

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, December 4

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

5 BETTORS DONTTELL 6-5
4 BETTERROCK 5-2
1 TORONTO 5-1
6 STRAIGHT TALK 8-1

BETTORS DONTTELL has improved in all three starts for Burke and won last in 1:48.4 with good speed on both ends...BETTERROCK has also improved but was used hard in his last start at Hoosier. In his last start here, he beat a similar field as top pick did and this could be a good match race between these two...TORONTO was empty in last but that was a very good field. He would have a shot here on his best race...STRAIGHT TALK needs some racing luck here.

RACE 2

6 SHNITZLEDOSOMETHIN 8-5
4 DECISION DAY 5-1
5 STONE HANOVER 2-1
2 BETTER TAKE IT 6-1

SHNITZLEDOSOMETHIN was in with tougher in his last start on Oct. 10, qualified nicely over the track for a sharp barn...DECISION DAY has raced forty times this year but his form is still pretty good...STONE HANOVER raced well against a good field here on Nov. 6 then was scratched sick on Nov. 21. His qualifier was on the slow side but if he's ready he's the one to beat...BETTER TAKE IT steps up in good form.

RACE 3

1 KINGS COUNTY 5-2
4 STORMONT VENTNOR 5-1
7 RICH AND MISERABLE 2-1
2 NO DRAMA PLEASE 6-1

RACE 4

7 ROCKATHON** 4-5
4 DUSTYLANEGOLIATH 4-1
2 SWEET TRUTH 6-1
9 BAILEYS ROCK N 9-1

ROCKATHON only has 2 wins in 27 starts over the past two seasons but he's been racing in good form against faster horses, he can leave, and this is the easiest spot he's had since August 20 when he crushed a similar field at Yonkers.

RACE 5

5 HEZA REAL DIAMOND 5-2
4 SOMBODYITREASURE 7-2
7 QUICK SHOT 5-1
6 PADUKA N 6-1

HEZA REAL DIAMOND chased classy dropdown winner Geez Joe in last; gets a key driver change...SOMBODYITREASURE is one of several drop downs...QUICK SHOT has always been a solid racehorse. I was surprised to see that he's never raced here. Picks up Dunn...PADUKA N drops but must do best.

RACE 6

6 BLACK CHEVRON N 7-2
8 KOMODO BEACH 8-5
7 REVOLVER N 6-1
4 PALOMAR 15-1

BLACK CHEVRON N has been grinding gamely at this level and maybe Dexter will try leaving tonight...KOMODO BEACH is sharp for red-hot barn and looks for third straight against this type...REVOLVER N, by Auckland Reactor N (remember him?), paced the best race of his career to upset similar at 147-1 in first try with Andy McCarthy in the bike and is clearly improved for new barn...PALOMAR had pace in close quarters finishing in last.

RACE 7

5 HARAMBE DEO 5-2
3 LEVINE 6-1
7 ITALIAN DELIGHT 3-1
8 JK WILL POWER 10-1

HARAMBE DEO left sharply, then pulled to challenge the sharp odds-on winner in last; good spot here...LEVINE ships in from Yonkers off a brief freshening and fits with these...ITALIAN DELIGHT lures Andy Mac off of my top pick, comes off a nice try against similar...JK WILL POWER had post 9 against a tough favorite in last in Massachusetts; makes his second start for new barn and he's always been a good racehorse.

RACE 8

5 BETTOR NOTBITTER A 4-1
9 LUCK N ROLL K 4-1
8 MINDTRIP 5-2
2 HOOSIER SHARK 8-1

BETTOR NOTBITTER A left and was shuffled with pace in last; draws inside of his main rivals...LUCK N ROLL K finished gamely from a tough spot in last and Dunn may be leaving this time...MINDTRIP chances hands and draws outside after beating this type three times in a row...HOOSIER SHARK ships in and lands in the top barn.

RACE 9

9 SAVE ME A DANCE 4-1
6 SUGARTOWN
10 JM MANDAMIN
7 BARBADOS 15-1

SAVE ME A DANCE may gun again...SUGARTOWN didn't have the smoothest trip in last; Tetrack took this one over the 9...JM MANDAMIN one to beat despite the post...BARBADOS had no shot in last at Yonkers but overall his recent form has been solid; steps up hoping for a trip.

RACE 10

2 VETTEL N 8-5
8 LET IT RIDE N 2-1
3 TWIN B TUFFENUFF 4-1
4 STARS ALIGN A 8-1

RACE 11

1 LITERL LAD HANOVER 7-5

10 WHAT'S YOUR BEEF 3-1

7 MARVALOUS ONE 4-1

6 TUAPEKA TRICK N 10-1

LITERL LAD HANOVER broke but still won as expected last week...WHAT'S YOUR BEEF comes off a game front-running effort.

RACE 12

6 BACK OF THE NECK 2-1

5 CHIN CHIN HALL 3-1

7 DUNBAR HALL 7-2

3 JL CRUZE 4-1

RACE 13

1 JUMPING JAKE 2-1

4 ROCKEYED OPTIMIST 8-5

6 LYONS LEGACY 5-2

4 CHUMLEE A 10-1

BEST BET: ROCKATHON 4th Race