

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, December 3

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 clear edge.

Meadowlands Race Picks by Bob Pandolfo

RACE 1

5 LENDA HAND MAN 2-1
7 CHIEF OF STAFF 5-2
3 GRATEFUL KISS 7-2
4 GALACTIC STORM 5-1

LEND A HAND MAN was overmatched at Pocono in last; two back he lacked a rally when favored at this level but that race came up fast and he seems the most accomplished here...CHIEF OF STAFF steps up sharp...GRATEFUL KISS is in good form and has speed...GALACTIC STORM disappointed at Vernon in last on November 18 but picks up Dunn here and could improve.

RACE 2

2 SWAN TRIXIE 5-2
4 PRIMADONNA DEO 8-5
8 STRIDE THE HILL 3-1
6 JAQEN H'GHAR 5-1

SWAN DIXIE was chasing M-Ms Dream the top 3yo trotting filly in Indiana and turned in some good efforts against her; Dunn took her over two others here...PRIMADONNA DEO hasn't raced since October 30, changes hands after selling for \$145,000. She only has 1 win in 18 starts over this track but she was in too tough in some of those races; the one to beat if ready...STRIDE THE HILL also changes hands from a sale and moves into a hot barn...JAQEN H'GHAR has been improving steadily for a top trotting barn and picks up Gingras here.

RACE 3

6 THE IDEAL DANCER A 8-5
7 ARDEN MESSI N 2-1
8 ON ACCIDENT 7-2
1 CONTROL HEAVEN 6-1

THE IDEAL DANCER A makes U.S. start for trainer Andrew Harris and finished strongly in his qualifier...ARDEN MESSI N also makes his U.S. debut for Harris and he finished ahead of The Ideal Dancer A in that solid qualifier...ON ACCIDENT left well and yielded then went first over and held well considering...CONTROL HEAVEN hasn't raced as well here as he did at Mohawk but he did rally for the place against weaker in last and he gets Dunn.

RACE 4

7 ALWAYS A PANTHER 5-2
2 HENRICO 7-2
9 ITS SHOWTIME 4-1
6 SHADOW PHANTASY N 6-1

ALWAYS A PANTHER shows the most in weak field...HENRICO moves inside with a driver change...ITS SHOWTIME hasn't raced since August but did show speed against faster in his last start here in

July...SHADOW PHANTASY N hasn't raced in a year and only raced three times last year but changes barns and qualified okay.

RACE 5

10 PLAY JET RAY 7-5
6 SPOILERONTHEBEACH 6-1
8 DIG DANNY DIG 8-1
2 WINDSONG JACK 8-1

PLAY JET RAY has always been a horse that, although erratic at times, was also capable of sharp speed, and he showed that speed in his return to the Big M last week as he wired similar handily in first start for the Luke Hanners barn. He draws a tough post but there are a lot of question marks in this field....SPOILERONTHEBEACH never got involved in last but picks up Gingras and he can leave here...DIG DANNY DIG picks up Dunn...WINDSONG JACK has backclass.

RACE 6

3 GENERAL MONTANA N 2-1
10 STONEBRIDGE REEF 2-1
7 AMERICAN CLASSIC 3-1
2 MAXIMUS MIKI 6-1

GENERAL MONTANA N makes his U.S. debut off two solid qualifiers for a top barn...STONEBRIDGE REEF left fast in last, yielded and just missed out of the pocket. He's the only horse in this race that has won over this track (3 wins in 15 starts) and he gets a key driver change to Jason Bartlett, who has been red-hot all year and is finishing off the best year of his career as he's second in earnings and wins...AMERICAN CLASSIC added lasix in first start for new barn and rolled to an easy win at Pocono; faces faster but gets Dunn and has room to keep improving...MAXIMUS MIKI has won 4 of his 5 career starts, all at Pocono; meets faster but has been racing gamely and could keep improving.

RACE 7

6 BIG CHIC MAGNET** 6-1
8 REAGAN BLUE CHIP 5-1
3 PALOMAR 5-1
10 PASSA-GRILLE BEACH 6-1
1 PRAIRIE PANTHER 6-1

This is a wide open and interesting race. BIG CHIC MAGNET was dull in last at Pocono but the last two times he raced over this track he won and the field he beat here in July was better than this; adds lasix, improvement expected... REAGAN BLUE CHIP has been keeping good company and had no shot from post 8 in last at Yonkers...PALOMAR went evenly at this level in last but I think that field was faster...PASSA-GRILLE BEACH lacked a rally from the pocket in last but overall his recent form is good and this might be a slower field than he's been facing; post could be a problem...PRAIRIE PANTHER ships in from Batavia and picks up Dunn. He's done very well in the Open at Tioga and Batavia and he took his mark over this track a few years ago.

RACE 8

6 SPEEDY DOMINIC A 5-1
8 MAJOR FERNCO N 5-1
2 OCEAN RIDGE N 5-1
9 ADAM CROCKER A 6-1

SPEEDY DOMINIC A finished with pace in a race he probably needed in last and he turned in some solid efforts against faster horses here this summer...MAJOR FERNCO N drops off a race he needed...OCEAN RIDGE N ships in off a win for a high-percentage trainer and he won a race over this track this year...ADAM CROCKER A broke early in last but he won his two prior starts.

RACE 9

- 2 TEXAS TERROR N 5-2
- 6 COXCOMB 3-1
- 8 A BETTOR BEACH 7-2
- 5 CANDYS IMAGE ROCKS 8-1

TEXAS TERROR N chased a sharp winner in last, moves inside...COXCOMB has been racing gamely at Pocono...A BETTOR BEACH beat similar twice in his last four starts at Pocono and took his mark here.

RACE 10

- 1 VETTEL N 4-1
- 6 CRUNCH TIME A 4-1
- 7 ILIKEMEBETTOR A 4-1
- 8 FUNATTHEBEACH N 4-1

VETTEL N game pacer always fires and has 8 wins over this track...CRUNCH TIME A won his first two U.S. starts, steps up for hot barn...ILIKEMEBETTOR A has won 4 of 6 since shipping in from down-under and he has dangerous speed...FUNATTHEBEACH N classy sort hasn't raced since October.

RACE 11

- 1 FIX-IT-UP 4-1
- 4 ELEGANT DULUPIN FR 4-1
- 6 TAD KRAZY HANOVER 4-1
- 7 SECRET OR NOT 10-1

RACE 12

- 8 RIVER DALI 6-5
- 4 REVELRY 5-2
- 1 GO WEST GO FAST 7-1
- 7 DOCTOR BUTCH 9-1

RACE 13

- 3 LEON DAVID 7-5
- 7 TRUFFLE DOG 5-2
- 8 PADUKA N 4-1
- 6 RIFLEMAN 8-1

RACE 14

- 1 NOME HANOVER 4-1
- 2 SPRINGSTEEN 4-1
- 5 ROCK STEADY RON 4-1
- 9 WHAT THE LUCK 7-1

BEST BET: BIG CHIC MAGNET 7th Race