

## **Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Friday, July 22**

**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 PURPLE SKY 15-1  
5 ILLINI DUKE 5-2  
9 ALWAYS A FORCE 5-2  
4 WILLIE BRENNAN 6-1

PURPLE SKY has improved since the barn change with his only very weak effort coming over an off track; driver Mack Macdonald drives for the first time and he has popped quite a few good-priced winners the first time he got in the bike...ILLINI DUKE is the obvious one to catch getting a catch driver back...ALWAYS A FORCE comes off a good effort and could be best despite post 9...WILLIE BRENNAN gets a trainer change and tries two turns for the first time.

#### RACE 2

6 WILD OATS 2-1  
3 CHULO 5-2  
2 KEN'S WALNER 3-1  
5 BEYOND THE HILL 6-1

WILD OATS raced well in Maine last year but he did break a few times, then moved into the high-powered Alagna barn and broke in his first qualifier, came back with a sharp qualifier so they put him in the Graduate where he drew post 10 and was racing well before breaking on the final turn. His last qualifier was on the slow side and that will build his odds, but the bottom line is, if he stays flat and races the way he did against much better in the Graduate, he'll be tough to beat here...CHULO is another trotter that struggles with breaks but his parked-out grinding win in an Ohio sire stakes two back was a game effort...KEN'S WALNER has two wins over this track and fits well here...BEYOND THE HILL had no shot from post 8 in last at Yonkers but won two of his three prior starts and has a win over this track.

#### RACE 3

2 WINNER'S BET 5-2  
3 D'APPER 7-5  
8 PURPLE LORD 7-2  
9 GO REV 8-1

#### RACE 4

1 ARI FERRARI J 4-1  
9 CELEBRITY BAMBINO 5-2  
10 DIRE STRAITS 4-1  
5 LITTLE EXPENSIVE 4-1

Wide open \$240,000 NJ Sire Stakes for 2yo trotters here. ARI FERRARI J raced gamely from post 8 in his second start, which was a big improvement...CELEBRITY BAMBINO showed speed in both starts and Yannick will probably be gunning again...DIRE STRAITS picks up a catch driver tonight and has a shot despite the post...LITTLE EXPENSIVE has been sharp in both starts.

#### RACE 5

- 3 MARVELOUS KISS 9-2
- 9 SHEER TALENT 3-1
- 5 SO DELIGHTFUL 5-1
- 1 TAKEN CONTROL 6-1

MARVELOUS KISS comes out of some quick miles against better fields than this...SHEER TALENT gets a key driver change shipping back in and can leave...SO DELIGHTFUL gets a better post but must do best...TAKEN CONTROL finished gamely in first start for this barn, then brushed to the lead and collapsed in last; hard to gauge but I wouldn't be surprised if she does better than last.

#### RACE 6

- 5 UCANDOIT BLUE CHIP 4-5
- 1 FOX VALLEY ADELE 3-1
- 2 LISA LANE 5-1
- 8 DEVILISH DREAMS 7-1

UCANDOIT BLUE CHIP showed class last start as she left, tucked, went first over and finished in :25.3 for her second career win...FOX VALLEY ADELE adds lasix and has ability...LISA LANE raced gamely from post 9 in her debut then they raced her from off the pace in last and there wasn't much pace in front of her; moves inside...DEVILISH DREAMS showed good speed in her first two starts then lacked a rally in a faster race last time; Andy Mac should put her in play.

#### RACE 7

- 6 ALL ABOUT THE HUNT 2-5
- 5 MAC'S MARVEL 10-1
- 7 CAPTAINGIDDYUPNGO 6-1
- 9 JK MIKI MANTLE 8-1

ALL ABOUT THE HUNT speedy colt looks tough to catch here...MAC'S MARVEL raced well in the Kindergarten over this track last year and was sold for \$140,000. Ships in from Philly where he has turned in some decent efforts but he hasn't improved over last year. Perhaps the change back to two turns and first time lasix will help...CAPTAINGIDDYUPNGO raced well two back then went first over against the top pick and backed up...JK MIKI MANTLE seems to be improving for the Takter barn and can leave.

#### RACE 8

- 7 MAMBACITA 6-5
- 4 GRAND FASHION 4-1
- 1 WALNER PAYTON 4-1
- 2 SECRET VOLO 5-1

MAMBACITA won her first two starts easily and I liked the way she did it. In both starts she brushed to the lead, relaxed, then accelerated again and drew off. It's always a good sign to see that kind of maturity and ability to re-break in a 2yo, especially a 2yo filly trotter....GRAND FASHION well bred filly can keep improving...WALNER PAYTON gunned from post 7 and nailed SECRET VOLO on the wire...SECRET VOLO made two moves to the lead and just missed.

#### RACE 9

- 2 FINAL JUSTICE 4-1
- 5 KINGOFTHEJUNGLE 4-1
- 6 SCRAPPIN GOLD 5-2
- 3 DANDY IDEA 10-1
- 1 GRATEFUL KISS 10-1

FINAL JUSTICE doesn't win that often these days but his form is good and Dunn often works out the perfect trip...KINGOFTHEJUNGLE comes off a sick scratch but is dangerous here...SCRAPPIN GOLD doesn't win that often but he's in good form...DANDY IDEA gets a key driver change to Tetrick...GRATEFUL KISS signs of life in last.

#### RACE 10

5 LIFES A PUZZLE 8-5  
7 HANDLELIKEAPORSCH 2-1  
1 VOUKEFALAS 5-2  
6 BETTERUPTHEANTE 15-1

LIFES A PUZZLE has shown a sharp burst of speed; edge in another sire stakes Final...HANDLELIKEAPORSCH raced gamely against the top pick in both starts, beating him in last...VOUKEFALAS finished gamely in his first two starts and has a shot here.

#### RACE 11

5 HAMMER TIME 8-5  
2 SPIRIT OF DEO 7-2  
3 ALL RISE 5-1  
1 QUICK DEAL 10-1

HAMMER TIME moves into the sport's top barn and puts the hobbles back on while getting a key driver change to Gingras...SPIRIT OF DEO takes a key drop and looks like the main rival...ALL RISE was sharp winning an amateur driver event in first start for new barn, now gets picks up the sport's top driver...QUICK DEAL once classy 14 year old was racing well for the Harmer barn but has reverted to his old breaking habits since the claim. Todd McCarthy did take him over the 3 horse here, and he's got the speed to threaten if he's in the mood.

#### RACE 12

5 BARGAIN SHOPPER\*\* 8-1  
6 LOVE YOURSELF 7-2  
3 IDEAL SUSPECT 7-2  
2 MCKEE CREEK 10-1

BARGAIN SHOPPER was shuffled after leaving; upset call in a weak field.

#### RACE 13

2 PETER PUMPINEATER 3-1  
4 LOVELY LADY MAN 4-1  
7 SIX DAY WARS 4-1  
8 S MCKEE 10-1

BEST BET: BARGAIN SHOPPER 12<sup>th</sup> Race