

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Friday, July 31

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

9 MAN HE CAN SHOOT** 5-1
4 DALTON DID IT 5-1
7 JUNIOR'S DEW 5-1
3 ONE TOUGH NUT 5-1
6 ATOMIC REI 5-1

This is a tough race to put an odds line on and makes the Pick 5 interesting. MAN HE CAN SHOOT was dull in return at Tioga three weeks ago but the 11 year old had to need that race, ships in for a good barn, gets a top driver and drops into a slow field...DALTON DID IT also chased better recently...JUNIOR'S DEW hasn't been winning much the past two years but has speed to get position...ONE TOUGH NUT set the pace and tired as the 6/5 favorite in last; best needed...ATOMIC REI rallied to miss by a nose in last; 12 year old is a potential underlay as the chalk but is a threat in this wide open field.

RACE 2

9 EXTRA DE VIE 4-1
2 HELLO I LOVE YOU 2-1
6 THE ICE COUNTESS 5-1
1 M DIDDY 6-1

EXTRA DE VIE won her debut then broke when even money from post 7 at Saratoga; should handle these turns better...HELLO I LOVE YOU broke in her first two starts but came back with a nice qualifier with hobbles added...THE ICE COUNTESS seems well prepped for a top outfit.

RACE 3

1 IDEAL CHILL 2-1
6 PREPPY ART 8-5
2 WILLIE BOOTS 4-1
4 SAPPHIRE CITY 6-1

IDEAL CHILL drops and should be well placed with Dunn in the bike...PREPPY ART consistent sort was used hard in return at Pocono and held well...WILLIE BOOTS veteran finished gamely in his last two starts...SAPPHIRE CITY has been off his game this year but the backclassed veteran may fire with these.

RACE 4

7 INSTA GLAM 6-5
6 INEFFABLE 7-2
3 MATERIAL GIRL 5-1
2 HOT AS HILL 9-1

RACE 5

5 GRACE HILL 7-5
9 CAVIART AUDREY 9-5

4 JK DISARRAY 9-1
2 ALWAYS B LAUGHIN 9-1

GRACE HILL ships in sharp off a couple of PA sire stakes wins...CAVIART AUDREY qualified strongly for a hot barn and she's very well bred, out of the great pacer, Darlin's Delight. She could be any kind and will take money despite the post in what could be a two horse race.

RACE 6
6 ALTAR 4-5
2 AUNT IRENE 7-2
4 DREAM CHAPTER 9-2
7 MAZZARATI 7-1

RACE 7
7 SUMATRA 9-2
1 HAMMER TIME 2-1
10 SWEET CHAPTER 5-2
2 FASHIONWOODCHOPPER 6-1

SUMATRA ships back in off an improved effort, drops, can upset...HAMMER TIME was my Best Bet and made 6/5 look like an overlay winning by 9 lengths drawing off sharply to crush weaker...SWEET CHAPTER drops and she was a pretty easy winner from post 9 at this level two back.

RACE 8
6 CARUSO 8-5
3 VENERATE 2-1
2 HEARTBREAK HILL 9-2
8 PLUMVILLE PRINCE 8-1

RACE 9
3 APPLE HANOVER 2-1
8 TRIPLE DIP 7-2
9 ALWAYS BE LUCY 9-2
4 SHELLIE DE VIE 5-1

APPLE HANOVER takes a key drop and should be tough here...TRIPLE DIP has been a small track specialist but has to be considered at this level. She had tough posts in her last three starts since returning and her last race at Yonkers was better than it looks on paper...ALWAYS BE LUCY ships in for a sharp barn and gets Tetrack.

RACE 10
1 MUSCLE DIAMOND 2-1
4 KATKIN AMERICAN 5-2
6 LORD CROMWELL 4-1
3 HILL OF A HORSE 6-1

MUSCLE DIAMOND has struggled to regain the kind of speed he had a few years ago but his recent efforts weren't that bad and he was facing some fast trotters. Tonight we'll find out how much he has left because he really should be first or second here if he still has the desire to win...KATKIN AMERICAN is another trotter on the comeback trail. He missed all of last year but has been sharp in three starts at Hoosier and ships in for a good barn...LORD CROMWELL is a solid trotter in his own right...HILL OF A HORSE ships in for a barn that always merits respect.

RACE 11
4 FORTUNE STARLET 7-5

2 SHADRACK HANOVER 7-2
7 PAULIE WALNUTS 9-2
9 CAFÉ AMERICANO 8-1

RACE 12

7 SUMMA CUM LAUDE 2-1
8 MONTEREY JACK 2-1
2 DOUBLE METAL 6-1
3 MAKE MY DEO 7-1

RACE 13

1 BULLVILLEKARLA 1-1
6 ARNIE'S ANGEL 5-1
8 ROSE RUN SAMANTHA 5-1
5 PIRINEA'S PRINCESS 15-1

BULLVILLEKARLA had no shot from post 7 in last at Yonkers and chased much faster here in her prior two starts.

BEST BET: MAN HE CAN SHOOT 1st Race