

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, January 8

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 AMERICAN REBEL 8-5
- 3 ARRHYTHMIC SURGE 3-1
- 8 RISKY MILLION 7-2
- 4 AIR GUITAR 14-1

AMERICAN REBEL was in with a much better field in last at Dover. In his three prior starts he finished well from tough posts there. Seems best if he adapts to the bigger oval...ARRHYTHMIC SURGE finished gamely for the place in his first start over the track...RISKY MILLION was chasing a sharp horse (Mindtrip) in his recent starts over this track; fits well here...AIR GUITAR gets Gingras tonight but needs to show more.

RACE 2

- 10 DE LOS CIELOS DEO 1-1
- 9 THE DOWNTOWN BUS 7-2
- 2 MAKE SOME WAVES 9-1
- 8 LYONS LIBERTY 11-1

DE LOS CIELOS DEO had post 9 in a much faster field in last and raced okay. He generally comes through off drops like this and this might be the weakest field he's faced in a long time...THE DOWNTOWN BUS 7 year old ships in form Yonkers and he's been showing some signs of life. He's only raced over this track three times but one of them was his career best 1:48 win, which was when he was a 4 year old - appears to be the main competition to the favorite...MAKE SOME WAVES finished third in his first start over the track in last...LYONS LIBERTY steps up off a win.

RACE 3

- 7 DECISION DAY 7-5
- 5 THE MOONSHADOW N 9-2
- 4 BULLVILLE TERROR 5-1
- 8 PASSA-GRILLE BEACH 5-1

DECISION DAY was used hard battling for the lead in a good effort in last; class edge...THE MOONSHADOW N had post 9 against tougher in last; gets a better spot, has won over this track, and may have needed last...BULLVILLE TERROR was used leaving and set the pace under pressure from Decision Day; gave way at the top of the lane but is a threat with an easier trip...PASSA-GRILLE BEACH was empty in last but it was a quick mile and he changes hands off a claim.

RACE 4

- 1 WAY TO CLOSE 2-1
- 7 BNGS EXPRESS 3-1
- 2 COOL BLUES MAN 6-1
- 4 UNDERTAKER 8-1

WAY TO CLOSE remains at the same level off a claim by owner/trainer James O'Donnell, who is one for one, winning with a recent claim...BNGS EXPRESS also changes hands, recent form is fine...COOL BLUES

MAN was racing well then went first over and weakened in last; another one changing hands, fits on best...UNDERTAKER has never raced here but ships in for live barn and recent form has been on the upswing.

RACE 5

6 TRUFFLE DOG 4-1
2 AS ALWAYS 4-1
1 TWIN B FIGHTER 4-1
9 PERFECTBOY HANOVER 4-1

RACE 6

4 PATRIKTHEPIRANHA A 4-1
6 BELMONT MAJOR N 4-1
9 WESTERN FAME 5-1
8 MAYHEM HANOVER 7-1

PATRIKTHEPIRANHA A had to need last and we know he can handle this track...BELMONT MAJOR N was racing very well against tougher at Yonkers, comes off a freshening, qualified well and adds lasix...WESTERN FAME was reclaimed for \$100,000 by this barn and the 9 year old has class...MAYHEM HANOVER probably should have won last at Philadelphia but he has some races around two turns at Woodbine that would make him formidable here.

RACE 7

2 HILL OF A HORSE 5-1
8 AB'SATTITUDEEXPRESS 7-2
4 ALL THE TRUTH 5-1
6 STORMONT VENTNOR 5-1

RACE 8

7 HURRIKANE EMPEROR 5-2
2 PUT TO RIGHT 7-2
4 ALWAYS AND AGAIN 4-1
10 IM A GIGOLO N 6-1

HURRIKANE EMPEROR was used uncovered pushing a quick pace and tired badly in return. He only raced three times last year and didn't show any of the class that he previously had. He drops and tonight we'll get a good idea of how much he has left...PUT TO RIGHT gets a better post...ALWAYS AND AGAIN changes hands off a claim and fits well here...IM A GIGOLO N ships in from Philly for Burke and drops.

RACE 9

2 TRUMP NATION 5-2
3 SONNY WEAVER N 3-1
1 ROCKIN THE ACES 7-2
7 THE ITALIAN DELIGHT N 8-1

RACE 10

5 WESTERN JOE 4-1
3 LET IT RIDE N 4-1
1 VETTEL N 4-1
6 J M MANDAMIN 4-1

WESTERN JOE had another solid year as a 7 year old last year and was often racing against the fastest horses in the sport. He needed last at Philly and now returns to his favorite track, where he has 16 career wins...LET IT RIDE N gets a better post...VETTEL N is another solid older horse in this well-matched field...J M MANDAMIN looks like the one to catch.

RACE 11

8 WRAPPERS DELIGHT A** 6-5

2 RIFLEMAN 5-1

6 STENDAHL HANOVER 5-1

3 THESPYWHOLOVEDME 6-1

WRAPPERS DELIGHT A lacked a solid rally in first start for new connections. He remains at the same level but this field is obviously slower and having more time in the Pelling barn is usually a good thing.

RACE 12

3 GET LEGS 7-2

9 CHIN CHIN HALL 2-1

8 DUNBAR HALL 5-2

4 JL CRUZE 4-1

RACE 13

9 MR DS ROCK 8-5

4 YACHT SEELSTER 5-2

8 BET NINETEEN 4-1

3 PALOMAR 8-1

MR DS ROCK shipped in from Yonkers and went a monster mile to crush weaker in his first start around two turns. While watching the race, my thoughts were, "This horse loves the big track." We'll find out just how much tonight.

RACE 14

3 PAPPY GO GO 7-2

8 BRIGITTE BI 4-1

2 JUSTLIKEHIM 9-2

10 CHIPLOSIVE 6-1

RACE 15

7 CASINO BAGS ANSO 4-1

10 CHICKEN NUGGET 4-1

9 PARKLANE JET 5-1

6 GIBUS 9-1

BEST BET: WRAPPERS DELIGHT A 11th Race