

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, July 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

2 DECOY 7-2
4 CASINO BAGS ANSO 4-1
8 TUXEDO BAY 7-2
5 WHAT THE LUCK 4-1

DECOY was overmatched in last; recent form is good...CASINO BAGS ANSO raced well off the reclaim in last and might get a good pace set up here...TUXEDO BAY speedy sort doesn't win that often but he's capable of stealing it on one of his better efforts...WHAT THE LUCK has been racing well against somewhat cheaper but Dunn should have him well placed.

RACE 2

2 BELLA BELLINI 1-9
3 HERCULISA 7-2
1 HP MAMA 11-1
4 CINDY MICHELLE 17-1

BELLA BELLINI strong-closing filly got off to a slow start this year but has now won three of her last four starts, two against better fields than this one, and the lone loss was a tough trip at Mohawk...HERCULISA is third off a freshening and beat a top notch field here in May; main rival.

RACE 3

3 FERDINAND A 4-1
6 MV OK PALACIO BR 4-1
4 AIR GUITAR 5-2
5 BNGS EXPRESS 11-1

FERDINAND A has been racing well with amateur drivers, has good speed, and gets Andy McCarthy here...MV OK PALACIO BR won last in an amateur driver race and showed some early pace for the first time, now picks up Tetrack...AIR GUITAR was too far back in last but beat similar two back...BNGS EXPRESS is having a tough year with no wins in 22 starts but he finished willingly in an improved effort last start.

RACE 4

7 STRIDE THE HILL 1-1
2 PATRICK PALEMA 4-1
10 SOUTHWIND DOMINO 6-1
6 SONNY'S MONI 8-1

RACE 5

7 UCANTTOUCHTHIS 5-2
8 HAIL CHRISTIAN N 5-2
1 LEON DAVID 5-2
5 COOL BLUES MAN 8-1

UCANTTOUCHTHIS drops and has dangerous speed at this level...HAIL CHRISTIAN N also drops and can take all...LEON DAVID chased a sharp winner and held the show but probably should have finished second in last; threat on best...COOL BLUES MAN is a closer in good form and has a shot if the pace heats up.

RACE 6

5 BEACH GLASS 8-5
1 I DID IT MYWAY 5-2
2 FROZEN HANOVER 9-2
7 MAD MAX HANOVER 5-1

The first five in order of finish advance to the final...BEACH GLASS raced well in the NA Cup...I DID IT MYWAY comes off a fast win over the track, although the track was lightning fast last Saturday and I kind of doubt it will be as fast tonight, based on the weather report...FROZEN HANOVER is much improved over last year...MAD MAX HANOVER had no shot in last.

RACE 7

4 ONE EIGHT HUNDRED 2-1
3 STONE HANOVER 3-1
2 ULTIMAROCA 7-2
8 BILLY CLYDE 5-1

ONE EIGHT HUNDRED has been facing faster horses and I'll give him the edge in a competitive race...STONE HANOVER was first over in a fast paced race...ULTIMAROCA left in :25.3 from post 8 and held well in last...BILLY CLYDE finally left the gate and beat weaker nicely.

RACE 8

4 TEST OF FAITH 2-5
5 MIKALA 3-1
6 OAKWOODANABELLA IR 7-1
2 FIRE START HANOVER 13-1

TEST OF FAITH had a long tough grind from post 10 and was a game second against tougher last week...MIKALA beat the top pick when able to rate her own pace and is now 4 for 4 on the year, although she hasn't been tested and should be tonight...OAKWOODANABELLA IR raced well in last and seems likely to leave in this Final...FIRE START HANOVER struggled in that tough field last week but would fit here on one of her better races.

RACE 9

4 TAKE ALL COMERS** 6-1
6 RATTLE MY CAGE 5-2
3 AHUNDREDDOLLARBILL 4-1
7 SONOFAMISTERY 6-1

TAKE ALL COMERS left in :26.1 and moved again, held well for the show; upset call...RATTLE MY CAGE has won three in a row for the Svanstedt barn...AHUNDREDDOLLARBILL faded in last but that was a much stronger field; may be closing the fastest and the pace should be quick...SONOFAMISTERY best needed.

RACE 10

5 NIGHT HAWK 8-5
2 CAVIART CAMDEN 7-2
1 CAPTAINRYANMICHAEL 7-2
7 MARKET BASED 5-1

NIGHT HAWK didn't leave in the NA Cup and had no chance; rates top billing in this elimination race.

RACE 11

3 ABUCKETT HANOVER 10-1
2 BULLDOG HANOVER 3-5
10 ROCKYROAD HANOVER 5-1
1 CARBINE 11-1

ABUCKETT HANOVER has been getting sharper each week, adds lasix, might be in a good spot off what should be a fast pace...BULLDOG HANOVER equaled the world record winning in 1:46 flat and didn't look all-out last week. This is a tougher spot but he's in some kind of wicked form...ROCKYROAD HANOVER drew post 10 so Todd McCarthy chose to drive CARBINE, but this classy 4yo is sharp. A few years ago I might have picked this 10-2-3 but the post position bias is worse now.

RACE 12

2 THANKFUL NO 4-1
1 BALENCIAGA 5-2
3 I DA PRINCESS 4-1
7 STORM IS RAGING 4-1

THANKFUL NO has done her best racing at Yonkers and is 0 for 9 at this track but she had a tough trip against a better field here three back and now gets a key driver change to the sport's top driver...BALENCIAGA is better than last and looks like the one to beat...I DA PRINCESS and STORM IS RAGING both ship in sharp for Burke and Gingras stuck with the three.

RACE 13

7 DE LOS CIELOS DEO 5-2
2 STONEBRIDGE REEF 7-2
8 ROCKIN ON VENUS 7-2
1 AS ALWAYS 9-1

DE LOS CIELOS DEO drops and classy veteran can leave...STONEBRIDGE REEF improving sort may be in a good spot here...ROCKIN ON VENUS changes hands off a nice wire to wire win at this level, figures to get used harder to get the lead but can take another...AS ALWAYS was in a tough field in last and fits here with the right trip.

BEST BET: TAKE ALL COMERS 9th Race