

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, January 7

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 CATCH ME CONRAD 2-1
1 DE LOS CIELOS DEO 8-5
2 THE WALL 3-1
6 SOUTHWIND PETYR 6-1

CATCH ME CONRAD drops off a good effort, can be tough to beat here...DE LOS CIELOS DEO is the class of the field, qualified well for a good layoff barn but streaky horse hasn't raced since July...THE WALL was first over in last, lost by 3 lengths; drops...SOUTHWIND PETYR took his mark over this track, had post 10 in a race he needed last start, drops down.

RACE 2

8 FOX VALLEY CARLIN 8-5
6 LONE WOLF AMERICAN 2-1
5 LET'S GET ROCKED 6-1
10 BLUE OCEAN 12-1

FOX VALLEY CARLIN is in form, takes a key drop...LONE WOLF AMERICAN raced well here two back and also drops...LET'S GET ROCKED has been freshened off a dull effort at Yonkers, makes first start for a tag, needs to show best...BLUE OCEAN gets at tough post but has shown some speed.

RACE 3

4 DIAMONDBEACH 5-1
10 I'LL DRINK TO THAT 7-2
5 WATER SPORTS TEEN 5-2
3 WALKNAFTER MIDNITE 5-1

DIAMONDBEACH showed speed and held well for the show at a higher level the last time he raced here...I'LL DRINK TO THAT drops and is a threat despite the post. To be honest, a few years ago, this would have been my top choice but posts 9 and 10 are winning at much lower percentages than they used to. Post 10 is at 4.8% over the last year...WATER SPORTS TEEN is a fast horse when right but hasn't raced since April; qualified nicely...WALKNAFTER MIDNITE fits well here if ready but hasn't raced in three months and comes off an uninspiring qualifier.

RACE 4

9 MIND HUNTER 8-5
2 KATIES BET 5-1
6 SPORTY M THREE 5-1
7 AUSSIE HANOVER 5-1

MIND HUNTER left quickly in his last start at Yonkers, sat behind a lively pace, brushed to the lead and drew off to a sharp lifetime best win in his first start for trainer Per Engblom, who had a career year in both wins and earnings last year...KATIES BEST was first over on a very cold day in last at Philly. His took his career mark at Mohawk so he might like this track, and he gets a key driver change to George

Brennan...SPORTY M THREE lacked a rally in his first start for Burke but he's second off the layoff...AUSSIE HANOVER steps up in good form.

RACE 5

3 A BETTOR BEACH 8-5
5 SECRECY 5-2
7 BOILER MAKER 3-1
8 BETTOR BE OSCAR A 12-1

A BETTOR BEACH was used hard in last and made a break, but he has been racing gamely from outside posts...SECRECY ships in from Yonkers in good form and speed and Gingras might be able to set his own pace here...BOILER MAKER is a game sort in good form; chance.

RACE 6

1 BARON MICHAEL 4-1
5 GOOD ROCKIN 2-1
8 BALLERAT BOOMERANG 4-1
9 BRACKLEY BEACH 6-1

BARON MICHAEL had bad posts in his last two starts at Yonkers but recent form is solid and he did win a race over this track last year...GOOD ROCKIN beat a weaker field sharply and looks like the one to beat...BALLERAT BOOMERANG speedy sort handles this track well...BRACKLEY BEACH ships in sharp for hot barn; has never hit the board in 5 starts over this track and gets a tough post.

RACE 7

8 STONEBRIDGE REEF 5-2
7 PICK A GENRE 9-2
10 ARIO HANOVER 5-2
2 BUCHANNON HANOVER 10-1

STONEBRIDGE REEF remains in good form, adds lasix, can leave...PICK A GENRE lacked a rally against a good field in last at Philadelphia but won both starts over this track...ARIO HANOVER might be the fastest horse in the race, post only knock...BUCHANNON HANOVER tries the big track and recent form is okay.

RACE 8

1 REVOLVER N 4-1
4 GENTLEMANJIM II IE 4-1
9 CHASER HANOVER 7-1
7 BOBCAT BAY 4-1

REVOLVER N was in with tougher in last, beat similar here two back; call in a wide open race...GENTLEMANJIM II IE ships in sharp from Yonkers...CHASER HANOVER likes this track, might try leaving...BOBCAT BAY may get enough early speed to set up his late kick and form is good.

RACE 9

5 ULTIMAROCA** 7-5
8 THE BIRD DANCE N 3-1
6 ROCKIN THE ACES 7-2
2 BAILEYS ROCK N 10-1

ULTIMAROCA ships in from Yonkers, likes this track, drops, should be leaving.

RACE 10

5 THE IDEAL DANCER A 4-1
10 SUGAR ME N 6-1

1 COVERED BRIDGE 5-1
8 THE CLAW 7-1
6 STAG PARTY 9-1

THE IDEAL DANCER A ships back in sharp for Harris...SUGAR ME N steps up but he finished strongly in :25.2 in his first start on this track...COVERED BRIDGE can certainly do better than last...THE CLAW has been racing gamely...STAG PARTY was a top 2yo, won his last start as a 3yo then became a sire but when his bookings decreased they decided to bring him back to the races. He qualified well here but makes his first start in 3 years.

RACE 11
4 BIZYS BEATLE 8-5
5 CAPOZZO 6-1
1 BETTER THAN SOME 6-1
3 WHITE BELLY 6-1

RACE 12
6 SHVAIKO 2-1
8 IDEALSOMEMAGIC A 7-2
4 SPEEDY DOMINIC A 2-1
1 BULLVILLE TERROR 5-1

SHVAIKO left and tucked, was shuffled back to 9th and finished sharply in first start off a layoff for new barn...IDEALSOMEMAGIC A went evenly from a tough spot in U.S. debut; may be gunning here...SPEEDY DOMINIC A dangerous speed off the drop...BULLVILLE TERROR also drops in class.

RACE 13
6 HESTHERIGHTSTUFF 5-2
1 LIKE CLOCKWORK 3-1
9 GENERAL MONTANA N 7-2
5 PICKUP MAN HANOVER 9-2

RACE 14
5 DYNAMITES PEAK 2-1
3 LENDA HAND MAN 3-1
4 DONTLIKEITLEAVE 4-1
1 FREE ON THE BEACH 9-2

BEST BET: ULTIMAROCA 9th Race