

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, March 19

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

7 ONE EIGHT HUNDRED 3-5
1 TRUFFLE DOG 3-1
2 HIPPESTCATINTOWN 7-1
6 BAYFIELD BEACH 9-1

ONE EIGHT HUNDRED qualified well for a good layoff barn. He tailed off at the end of his 3yo season but he did take his mark of 1:48 over this track and the horses he faces here would have trouble breaking 1:51...TRUFFLE DOG clearly appears to be the main rival.

RACE 2

2 EMMA TALKING 4-5
1 DUSTIN HANOVER 4-1
7 HIGH HILLS 7-1
3 FLYHAWK EL FUERTE 10-1

EMMA TALKING raced well in debut and the trotter that beat him by a neck might be better than anything he faces here...DUSTIN HANOVER debuts for good barn with Dunn in the bike and might be the main rival...HIGH HILLS is the other Nifty Norman trainee and he did finish ahead of Dustin Hanover in his qualifier.

RACE 3

1 GODS SPIRIT N 3-5
2 DUDDIE'S LOR 6-1
6 MIDNIGHT LIGHTNING 8-1
5 THNDRFRMTHETHRON N 8-1

GODS SPIRIT N was 9th and rallied nicely from a tough spot against a pretty good field. He makes his third start off a layoff and takes a key drop.

RACE 4

5 WHOLE LOTTA LOU 5-2
6 PRETTY RICKI 5-2
3 DONTPASSME HANOVER 5-2
2 RIFLEMAN 8-1

WHOTE LOTTA LOU hasn't raced since October 22 but with only 14 career races, he might have more upside than most of these and Todd McCarthy took him over PRETTY RICKI. The latter has tactical speed and fine recent form...DONTPASSME HANOVER is in good form and finished in :25.4 in last. He tends to lag early and give himself too much to do but he can certainly out-kick these with the right trip...RIFLEMAN has been racing well against weaker.

RACE 5

9 PARTY BOY 5-2

1 ARRHYTHMIC SURGE 3-1
8 CAPTAIN'S REIGN 7-2
10 I'M A POWERPLAY A 12-1

PARTY BOY finished well from a tough spot in his return and might try leaving here...ARRHYTHMIC is in form and Callahan took him over the 9...CAPTAIN'S REIGN seems to be stepping up but his form has been good and Tetrick gets in the bike...I'M A POWERPLAY was in a pretty tough field for his U.S. debut at Freehold but should fit better here.

RACE 6

1 COOL BLUES MAN** 4-1
4 WINDSONG JACK 8-5
7 WINNING LINC 5-2
8 SO TAKE THAT 5-1

COOL BLUES MAN moves inside and seems sharp enough to handle these...WINDSONG JACK was a sharp winner two back then cut the mile and got caught over the off track last week; one to catch...WINNING LINC had a tough trip in last, held okay...SO TAKE THAT will be closing.

RACE 7

5 HAIL CHRISTIAN N 2-1
4 PALOMAR 2-1
2 DA DELIGHTFUL 4-1
1 ODDS ON DELRAY 11-1

HAIL CHRISTIAN N is Todd McCarthy's choice over the four, steps up off a game win from a tough spot and note that when he finished second at a lower level two back, the horse that beat him by a half-length was a classy Burke drop down...PALOMAR drops in class and moves into a nice spot; key rival...DA DELIGHTFUL closed well from a tough spot in last...Eight year old ODDS ON DELRAY has one win in 22 starts over this track and that was when he was a two year old. But he may have a shot at a price here if he gets a trip.

RACE 8

4 WAY TO CLOSE 4-1
5 WRAPPERS DELIGHT A 4-1
8 THE BOOK OF LIFE 4-1
9 BLACK CHEVRON N 4-1

RACE 9

1 GRAY DRAGON 6-1
7 ANA AFREET N 4-1
2 DE LOS CIELOS DEO 4-1
3 FABRIZIO N 6-1

GRAY DRAGON has done his best racing at Yonkers and Pocono but he raced okay against faster here in a couple of starts last year; key drop for third start off the layoff...ANA AFREET N lacked a strong rally in last but I think that was a faster field than this one...DE LOS CIELOS DEO is hard to knock right now...FABRIZIO N is in form but needs a trip against this type.

RACE 10

6 LOVEDBYTHEMASSES 4-5
3 WARRIOR ONE 4-1
4 YANKS DUGOUT 9-2
7 JL CRUZE 6-1

RACE 11

2 DECISION DAY 5-2
8 SPOILERONTHEBEACH 4-1
5 GOOD ROCKIN 4-1
7 HEZA REAL DIAMOND 5-1

RACE 12

4 TOCCOA FALLS 2-1
5 KENZIESKY HANOVER 2-1
7 FASHION CREDITOR 7-2
1 YOU WILL BE QUEEN 8-1

TOCCOA FALLS steps up sharp; trainer Per Engblom has really turned this one around...KENZIESKY HANOVER solid trotting mare drops and can take all...FASHION CREDITOR is a personal favorite; classy 10 year old hasn't raced since December but is the class of the field if ready...YOU WILL BE QUEEN has been racing well but needs a trip against this field.

RACE 13

2 ALWAYS A FORCE 6-5
6 DEERFIELD BEACH 6-1
7 BUNGALOW BILL N 6-1
1 MR MCDREAMY 8-1

BEST BET: COOL BLUES MAN 6th Race