

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, January 28

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 BURNHAM BOY N 8-5
3 UNDRTHSOUTHRNSUN N 2-1
9 ROCKIN THE ACES 5-1
4 PASSA-GRILLE BEACH 8-1

BURNHAM BOY N makes his U.S. debut for a sharp barn and gets the sport's top driver while adding lasix for the first time. His second qualifier was better than his first and he was a solid competitor in Australia, competing against Open caliber horses when he was in form....UNDRTHSOUTHRNSUN N was used hard leaving from post 9 and finished second at even money; hard to knock...ROCKIN THE ACES had a tough parked out trip from post 9, held well, now drops...PASSA-GRILLE BEACH was blocked most of the stretch last week, had some late pace once clear; he also drops, although four other horses are dropping, so this is not a soft spot by any means.

RACE 2

6 SKYWAY KON MAN 8-5
5 PLUMB 8-5
7 HALL IT OFF 9-2
2 PAPPY GO GO 7-1

SKYWAY KON MAN takes a key drop...PLUMB had a perfect trip against similar in last, finished second; fits well here...HALL IT OFF drops and is a threat from on or off the pace...PAPPY GO GO showed speed and held the place against weaker, an improved effort.

RACE 3

6 PJ LOU** 7-5
9 LEON DAVID 5-2
10 MISTER SPOT A 5-1
8 TAM MAJOR A 9-1

PJ LOU qualified back well, makes second start for this barn and gets a key drop...LEON DAVID drops and is a threat at this level...MISTER SPOT A gets tough post but drop helps.

RACE 4

8 THANOS 5-2
4 LONE WOLF AMERICAN 8-5
5 MADDOX HANOVER 7-2
10 MIDNIGHT DAY 6-1

THANOS left from post 9, tucked third, went first over and just missed. He showed speed at Pocono and may wire these...LONE WOLF AMERICAN get up over top pick in last and looks for three in a row...MADDOX HANOVER made two moves to the lead and held the show...MIDNIGHT DAY drops.

RACE 5

8 TRICK OF THE LIGHT 2-1
7 DONT FENCE ME IN 2-1
4 GOLDEN QUEST N 7-2
5 SWEET CHARLIE 4-1

TRICK OF THE LIGHT had post 10 off the layoff in last and made up good ground. She raced gamely in the Mistletoe Shalee here last summer...DONT FENCE ME IN makes her second start off a layoff and she also raced well against some top fillies last year...GOLDEN QUEST N returns off a good qualifier, technically drops in class, although this is a good field for this level...SWEET CHARLIE set the pace and missed by a neck against a weaker field at this level.

RACE 6

9 SUGAR ME N 2-1
7 WATER SPORTS TEEN 5-2
6 DECISION DAY 8-1
9 DE LOS CIELOS DEO 9-2

SUGAR ME N was first over forcing a fast pace against a tougher field; drops for top connections...WATER SPORTS TEEN was beaten as the favorite against similar in his last two starts but he fits well here...DECISION DAY never got involved in last, gets Marcus Miller back and he won with him three back...DE LOS CIELOS DEO classy sort steps up off an easy win.

RACE 7

8 ANDRES HANOVER 5-1
1 DONTLIKEITLEAVE 8-5
4 JOLLITY 10-1
2 LUC ROCKS 4-1

ANDRES HANOVER shows improving form, can upset...DONTLIKEITLEAVE only had 2 wins in 26 starts last year but has now won 3 in a row including a game win against similar last week...JOLLITY Dover shipper moves into a high-percentage barn...LUC ROCKS has a shot with the right trip.

RACE 8

1 CAVIART LUCA 5-1
3 MY PAL JOE 7-2
4 THE BIRD DANCE N 5-1
5 LEVINE 5-1

CAVIART LUCA drew outside posts in his first two starts of the year...MY PAL JOE won at this level two back then had post 10 in last...THE BIRD DANCE N gets Dunn but won his last start, which was five weeks ago...LEVINE is in good form.

RACE 9

3 CONTROL HEAVEN 5-1
5 BALLERAT BOOMERANG 2-1
4 PICKUP MAN HANOVER 5-1
6 STRETCH THE LINE 6-1

CONTROL HEAVEN is 0 for 6 at this track but raced well here a few times and lands Gingras from a good post; upset call in a wide open scramble...BALLERAT BOOMERANG has been racing in good form against similar...PICKUP MAN HANOVER form is solid...STRETCH THE LINE changes hands and comes off a layoff with a couple of qualifiers, picks up Dunn.

RACE 10

3 WHITECOOKIE 5-1

7 IGNATIUS A 7-5
6 ROCKIN MARTY A 7-2
5 THE CLAW 5-1

WHITECOOKIE steps up in class but he showed sharp speed and held gamely behind a classy and sharp repeat winner in his last two starts...IGNATIUS A has 4 wins in 6 starts over this track including a 1:48.3 mile and is dangerous if ready off the layoff...ROCKIN MARTY A was a GR1 (FFA) winner in Australia earlier in his career, shows two qualifiers for a good barn and he can threaten if he's in top form...THE CLAW had no shot in a blazing mile last week.

RACE 11

6 LADYFORD DOLLAR GB 7-5
3 DEALER'S TABLE 4-1
4 ROCKEYED OPTIMIST 7-1
9 TORONTO 7-1

RACE 12

3 LITERL LAD HANOVER 5-2
4 SERIOUSLY HANOVER 4-1
7 LETSGOTOBRAZIL A 9-2
8 DEAL THE CARDS 9-2

RACE 13

2 SURREAL ART 5-1
4 CAPOZZO 2-1
6 DL'S BIG ELVIS 6-1
5 BETTER THAN SOME 6-1

RACE 14

1 HOMESTRETCH WES 9-2
6 THNDRFRMTHETHRON N 5-2
5 ROLL WITH JR 9-2
7 ACTON HANOVER 9-2

BEST BET: PJ LOU 3rd Race