

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, July 16

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 BACKSTREET SHADOW 8-5
5 BILLY CLYDE 5-2
7 WES DELIGHT 7-2
9 BRONX SEELSTER 8-1

Excellent Meadowlands Pace card tonight! BACKSTREET SHADOW had an extra week's rest since last which could help the classy 7 year old as he drops out of a very fast race...BILLY CLYDE went wire to wire on a speed favoring night last week, but also won out of the pocket in a career best 1:48.1 two back...WES DELIGHT is third off a layoff, drops; he rarely leaves the gate, which is the reason why I put him third instead of first or second, but he should be ready for a top try here...BRONX SEELSTER ships in from Yonkers in good form, he is 0 for 4 at this track but he could be the last one to clear the lead here, and that was the winning formula last Saturday as eight horses went to the lead and held on.

RACE 2

1 RAISED BY LINDY 7-5
4 FASHION SCHOONER 2-1
6 MANON 3-1
2 DELILAH HANOVER 8-1

RAISED BY LINDY has shown steady progress in three starts this year, took her lifetime mark in a dead heat win last start and she has a versatile style that gives Gingras options...FASHION SCHOONER stepped up in last and was beaten at short odds; she's only raced eight times and has room to keep improving...MANON has developed rapidly this year for hot barn; Tetrick took the 4 over this filly but she saved ground and finished quickly to dead heat Raised By Lindy last start and she is a threat here.

RACE 3

7 JOVIALITY S 2-5
3 VENERABLE 5-2
4 MISSWALKNER FASHION 12-1
6 DATE NIGHT 15-1

JOVIALITY S was the top 2yo filly trotter last year and is undefeated in 5 starts so far this year...VENERABLE is a quality filly and I wouldn't be shocked if she upset here.

RACE 4

2 REBUFF 4-5
5 FAST AS THE WIND 7-2
1 TEMPORAL HANOVER 4-1
6 PRETENDER 12-1

REBUFF was in a tough spot 6th behind a modest pace but finished full of trot to win his seasonal debut; should be able to go first over and beat these...FAST AS THE WIND was sharp racing off the pace coming into the Zweig at Vernon but had to leave because of post 9 and he gave way after setting the pace; the

sport's top driver, Dexter Dunn, will look to follow the favorite this time...TEMPORAL HANOVER is in good form...PRETENDER is a nice filly but needs a trip to have a chance here.

RACE 5

9 BETTORS DONTTELL 8-5
1 RUTHLESS HANOVER 2-1
7 ONE EIGHT HUNDRED 4-1
8 WHITECOOKIE 12-1

BETTORS DONTTELL has raced gamely against tougher recently...RUTHLESS HANOVER has been racing well against similar while unable to get that first win of the year but gets Andy McCarthy back and draws inside of his main rival...ONE EIGHT HUNDRED was trying to close off a fairly soft pace and against a strong bias in last; fits here on best...WHITECOOKIE throw out last when used very hard; sharp effort against similar two back.

RACE 6

8 BRANDED BY LINDY 7-5
4 B A SUPERHERO 3-1
1 KING OF THE NORTH 7-2
5 CLASSIC HILL 10-1

BRANDED BY LINDY broke in the Zwieg which I believe was the first time he has gone off stride; he hasn't been his best so far this year but this is only his fourth start off the bench and they need to test him before the Hambo eliminations...B A SUPERHERO crushed weaker in a good looking effort...KING OF THE NORTH has shown steady improvement in three starts this year.

RACE 7

4 TREACHEROUS DRAGON 2-5
5 BOUDOIR HANOVER 7-2
8 QUEEN OF SUCCESS 10-1
1 LYONS SERENITY 12-1

TREACHEROUS DRAGON has been on a roll so far this year...BOUDOIR HANOVER has only hit the board once in four starts over this track but comes off a sharp career best win at Hoosier and may be ready to give the favorite some competition now.

RACE 8

5 ATLANTA 7-5
2 WHEN DOVESCRY 9-5
3 NEXT LEVEL STUFF 6-1
8 HERCULISA 8-1

ATLANTA should be able to work her way to the lead here, although if she doesn't leave, she'll still be tough to beat...WHEN DOVESCRY hasn't won yet this year but she's in good form and clearly the main rival...NEXT LEVEL STUFF is better than last...HERCULISA is real good right now.

RACE 9

1 TEST OF FAITH 1-2
8 LYONS SENTINEL 10-1
6 RACINE BELL 4-1
10 MIKALA 6-1

TEST OF FAITH has a class edge...LYONS SENTINEL needs more pace in front of her unless they can figure out a way to get her involved earlier; she's capable of an upset with the right trip...RACINE BELL stole that

one beautifully in the Perfect Sting and will be firing out again...MIKALA is in career best form but gets stuck with post 10, which has been winning at less than 6% this year, much lower than it has in the past.

RACE 10

4 TATTOO ARTIST 5-1
7 BULLDOG HANOVER 2-5
9 ROCKYROAD HANOVER 6-1
5 AMERICAN COURAGE 14-1

TATTOO ARTIST handles this track well and he's capable of going faster over this lightning-fast surface than he did at Mohawk, has the speed to work out a trip, and can upset...BULLDOG HANOVER is at the top of his game and if he gets any sort of breather, he's home free...ROCKYROAD HANOVER is in rare form but trying to close from post 9 or post 10 in these stakes races is tougher than ever; perhaps he'll float out and look to flush cover...AMERICAN COURAGE didn't have an easy trip here two back; he's sharp but needs some racing luck here.

RACE 11

8 RATTLE MY CAGE 5-2
11 BELLA BELLINI 6-5
9 CUATRO DE JULIO 9-2
3 AMBASSADOR HANOVER 15-1

RATTLE MY CAGE is sharp for a top barn and should be well placed in this mile and an eighth stakes race...BELLA BELLINI is the class here but Dunn will have to navigate the second tier this time; still the one to beat...CUATRO DE JULIO didn't leave from post 10 in the Graduate Final and that was that, but he'll be leaving here with the longer run-up and may be the last one to the lead this time...AMBASSADOR HANOVER has been getting sharper and if this race falls apart, I wouldn't be shocked to see this guy picking up the pieces late.

RACE 12

3 NIGHT HAWK 5-2
6 BEACH GLASS 3-5
4 MARKET BASED 8-1
5 EARLY ACTION 8-1
7 FOUREVER BOY 18-1

NIGHT HAWK was raced off the pace in a situation where he only had to qualify for the Final and he rallied wide against the bias, finishing boldly; upset chance from on or off the pace here although I expect him to leave...BEACH GLASS made two moves to the lead and drew off to a sharp win; he'll probably get tested harder here but he comes into this the right way and may be tough to deny...MARKET BASED leave and worked out a perfect trip to win his elimination; he's been erratic but that was a good sign...EARLY ACTION has yet to find his form this year but he raced okay from a tough spot in last and might be ready to show his best...FOUREVER BOY saved ground, angled out in midstretch and was flying late in last.

RACE 13

3 HAIL CHRISTIAN N 8-5
8 DE LOS CIELOS DEO 5-2
6 AS ALWAYS 7-2
9 BIG CHIC MAGNET 8-1

HAIL CHRISTIAN N gets a better post...DE LOS CIELOS DEO might be tough to catch if he makes the lead...AS ALWAYS takes a key drop and is a threat...BIG CHIC MAGNET showed improvement in first two starts for new barn, steps up, might try to wire these.

RACE 14

4 CLIFFHANGER** 7-2

2 OUR MAJORDAN A 7-2

1 JIMS PERFECT TEN 4-1

5 BELL FAMILY 4-1

CLIFFHANOVER gets a barn change and a big driver change to Tetrick...OUR MAJORDAN A has backclass and ships in with improved form while picking up Dunn...JIMS PERFECT TEN showed some life in last...BELL FAMILY steps up sharp.

BEST BET: CLIFFHANGER 14th Race