

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Friday, July 8

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

3 DIRE STRAITS 8-5
7 UPSTAGED 2-1
2 CELEBRITY BAMBINO 5-2
1 PURPOSE LORD 8-1

RACE 2

6 JS JASPER 6-5
7 FIX IT UP 4-1
2 SKYWAY TENACIOUS 6-1
1 MARVLOUSTRIX 8-1

JS JASPER raced okay on the front end in last; gets the nod by default in a blank field.

RACE 3

1 BOND 5-2
3 IN ITALIAN 6-5
5 IF THE SHOE FITS 4-1
7 KITTY HAWK S 5-1

BOND won her only prep race sharply then was scratched sick at the Meadows on July 1. Svanstedt is not going to start a first time starter if she's not right...IN ITALIAN is a full sister to Atlanta that sold for a lot of money and she won her two Gaitway preps handily...IF THE SHOE FITS improved sharply in second prep race, beating KITTY HAWK S, who also prepped well.

RACE 4

2 TAKEN CONTROL** 6-5
4 ONE CROOKEDLEG 7-2
5 BRUSH N CRUSH 6-1
6 MGS BEST ERA EVA 6-1

TAKEN CONTROL finished gamely in first start off the barn change; moves inside.

RACE 5

5 ALWAYS A FORCE 2-1
4 ART HISTORY 2-1
8 PETER PUMPKINEATER 6-1
7 CECIL CASANOVA 9-1

RACE 6

7 CORSINI A 9-1
1 ALKIPPE 4-1
2 KATHYS MOMENT 4-1
6 COUSIN MARY 4-1

CORSINI A finished in :25.4 last week and seems fit enough if Callahan can work out a trip...ALKIPPE steps up sharp and this field isn't that imposing for this level...KATHYS MOMENT consistent sort...COUSIN MARY raced okay on the front end in last and is a threat here.

RACE 7

6 GALACTIC GALLEON 4-1
3 TEXICAN N 4-1
2 ROCK TO GLORY 4-1
5 DOCTOR BUTCH 8-1

GALACTIC GALLEON lacked a rally in a quick mile in a race won by a repeat winner; threat from on or off the pace...TEXICAN N moves back inside and raced well on the lead two back...ROCK TO GLORY will be closing...DOCTOR BUTCH is inconsistent but has three wins over this track this year; factor in another wide open amateur driver race.

RACE 8

7 CODE CRACKER 8-5
6 BOARDWALK BET 5-2
5 THE CLAW 4-1
8 TRUE BLUE LINDY 5-1

CODE CRACKER speedy sort is better than last, key drop...BOARDWALK BET ships in sharp with speed...THE CLAW finished well in an improved effort in last...TRUE BLUE LINDY comes out of a fast race but would fit well here on one of his good efforts.

RACE 9

3 LIFES A PUZZLE 4-5
1 HANDLELIKEAPORSCH 5-2
4 YOUKEFALAS 8-1
2 UNDENIABLEBLUECHIP 9-1

LIFES A PUZZLE looks like a bargain purchase as he went first over with authority to win his debut and came home in :26.1...HANDLELIKEAPORSCH had post 9 in debut and had to be used on a sustained move to get the lead then was no match for the top pick, but from this post, he might have more luck.

RACE 10

4 STRAIGHT TALK 7-2
7 LITERL LAD HANOVER 5-2
2 SAYING GRACE N 4-1
1 BRACKLEY BEACH 8-1

RACE 11

8 OH WELL 7-5
3 UP YOUR DEO 4-1
1 POINT OF PERFECT 4-1
4 WALLANDAR 10-1

RACE 12

4 SHOEMAKER HANOVER 4-1
1 CAFÉ AMERICANO 4-1
7 WILLTOWIN HANOVER 5-2
8 FLANAGAN DESTINY 6-1

RACE 13

8 SERMON 2-1

7 CRYSTAL FASHION 7-2

4 SHINKANSEN 6-1

6 KNIGHT ANGEL 9-1

BEST BET: TAKEN CONTROL 4th Race