't had any pace in two starts since returning from a layoff but drops, gets a better post, and a catch driver.

RACE 2

3 BILLY CLYDE 1-1
2 SOUTHWIND PETYR 5-2
5 TRUFFLE DOG 6-1
6 BULLVILLE JONATHAN 8-1

BILLY CLYDE was first over and finished a solid second behind Lous Pearlman, who won the Little Brown Jug Thursday. In July, he lost by a nose to Lous Pearlman over this track...SOUTHWIND PETYR has raced well in N.Y. sire stakes races and appears to be the main rival here.

RACE 3

6 J ROCKIN B 2-1
4 BE BEST 5-2
5 RAPUNZEL BLUE CHIP 3-1
7 CAPTAINS MAID 8-1

J ROCKIN didn't have a good cover trip or pace in front of him in last but finished gamely for the show from a tough spot. He's been racing off the pace but he can leave...BE BEST left and lacked a rally in last but he gets a better post and is one of the better two turn horses in this race...RAPUNZEL BLUE CHIP beaten favorite in last two, raced okay to be second against similar in last but his 0 for 16 record over this track might make him a bit of an underlay if he goes off as the favorite again...CAPTAINS MAID drops, gets a better post and a key driver change to Sears.

RACE 4

1 CHIPLOSIVE 7-2
7 MAX 7-5
6 MEADOWBRANCH RICKY 6-1
8 SKYWAY KON MAN 6-1

CHIPLOSIVE showed little in last but that was a better field at this level...MAX was third in a better field at 3-2 odds. He's 0 for 20 over this track and clearly does his best racing around three turns but he hasn't been in this soft of a spot in a long time; clearly the one to beat...MEADOWBRANCH RICKY has been scratched sick twice this month and also does his best racing around three turns, but he fits well with

these on one of his better efforts...SKYWAY KON MAN dropped to this level in last and lacked a rally but this is a weaker field.

RACE 5

5 ROCKEYED OPTIMIST 7-5
8 FOREVERNALWAYS 4-1
6 CECIL CASANOVA 9-2
4 DEVIL OR ANGEL 5-1

ROCKEYED OPTIMIST takes a key drop while showing decent recent form. He's 10 now and not the same horse that excited us with those gutsy miles when he was in his prime, but he should be formidable here...FOREVERNALWAYS had post 10 against tougher in last; two back he finished a solid second to a horse that stepped up and won again against a better field than this...CECIL CASANOVA came off a layoff and set the pace in a good placing against weaker...DEVIL OR ANGEL gets a top catch driver tonight.

RACE 6

3 WINNERUP 8-5
8 DELTASUN A 2-1
6 HL REVADON 5-1
5 JUSTLIKEHIM 6-1

WINNERUP drops and moves inside for top barn...DELTASUN A raced well against tougher in last at Philadelphia and has three wins over this track...HL REVADON best needed at this level...JUSTLIKEHIM steps up off a good effort.

RACE 7

5 STONEBRIDGE SOUL 2-1
7 SHE'S NUN BETTOR N 3-1
6 FELLITSASSYMAE 6-1
4 STAYCATION HANOVER 6-1

RACE 8

4 BALENCIAGA 8-5
5 ZENITH STRIDE 5-2
1 MAZZARA 7-2
6 SHADRACK HANOVER 7-1

BALENCIAGA finished sharply from a tough spot in a \$200,000 NYSS Final last start.

RACE 9

4 MAJOR BETTS** 5-2
5 VETTEL N 5-2
6 TWIN B TUFFENNUFF 7-2
2 DE LOS CIELOS DEO 6-1

MAJOR BETTS raced Monday at Yonkers and was in a tough field, has 2 wins in 7 starts over this track and should go well here...VETTEL N comes off back to back game wins at this level, both with the G-Man in the bike...TWIN B TUFFENNUFF left sharply from post 8 and yielded, missed by a nose to Vettel N in last; fits well...DE LOS CIELOS DEO gets a better post and would not be a shock here despite stepping up.

RACE 10

9 BACK OF THE NECK 5-2
5 AMIGO VOLO 5-2
7 DOUBLE ACCOUNT 9-2
6 SWAN IN MOTION 8-1

BACK OF THE NECK raced okay against a tougher field in last; classy sort gets top call over AMIGO VOLO, who has the class but is coming off a layoff...DOUBLE ACCOUNT put in a game effort at this level three back, albeit in a weaker field than this one...SWAN IN MOTION ships in sharp, steps up.

RACE 11

5 FATHER NUNO 5-2

4 DEALER'S TABLE 5-2

6 STONE HANOVER 9-2

1 GOOD ROCKIN 6-1

FATHER NUNO set a pressured pace in a good effort last start...DEALER'S TABLE drops and gets Sears.

RACE 12

1 NIMAH FRANCO N 4-1

6 BETALADY 1-1

4 SO NICE HANOVER 6-1

2 BEST HONEY HANOVER 6-1

NIMAH FRANCO N adds lasix and may improve on last...BETALADY finished sharply against better from a tough spot here two back and is clearly the one to beat.

BEST BET: MAJOR BETTS 9th Race