

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, November 20

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 SAVE ME A DANCE 8-5
5 KOMODO BEACH 2-1
2 YACHT SEELTER 4-1
4 ROCKIE GOT FRAMED 9-1

SAVE ME A DANCE paced in 1:52 flat winning last at Yonkers, handles this track well, had a tough trip in a good field the last time he raced here...KOMODO BEACH got a pocket trip last week and beat similar for sharp barn...YACHT SEELSTER shipped in from Yonkers and went a big mile to beat weaker.

RACE 2

7 BETTER TAKE IT 6-1
8 HIGHALATOR 6-5
5 ENOUGH SUN 8-1
10 ROCKIN THE ACES 9-2

BETTER TAKE IT was in some tough fields then dropped to this level and was second; picks up Tetrick, is capable of showing good gate speed...HIGHALATOR is a win-type, meaning that he's a horse that knows where the finish line is; has been freshened up for good barn, drops, and has 16 wins in 28 starts over this track...ENOUGH SUN finished well in his first start over this track and he could be sitting on a peak effort...ROCKIN THE ACES is a good horse who loves this track; drops.

RACE 3

5 BETTORS DONTTELL 5-1
9 RED RIGHT HAND 9-5
3 ULTIMAROCA 2-1
10 HIS BEATS HANOVER 6-1

BETTORS DONTTELL has improved for Burke and has a shot with the right trip...RED RIGHT HAND could be tough despite the post...ULTIMAROCA Burke has three here and Gingras took this one over the five; big shot...HIS BEATS HANOVER is another one for Burke, form is solid.

RACE 4

4 COACH K HANOVER 3-2
1 FAST AS THE WIND 3-2
2 SLAY 9-2
5 PRETENDER 6-1

COACH K HANOVER gunned to the lead from post 7 in last, forced tucks, drifted out in midstretch and was dq'd and placed 5th after a solid second. He's only raced four times and could keep improving...FAST AS THE WIND beat the top pick in his last two starts. Left from post 9 and got the pocket in last, kept up well and rallied nicely for the win up the pylons...SLAY has only raced five times, finished well from a tough post at Dover in last and has a chance to upset here...PRETENDER went first over and was probably going to finish second when he hit the wheel of Coach K Hanover and broke stride.

RACE 5

6 ROCKNIFICENT 8-5
1 PEAKY SNEAKY 9-2
9 LYONS SENTINEL 8-5
3 GIA'S SURREAL 8-1

ROCKNIFICENT draws a good spot and Zeron has been making the right moves with her...PEAKY SNEAKY only has 1 win in 16 starts this year but it's not like she's been far behind at this level; chance...LYONS SENTINEL has had a big 4yo season, seems to have tailed off a bit lately...GIA'S SURREAL ships in from Mohawk; she was used hard the last time she raced here in August.

RACE 6

7 VENERABLE 2-5
4 JOVIALITY S 9-2
8 MISSWALNER FASHION 6-1
2 PALERMO HANOVER

VENERABLE appeared headed to an undefeated 2yo season when she broke inexplicably in the Breeders Crown elimination. Came back to win the Matron easily...JOVIALITY S raced gamely winning the Breeders Crown from post 10 and draws inside of main rivals here...MISSWALNER FASHION is real good now but gets a tough post outside of the favorite.

RACE 7

4 RAMONA HILL 10-1
1 ATLANTA 3-5
8 WHEN DOVESCRY 4-1
7 FELICITYSHAGWELL S 10-1

RAMONA HILL raced well finishing second behind Beads in her 3yo debut but then the problems started and she broke in her next two starts and had to regroup. She was far back in both Breeders Crown starts but came on nicely from outside posts. Let's see if Andy can work out a trip off what could be a hot pace...ATLANTA didn't look as sharp in her last two starts, although she got a docile drive in the Breeders Crown final and that didn't help. From the rail at the end of her season, she should be gunning hard this time...WHEN DOVESCRY is a heck of a trotter and the main question is the trip...FELICITYSHAGWELL S was my top pick when she upset and paid \$23.00 in the Breeders Crown Final. She'll probably leave hard again but I anticipate a faster pace in this race.

RACE 8

4 HAMMERING HANK 2-5
9 EARLY ACTION 4-1
3 MARKET BASED 6-1
2 LOUKES PERRY 9-1

HAMMERING HANK had a legitimate excuse from a tough spot in the Crown Final. He won the Kindergarten easily last week.

RACE 9

3 AMIGO VOLO 2-1
8 BACK OF THE NECK 5-2
4 FORBIDDEN TRADE 7-2
1 CHIN CHIN HALL 6-1

AMIGO HALL gunned to the lead in :26.1 last start and was a game second...BACK OF THE NECK finished gamely from a tough spot in the Crown Final and he also had a tough trip two back...FORBIDDEN TRADE was short in the Final but he did get parked to the half on a quarter move and his best race makes him competitive here...CHIN CHIN HALL needs the right kind of trip to have an upset chance.

RACE 10

4 NIKI HILL 1-9
8 JOYRIDE HANOVER 8-1
10 TREAHEROUS DRAGON 8-1
7 SMUGGLE TINA 10-1

NIKI HILL has been dominant in this division and it's hard to look past her.

RACE 11

2 OCEAN ROCK 8-5
4 ENAVANT 5-2
3 ALLYWAG HANOVER 2-1
7 CATTLEWASH 6-1

OCEAN ROCK is as fast as any horse in the country and was a big overlay winning the Breeders Crown where he turned in a game effort. He was used hard to the lead, chased a fast pace and then came back on for the win...ENAVANT is good enough to win this but he just didn't get good trips in his two Breeders Crown tries. I thought that driver Dan Dube made a difference in the Potomac because he drove this 5yo like a good horse, rather than take back and hope for a cover trip. I wouldn't be shocked if that effort gives him the confidence boost to upset here...ALLYWAG HANOVER was parked to the lead by my top pick, carved out the pace and finished a respectable third in the Final, then came back to lose to ENAVANT in the Potomac at Rosecroft. He's certainly formidable but he might not be as sharp as he was earlier in the summer...CATTLEWASH used his tactical speed to get a pocket trip in the Crown Final and was a fine second. He probably needs some racing luck but he's consistent, always fires and David Miller has plenty of upset stakes wins on his resume.

RACE 12

7 NO LOU ZING** 2-1
6 SHOOBEE DOO A 2-1
10 DORSODURO HANOVER 7-2
2 HAIL CHRISTIAN N 5-1

NO LOU ZING came off the bench with a nice win in last. I thought that he raced well against a few fast horses that were in peak form this summer, namely Tattoo Artist and American History; edge...SHOOBEE DOO left, tucked, brushed to the lead and was a fine second behind DORSODURO HANOVER in last. Draws inside of that rival this time...DORSODURO HANOVER had post 2 in last and got the job done; back in form...HAIL CHRISTIAN N has found his good form recently.

RACE 13

7 MINDTRIP 6-5
9 LL MYSTRO 7-1
1 ARCHANGEL THREE 4-1
3 RISKY MILLION 7-1

MINDTRIP beat similar pretty easily...LL MYSTRO finished willingly from post 8 in his first start over this track and maybe they'll try to leave this time.

RACE 14

7 QUALITY BUD 5-2
1 MONTEFALCO N 2-1

9 LUCK N ROLL K 4-1

5 SPOILERONTHEBEACH 6-1

QUALITY BUD drops and could be tough to beat here...MONTEFALCON N also drops, appears likely to go well...LUCK N ROLL N raced well with an amateur driver in last, picks up Dunn here, and he was driving when this horse took his lifetime mark here earlier this year; upset chance...SPOILERONTHEBEACH raced well in last, drops.

BEST BET: NO LOU ZING 12th Race