

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, January 22

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

8 DINA BOLT N 5-2
1 TRUMP NATION 2-1
7 ITALIAN DELIGHT N 4-1
5 NUTCRACKER SWEET 5-1

DINA BOLT N has won both starts for new barn and seems fast enough to handle the move up...TRUMP NATION is a solid racehorse who had physical problems and missed most of last year. Since returning in December he's turned in four fine efforts but he came up short each time, three as the heavy favorite in races that he should have won...ITALIAN DELIGHT N left sharply in last and came on gamely late; has a shot...NUTCRACKER SWEET had post 9 in last, drops; fits well on class.

RACE 2

1 JL CRUZE 3-5
2 HOCKEY HANOVER 7-2
8 HAMMER TIME 5-1
6 ANGEL NATION 9-1

JL CRUZE takes a key drop here. He had a solid year for a 10 year old last year and has recently been racing well against horses that are clearly better than any of these...HOCKEY HANOVER may be in a good spot...HAMMER TIME fits well if he leaves...ANGEL NATION may show more third off the bench.

RACE 3

2 PASSPORT TO ART 5-2
8 MICKEYS SPIRIT 4-1
1 CLIFFHANGER 4-1
5 FORCE N FURY 8-1

PASSPORT TO ART had post 9 when dropped to this level in last and showed some late pace; might have a class edge here...MICKEYS SPIRIT was used hard on the engine in last...CLIFFHANGER only won 2 races in 27 starts last year but got into a bad breaking habit. It's a good sign that he's stayed flat three starts in a row...FORCE N FURY changes hands and picks up Gingras.

RACE 4

5 HL REVADON 5-2
2 KENZIESKY HANOVER 2-1
4 MUSCLE JACK 3-1
3 HENDERSON SEELSTER 6-1

HL REVADON lacked a rally from off the pace in last but can leave; drops and picks up Bartlett, who won four races here last Saturday...KENZIESKY HANOVER solid mare last raced on December 4 and is a threat if ready...MUSCLE JACK drops and gets a key driver change to Gingras...HENDERSON SEELSTER steps up off a nice win.

RACE 5

10 MINDTRIP 7-5
6 JUST N ACE 6-1
3 CHICKEN NUGGET 7-2
1 TUAPEKA TRICK N 8-1

RACE 6

1 ROCKAPELO 8-5
3 WESTERN FAME 2-1
4 ROCKIN SPEED 3-1
5 FATHER NUNO 8-1

ROCKAPELO left well but was shuffled back in tight quarters with good pace in last; drops...WESTERN FAME showed little in last but he probably needed that race after missing a month; drops and has a lot of class...ROCKIN SPEED hasn't raced since July but returns off two qualifiers including a sharp one last week...FATHER NUNO has done his best race around three turns but he's in fine form and he drops.

RACE 7

5 TWIN B FIGHTER 8-5
7 TRUFFLE DOG 3-1
6 HESTHERIGHTSTUFF 7-2
9 CAPTAIN MY CAPTAIN 8-1

TWIN B FIGHTER is Corey Callahan's choice over the 6 and 8; he beat similar two back then was a solid second to a sharp winner in last...TRUFFLED DOG might be the main rival...HESTHERIGHTSTUFF steps back up off an easy win...CAPTAIN MY CAPTAIN has room to keep improving.

RACE 8

1 WALKNAFTER MIDNITE 8-5
6 MAYHEM HANOVER 5-2
7 SPRINGSTEEN 7-2
2 HEZA REAL DIAMOND 8-1

WALKNAFTER MIDNITE drops and moves inside...MAYHEM HANOVER broke at the start from post 1 in last but I expect a better effort off the drop here...SPRINGSTEEN went evenly in his first start since October; drops and is capable of high speed.

RACE 9

6 ROCKIN M 9-2
10 DA DELIGHTFUL 10-1
4 BET NINETEEN 8-5
3 DELIGHTFUL TERROR 5-2

ROCKIN M finished gamely from a tough post in last at Yonkers and raced well against similar here two back...DA DELIGHTFUL has been freshened up and fits well at this level...BET NINETEEN has raced well for this price tag and can take all...DELIGHTFUL TERROR got up gamely after a duel with Bet Nineteen and was reclaimed by Renaud, who claimed him from Burke.

RACE 10

1 VETTEL N 6-5
8 BETORS DONTTELL 4-1
5 MR DS ROCK 4-1
4 ANA AFREET N 4-1

RACE 11

7 BARBADOS** 9-2
6 LIFEONTHEBEACH 13-1
4 BALLERAT BOOMERANG 8-5
3 WAY TO CLOSE 8-1

BARBADOS beat a field he should beat at Yonkers in last and raced gamely from post 10 here two back. Prior to that he was in with tougher at the \$75,000 level, but he has a shot with these...LIFEONTHEBEACH had no pace to close off of in last; may go well at a price...BALLERAT BOOMERANG steps up seeking his third straight...WAY TO CLOSE steps way up in claiming price but his recent form over this track is sharp.

RACE 12

9 BECHERS BROOK A 2-1
2 CHASER HANOVER 5-2
4 MISSILE SEELSTER 9-2
6 WRAPPERS DELIGHT A 5-1

BECHERS BROOK A has been racing from off the pace but he takes a key drop, retains Bartlett, and may show his gate speed tonight. Being good with a leaver isn't just about leaving fast, it's having the skill to get your horse to the lead while saving something for the finish and Bartlett excels at that...CHASER HANOVER drops and moves inside and should go well...MISSILE SEELSTER picks up Gingras off a solid effort...WRAPPERS DELIGHT A seems better than last.

RACE 13

6 FRONTIER ROLLO 5-2
2 IMMA BE 6-1
10 NATIONAL SPORT 7-2
1 ARRHYTHMIC SURGE 4-1

FRONTIER ROLLO is in form and can leave well; good spot...IMMA BE went a couple of sharp miles against 3 and 4 year olds at Yonkers, was claimed by a live barn but his form went south. They regrouped and gave him a month off and he was moving well late from post 8 in his last at Yonkers...NATIONAL SPORT beat similar gamely in last and is a threat despite post...ARRHYTHMIC SURGE is in good form.

RACE 14

4 BACKSTREET SHADOW 8-5
5 COVERED BRIDGE 5-2
2 MY PAL JOE 3-1
1 NOCTURNAL BLUECHIP 6-1

RACE 15

5 I'M A BIG DEAL 5-2
6 LACHIE MAGUIRE N 6-1
2 PASSA-GRILLE BEACH 7-2
4 QUICK SHOT 7-1

BEST BET: BARBADOS 11th Race