

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Friday, January 13

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

3 NIGHT EXPLORER 8-5
4 ALWAYS A PANTHER 4-1
1 IN NEVADA N 4-1
6 ROYAL COURTIER 15-1

RACE 2

2 MADDOX HANOVER 2-1
7 DOC SEMALU 7-2
9 PHILOSOPHIZER 7-1
6 NESH CRUISER 8-1

MADDOX HANOVER gets a better post and seems sharpest. Driver William Carter is 19 years old, last year he won 9 races in 100 starts and he has 3 wins in 26 starts (12%) here at the Meadowlands. I'll give him the edge in the annual Martin Luther King Remembrance Pace featuring African American drivers....DOC SEMALU gets a better post...PHILOSOPHIZER was in with much tougher here on Dec. 10 and on Dec. 2 he raced very well from post 10, as he gunned to the lead in :26.3, set the pace and gamely held the show...NESH CRUISER is an 11 year old who knows how to win and he had post 8 in last at Monticello.

RACE 3

4 BET ON BLAKE 5-2
1 THE COOKIE MONSTER 3-1
3 CAMPORA N 7-2
7 NORTHERN NETWORK 8-1

BET ON BLAKE was used hard leaving in last at Yonkers and tired; hasn't raced in a month but this barn trains their horses to be ready off layoffs...THE COOKIE MONSTER drops and is a threat...CAMPORA N has won two races over this track including his career best, drops and gets a driver change...NORTHERN NETWORK was used hard in a speed duel with Bet On Blake in last at Yonkers.

RACE 4

5 GOTTALOVEMYSHADOW 4-1
1 EVAS SPORTS CZECH 5-1
6 MILADY DENVER A 5-1
9 NO WHERE TO HIDE 6-1

GOTTALOVEMYSHADOW made two moves to the lead setting the pace in the slop and was second the last time she raced here; edge in a tricky MLK/PRO driver race.

RACE 5

8 PETER'S ROYALTY 5-2
10 HOCKEY HANOVER 4-1
6 BAUTISTA 6-1
1 BLOGMASTER 6-1

RACE 6

5 SPORTS HERO** 5-2
6 WINDSONG JACK 4-1
8 RAPTORS FLIGHT N 4-1
1 THNDRFRMTHETHRON N 4-1

SPORTS HERO is clearly stepping up in class last here but I think he'll take money and might be 2-1 or lower because in his first start for this barn he improved sharply and went wire to wire to an easy win with the part-owner and trainer in the bike and now he picks up catch driver Joe Bongiorno, who is also a part owner...WINDSONG JACK hasn't raced in a month and is now 13 years old but he won \$73,000 last year and he likes this track...RAPTORS FLIGHT N steps up off an easy win over the track...THNDRFRMTHETHRON N has been hurt by outside posts lately.

RACE 7

5 FORREST 7-5
1 ADMIRE 4-1
9 PENCILS DOWN 4-1
10 ESPLOSIONE 9-2

FORREST has turned the corner since the barn change, beat this kind last week and looks for his 4th straight win...ADMIRE adds lasix off the layoff for good trainer...PENCILS DOWN is in good form, post might hurt...ESPLOSIONE earned good money in sire stakes action up in Canada and would fit here if ready for first start since November but layoff and post are not ideal.

RACE 8

2 SUNDAY AFTERNOON 8-5
5 LADY ROCKNROLLA A 2-1
3 VEL DONNA 9-2
4 PURAMERI 6-1

SUNDAY AFTERNOON only has 1 win in 17 starts over this track but that win was at this level against a better field than this in September and her two move effort on November 26 was a tough trip against a much faster field; she takes a key drop off a short layoff...LADY ROCKNROLLA improved mare has won four in a row including her last two starts over this track; steps up sharp.

RACE 9

5 HEAVENISSOFARAWAY 8-5
4 PRARIE WESTERN GAL 5-2
1 LETS RYDE GIRL 3-1
6 KAITLYN N 6-1

HEAVENISSOFARAWAY is in form and has speed...PRARIE WESTERN GAL raced well in both starts here...LETS RYDE GIRL had a tough post in last, two back was a game first over placing...KAITLYN N gets a key driver change to Gingras.

RACE 10

4 MAN DONTFORGET ME 5-2
9 WAHS FIRE BUG N 4-1
6 SOME GIRLS SOMEWHERE A 3-1
1 JODY 7-2

MAN DONTFORGET ME had a solid year last year, might be better at Yonkers, but she finished second to a sharp winner here in November and she raced well over the track last week, left, was shuffled, finished gamely for the place...WAHS FIRE BUG N dominated winning her first two starts in this country at Saratoga, qualified sharp over the track and would not be a surprise despite stepping up in class

here...SOMEGIRLSOMEWHEREA never got into the race in last but her form has been solid and she fits well in this competitive race...JODY beat similar in last and is hard to eliminate.

RACE 11

3 ZLATAN 7-2
6 SKYWAY KON MAN 2-1
2 INXS 6-1
4 SIDD FINCH 10-1

ZLATAN changes barns and gets a better spot, loves this track...SKYWAY KON MAN drops and figures to go well here.

RACE 12

4 LYONS PRIDE 2-1
6 LOU'S BEACH 7-2
10 HUNTED HOUSE 4-1
8 ICANGOGO 10-1

RACE 13

8 SHINKANSEN 4-1
2 PAPPY GO GO 5-2
3 LIGHTNINGFAST 9-2
9 PAULIE WALNUTS 11-1

SHINKANSEN may hang on here...PAPPY GO GO drops, looks like the one to beat...LIGHTNINGFAST just missed against similar...PAULIE WALNUTS was a pretty good 3yo but didn't race for over two years then broke in his return here last month, broke again in his qualifier, then stayed flat in his last qualifier, now this reclamation project takes a pretty steep drop in class.

RACE 14

2 ODDS ON GAMMA 7-2
6 ONECROOKEDLEG 7-2
8 TRIZZLE TRAZZLE 5-1
4 BE BEST 6-1

BEST BET: SPORTS HERO 6th Race