Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, April 9

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
1 STIENAMS BEACH 4-1
4 CALIBER 5-1
6 UCANTTOUCHTHIS 5-1
5 MULLINAX 5-1

STIENAMS BEACH came off a long layoff with a game win two back then was too far back in last but paced a :53.4 last half while wide; third off the layoff from the inside, we may see some speed; edge in a competitive race…CALIBER is another pacer that didn't race last year; he grinded first over in an improved effort last out and has a shot at a price. Andy McCarthy elected to drive the two horse, Gamblin Mo, for a large barn, and who might be the best horse here but is coming off a layoff, so Callahan gets the driver on Caliber…UCANTTOUCHTHIS will most likely leave again and is form is fine…MULLINAX gunned to the lead in :26.4 from post 8, set the pace and was a solid third with a :27 last quarter.

RACE 2
5 MEMO 8-5
2 NO DRAMA PLEASE 9-5
7 SKYWAY KON MAN 4-1
3 VIC'S WINNER 9-1

MEMO left and was in good position but got blocked along the pylons most of the stretch in a solid placing in first start for the Jenny Melander barn…NO DRAMA PLEASE drops and moves inside and appears main rival in potential battle of 6 year old sons of Trixton.

RACE 3
2 I'LL DRINK TO THAT** 7-5
4 BAYFIELD BEACH 6-1
8 ALLUNEEDISFAITH N 7-2
1 OCEAN RIDGE N 6-1

I'LL DRINK TO THAT was used hard leaving in :26.2 against tougher in last at Yonkers; likes this track and is the one to beat…BAYFIELD BEACH was shuffled in tight quarters after leaving in last and looked like he was going to finish second when he had to take up nearing the wire two back; chance at a price if top pick falters…ALLUNEEDISFAITH N has won two in a row for new connections and has some backclass, so maybe he'll climb the ladder…OCEAN RIDGE N had no shot in last.

RACE 4
4 TOLLY-HO 5-1
5 NOME HANOVER 5-1
9 EL'S DISCO JOHNNY 5-2
3 MIKI MINAJ 5-1

TOLLY-HO rallied wide from a tough spot in last…NOME HANOVER ships back in from Yonkers and he won back to back races against this type in game fashion here in January…EL'S DISCO JOHNNY gets another

free ride looking for three straight wins at this level…MIKI MINAJ has been hampered by outside posts and has a shot here.

RACE 5
5 JL CRUZE 3-5
8 MARION GONDOLIER 8-1
9 DAYSON 4-1
1 DELTASUN A 8-1

JL CRUZE classy veteran ships back in and takes a key drop.

RACE 6
6 ALTA ENGEN A 3-5
8 ACTON HANOVER 7-2
7 STRAIGHT TALK 9-1
2 MEET THE CREEPER 9-2

ALTA ENGEN A was driven like a good horse in his U.S. debut and came up short but he lost by less than two lengths after a pretty difficult trip and now he faces weaker.

RACE 7
6 HILLEXOTIC 3-1
9 LOVEDBYTHEMASSES 3-5
5 CHIN CHIN HALL 7-2
2 SCIROCCO ROB 11-1

HILLEXOTIC drew post 7 at Yonkers in his first start for the Burke barn and made it look easy…LOVEDBYTHEMASSES has won all 4 of his starts this year and now has 10 wins in 25 starts over this track…CHIN CHIN HALL is a classy sort but hasn't raced since January…SCIROCCO ROB steps up in good form.

RACE 8
7 IGNATIUS A 3-5
5 MY PAL JOE 5-1
2 ST LADS BEAT IT 8-1
3 EAST BEACH 8-1

IGNATIUS A was a top-class horse in Australia. In his U.S. debut last week, he was 11th at the three quarters angled wide in the lane and finished strongly to make up a ton of ground with a :25.2 last quarter.

RACE 9
7 CASUAL COOL 3-1
8 WATER SPORTS TEEN 7-2
9 ANA AFREET N 4-1
3 DE LOS CIELOS DEO 5-1

CASUAL COOL has been facing better at Yonkers, handles this track well…WATER SPORTS TEEN qualified nicely over the track, then went to Yonkers and was a fading fifth with no excuse; drops and seems likely to improve…ANA AFREET N is still in good form…DE LOS CIELOS DEO best needed.

RACE 10
2 WRAPPERS DELIGHT A 4-1
3 WAY TO CLOSE 5-2

8 COLOSSAL STRIDE A 5-2
4 THE BOOK OF LIFE 8-1

WRAPPERS DELIGHT A has beaten this type a few times and moves into a barn that has a high win percentage first off the claim…WAY TO CLOSE was 7th at the quarter, uncorked an old-school backside power-brush to go from 7th to the lead with driver George Brennan doing his best impression of Lew Williams, and gave way grudgingly in a much-improved effort…COLOSSAL STRIDE A comes off a game grinding effort from post 8 and can take all in a very competitive race…THE BOOK OF LIFE best needed.

RACE 11
7 PATERNITY SUIT A 6-1
6 LIKE CLOCKWORK 4-1
4 DONTPASSME HANOVER 6-1
3 GODS SPIRIT N 6-1

PATERNITY SUIT A had post 9 behind a slow pace in last, finished gamely against a tougher field two back…LIKE CLOCKWORK steps up off a nice win, has some backclass…DONTPASSME HANOVER gets a better post…GODS SPIRIT N shows good recent form and has Dunn.

RACE 12
6 MAJORCA N 6-5
7 AMAZING DREAM N 7-5
4 ANNABELLE HANOVER 8-1
2 BETTORS HEART N 10-1

MAJORCA N finished last year on a nice roll in Australia, was purchased and moved into the Dylan Davis barn where she's been impressive winning all three starts at Dover Downs while doing it from off the pace; edge in a race that's going to attract a lot of attention from harness racing fans…AMAZING DREAM N won 24 of 48 starts down-under for a cool million in earnings and was last seen racing gamely against the top male pacers there. She seems well prepped for her U.S. debut but I don't think it's going to be easy to beat Majorca N off a layoff. This should be interesting.

RACE 13
10 ANA MALAK N 4-1
8 SOMBODYITREASURE 8-5
1 TRUE LOU 5-2
3 MINDTRIP 8-1

ANA MALAK N had to need last off a six month layoff; drops down, is capable of leaving…SOMBODYITREASURE qualified back well, drops, looms the one to beat…TRUE LOU left and was shuffled with pace in last.

BEST BET: I'LL DRINK TO THAT 3rd Race