

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, May 14

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

6 WINDSONG JACK 2-1
7 COOL BLUES MAN 2-1
8 MINDTRIP 7-2
5 SO TAKE THAT 5-1

WINDSONG JACK was used hard in last but his form has been solid and he may shake loose here...COOL BLUES MAN was claimed off a sharp win by live barn, key rival...MINDTRIP has won two of his last three starts...SO TAKE THAT figures to be closing for Dunn.

RACE 2

3 CAPTAIN BARBOSSA 7-5
1 SONNY WEAVER N 7-2
2 DA DELIGHTFUL 4-1
5 GROOVY JOE 5-1

CAPTAIN BARBOSSA is 0 for 9 this year and hasn't won since being solid for \$210,000 but he did turn in a few solid efforts against tougher at Yonkers. In his last start he gave way at 2/5, bouncing off his near miss in a 1:51.4 mile at Yonkers two back. 5 of his 9 career wins including his 1:47.1 lifetime best were over this track and he's had 12 days to rest for this; accorded edge...SONNY WEAVER N raced okay against a good field in last and Tetrick took this one over two others including the sharp DA DELIGHTFUL...GROOVY JOE also ships in from Yonkers and drops; he's 0 for 10 over this track but has put in some good efforts.

RACE 3

8 JOHAN PALEMA** 1-1
2 CHIPLOSIVE 7-2
3 MOSTINTERESTINGMAN 4-1
4 SPIRIT OF DEO 4-1

JOHAN PALEMA was 2-1 in his first start since October and showed some late trot, now switches to Dunn and should get more aggressive.

RACE 4

1 DECISION DAY 8-5
3 ELVER HANOVER 2-1
8 BAYFIELD BEACH 9-2
4 STONEDUST 5-1

DECISION DAY drops and should go well...ELVER HANOVER lost at 1-2 odds in last, drops again, appears to be main rival.

RACE 5

5 THE DARK SHADOW 2-1

3 FABRIZIO N 5-2
1 BETTER TAKE IT 7-2
4 BARON MICHAEL 5-1

THE DARK SHADOW looked good winning his first start for this barn then went too fast on the lead in last...FABRIZIO N was first over in a race he probably needed off a sick scratch in last; drops and can take all... BETTER TAKE IT finished in :26.1 two back then had no shot from post 10 in last; this horse is better around three turns but he has a shot with the right kind of trip here...BARON MICHAEL ships in from Yonkers and it's hard to guess how he'll do around two turns.

RACE 6
6 BETTORS DONTTELL 7-5
8 GENIUS MAN 7-2
1 HAIL CHRISTIAN 4-1
3 CASUAL COOL 6-1

BETTORS DONTTELL drops and adds lasix for this third start off the bench...GENIUS MAN has been sharp at Yonkers, has won here, and can leave...HAIL CHRISTIAN N raced gamely against similar in last...CASUAL COOL steps up sharp.

RACE 7
3 STONE HANOVER 7-2
5 DE LOS CIELOS DEO 5-2
1 MAYHEM HANOVER 7-2
2 HEZA REAL DIAMOND 5-1

STONE HANOVER was wide from a tough spot in last; drops for his third off the bench and classes up well here...DE LOS CIELOS DEO was used pretty hard on the lead in another fine effort...MAYHEM HANOVER lures Dunn off two others and he finished gamely in last...HEZA REAL DIAMOND steps up sharp.

RACE 8
1 BELLA BELLINI 7-5
7 HERCULISA 5-2
5 KATIE'S LUCKY DAY 4-1
2 BIG CITY PEARL 8-1

BELLA BELLINI raced well in return and should be sharper tonight...HERCULISA has come back sharp and beat a top level field in last...KATIE'S LUCKY DAY raced gamely against similar.

RACE 9
1 MIKALA 7-5
9 HOT MESS EXPRESS 5-2
8 SCARLETT HANOVER 5-1
5 EASY TO PLEASE 6-1

MIKALA tuned up for this with two easy wins in the NJ Maturity series and seems sharp...HOT MESS EXPRESS is potentially the class of the field as she returns for a good layoff barn, although her two qualifiers weren't that great...SCARLETT HANOVER fits well here on her best but she comes off a disappointing effort against weaker...EASY TO PLEASE was in tough in last and might show more here.

RACE 10
1 IGNATIUS A 5-2
4 JACKS LEGEND N 7-2
6 LET IT RIDE 7-2
7 BACKSTREET SHADOW 4-1

IGNATIUS A was third in last but it was a fast race...JACKS LEGEND N ships in from Yonkers and his last race is a throw out because he got into a wicked speed duel in the rich MGM Final; it's a good sign that Dunn took this over Nifty Norman's other horse, LET IT RIDE, who is always tough here...BACKSTREET SHADOW is back in form for Burke.

RACE 11

- 2 TEST OF FAITH 4-5
- 1 OAKWOODANABELLA IR 4-1
- 3 BLUE DIAMOND EYES 9-2
- 7 GRACE HILL 8-1

TEST OF FAITH was wide from a tough spot in her return and just had too much to do. This isn't a walkover by any means but she has 22 wins in 26 career starts and she's proven that she's better than these...OAKWOODANABELLA IR ships in sharp and she turned in some good efforts against the favorite last year...BLUE DIAMOND EYES needed last, now moves inside and she also turned in some nice efforts behind Test Of Faith last year...GRACE HILL adds lasix and is well prepped for this.

RACE 12

- 6 SOUTH BEACH STAR 2-1
- 5 BETTERROCK 2-1
- 1 WHOLE LOTTA LOU 4-1
- 2 UCANTTOUCHTHIS 8-1

SOUTH BEACH STAR takes a key drop and adds lasix for the sharp Pelling barn, should show more...BETTERROCK was in a tough spot in last but he's sharp and could be tough to beat here.

RACE 13

- 7 ATOMIC BLAST N 8-1
- 8 TJ BLAST 3-1
- 4 GALACTIC GALLEON N 9-2
- 6 BUNGALOW BILL N 8-1

ATOMIC BLAST N had a tough trip in last and finished well from far back two back; drops and gets a key driver change, might go well at a price in a potential chaos race...TJ BLAST is one of several potential leavers here; lost at 4/5 in last but is in pretty good form...GALACTIC GALLEON N doesn't win often but recent form is good...BUNGALOW BILL N seems better than last.

BEST BET: JOHAN PALEMA 3rd Race