

## **Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, December 31- Happy New Year!**

**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

1 BOILER MAKER 8-5  
4 DONTLIKEITLEAVE 2-1  
8 KAPORAL 6-1  
2 LENDA HAND MAN 6-1

BOILER MAKER is a win type in good form and beat similar here two back...DONTLIKEITLEAVE ships in from Hoosier off a claim by live barn and looks like the one to beat...KAPORAL comes down from Canada, turned in some races during the summer that would make him competitive here, changes barns...LENDAHAND MAN was second against weaker here two back but is a threat on one of his top efforts.

#### RACE 2

1 SPORTS HERO 2-1  
2 ROCKABILLY CHARM 4-1  
4 THNDRFMTHETHRON N 2-1  
6 RAPTORS FLIGHT N 5-1

SPORTS HERO looked much improved in a sharp wire to wire amateur driver race win in first start for this barn last start, now gets a key driver change...ROCKABILLY CHARM handles this track well and gets a key driver change to Austin Siegelman, who is having a career year in both wins and earnings. Siegleman woke up a few longshots to win over this track this meet and this pacer fits very well here...THNDRFMTHETHRON N throw out last from post 10, recent form is sharp, can take all...RAPTORS FLIGHT N beat similar in last start over the track and can leave.

#### RACE 3

6 FOX VALLEY CARLIN 8-5  
7 SHARKY BEAR 2-1  
3 THIRD EDITION 6-1  
9 BLUE OCEAN 7-1

FOX VALLEY CARLIN has been racing well against better...SHARKY BEAR beat similar in last at Philadelphia and put in a pretty good front end effort in his first start over this track two back...THIRD EDITION has speed...BLUE OCEAN never got involved from post 8 in last but showed speed and raced well over this track in his two prior starts.

#### RACE 4

3 ARIOS HANOVER 3-5  
1 MIND HUNTER 3-1  
2 STONEBRIDGE REEF 9-2  
7 FORREST BLU 8-1

ARIOS HANOVER has raced twice over this track and both were sharp wire to wire wins...MIND HUNTER went a huge mile at Yonkers in first start for new barn in last and should be on the favorite's tail...STONEBRIDGE REEF usually races well without winning at this level, adds lasix looking to get over the

hump...FORREST BLU was second behind the choice here three back, won last at Yonkers, holding form.

RACE 5

- 1 ACTION HANOVER 2-1
- 7 GIVE US A WAVE A 5-2
- 3 BECHERS BROOK A 4-1
- 4 GRATEFULL KISS 11-1

ACTION HANOVER raced okay against tougher in first start for the Burke barn; drops, rates top call...GIVE US A WAVE A had post 10 in his U.S. debut and was coming on...BECHERS BROOK A was first over into a stepped up last half in last at Philly and held the place; likes this track...GRATEFUL KISS was 48-1 in last and lacked a rally but that was a pretty tough field for this level.

RACE 6

- 6 BALLERAT BOOMERANG 4-1
- 1 BRACKLEY BEACH 4-1
- 8 SHERIFF N 4-1
- 2 OSTRO HANOVER 9-2

BALLERAT BOOMERANG has speed and 4 wins over this track...BRACKLEY BEACH hasn't hit the board in 5 trips over this track but his recent Yonkers form is sharp...SHERIFF N was in too tough in last but fits well here and can leave...OSTRO HANOVER didn't have an easy trip in last at Yonkers. His form was much better in the spring but he's dangerous on one of his better efforts...SHERIFF N was in with tougher in last and fits well here if Zeron can work out a trip.

RACE 7

- 4 REIGNING DEO\*\* 8-1
- 8 REVOLVER N 4-1
- 3 HIGH BALLER 4-1
- 2 GENTLEMAN II IE 4-1

REIGNING DEO hasn't hit the board in 7 races over this track but he finished well against a better field from a tough spot here three back, his recent form at Yonkers has been good, and he may get a nice trip here...REVOLVER N was overmatched in last but beat similar sharply two back...HIGH BALLER is in form and has speed...GENTLEMAN II IE changes hands, raced well against similar in his last two starts at Yonkers.

RACE 8

- 2 SHVAIKO 2-1
- 10 IDEALSOMEMAGIC A 6-1
- 5 SPEEDY DOMINIC A 2-1
- 9 CATCH ME CONRAD 8-1

SHVAIKO beat a much better field here earlier in the year, came off a six month layoff last start and had post 8, left, tucked 5<sup>th</sup>, was shuffled back to 9<sup>th</sup>, and finished quickly late in a good effort in first start for the Pantaleano barn...IDEALSOMEMAGIC A went evenly in his U.S. debut, drops, might try leaving here...SPEEDY DOMINIC A made two moves to the lead and weakened in last; dangerous speed off the drop.

RACE 9

- 2 WHITECOOKIE 8-5
- 7 MYSWEETBOYMAX 5-1
- 10 DONTPASSME HANOVER 8-1
- 9 I'LL DRINK TO THAT 8-1

WHITECOOKIE ships in from Yonkers for Burke and drops, took his mark over this track earlier this year...MYSWEETBOYMAX might have needed last; his best races have been at Yonkers but he seems fast enough to go with these if he comes up with one of his better efforts...DONTPASSME HANOVER drops and gets live hands and this 4yo turned in some solid efforts against tougher here in the fall...I'LL DRINK TO THAT drops and is capable of leaving the gate.

RACE 10

- 1 ULTIMAROCA 2-1
- 7 AS ALWAYS 5-2
- 5 THE BIRD DANCE N 3-1
- 2 BAILEYS ROCK N 4-1

RACE 11

- 3 TEXAS TERROR N 8-5
- 8 SECRECY 5-2
- 7 BIG BAD BILL 6-1
- 4 SAFENSOUND HANOVER 6-1

TEXAS TERROR N game 14 year old will have to retire after tonight, unless they race in the amateur driver events. He's having a terrific season with 8 wins and over \$100,000 in earnings, his form is solid, and he should be tough to beat here...SECRECY ships in sharp from Yonkers and figures to be leaving fast.

RACE 12

- 4 LIKE CLOCKWORK 5-2
- 1 GAME OF CHANGE 7-2
- 3 THE WALL 4-1
- 2 LETSGOTOBRAZIL A 6-1

RACE 13

- 10 WHOLE LOTTA LOU 5-2
- 8 RIFLEMAN 4-1
- 2 DA GHETTO WIZARD 6-1
- 5 WILLIAM MCWHISKERS 6-1

WHOLE LOTTA LOU continues his slide down the ladder but he raced okay setting the pace in the slop at Harrahs Philadelphia in last and he raced well against much faster horses here this summer; I like the driver change to Mark McDonald.

RACE 14

- 7 OHOKA CHOPPER N 5-2
- 2 MELANIE'S NICK 5-2
- 1 KIMANI N 7-2
- 5 MV OK PALACIO BR 8-1

OHOKA CHOPPER N had a tough post in his U.S. debut, then got bet down to 4-5 off the drop and broke. Tries the big track which might help...MELANIE'S NICK beat similar here two back off a game effort from post 9 and a hustling drive by Jolting Joe Bongiorno, who always gives you a run for your money...KIMANI N has been sharp at Yonkers...MV OK PALACIO BR gets a catch driver tonight.

BEST BET: REIGNING DEO 7<sup>th</sup> Race