

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, February 25

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

8 ITS SHOWTIME 8-1
2 DOCTOR BB 4-1
4 SPECTACULAR SUNSET 5-1
6 SAULSBROOK RAPTOR 5-1

ITS SHOWTIME showed improvement in last, had no shot from post 8 at Freehold two back, drops, picks up Gingras, faces a weaker field...DOCTOR BB needed last and is a threat here...SPECTACULAR SUNSET steps up but recent form is good and this field isn't tougher than the ones he's been facing...SAULSBROOK RAPTOR also steps up, but closed okay in last two starts.

RACE 2

2 RAUKAPUKA RULER N** 2-1
1 SHADOW CAT 5-2
7 HIGH BALLER 7-2
5 HP LIS SHADOW 9-2

RAUKAPUKA RULER N only won 1 race last year but he has backclass, he qualified sharply for new barn on 2/11, then finished quickly from post 9 in return last week; steps up but could be sitting on a big effort...SHADOW CAT qualified well and fast horse has considerable class...HIGH BALLER returns off a front end try at Pocono, picks up hot driver and fits well here...HP LIS SHADOW comes off a couple of good closing efforts against weaker.

RACE 3

7 MARCUS SEELSTER 5-2
3 SOUTHWIND DREDGE 3-1
1 FOX VALLEY CARELIN 4-1
6 SHARKY BEAR 5-1

RACE 4

7 TRASHYTONGUETALKER 4-1
3 RAPTORS FLIGHT N 4-1
4 WINDSONG JACK 4-1
2 CONCUR 8-1

TRASHYTONGUETALKER raced gamely off the bench in last...RAPTORS FLIGHT N had a tough trip from post 8...WINDSONG JACK has been racing well but got parked from post 8 in last.

RACE 5

5 DOUBLE ACCOUNT 6-5
4 FRANK THE ELDER 9-5
6 TAD KRAZY HANOVER 6-1
9 MON AMOUR 6-1

DOUBLE ACCOUNT was used pretty hard to get the lead, set the pace and was beaten a length at 3-5 in last; classy trotter drops and gets a better post...FRANK THE ELDER got the trip behind Double Account and was up for the win; key rival.

RACE 6

7 ON ACCIDENT 1-1
1 WATER SPORTS TEEN 5-2
8 GOOD ROCKIN 4-1
2 BAILEYS ROCK N 8-1

ON ACCIDENT is in good form and faces weaker...WATER SPORTS TEEN gets a better post, drops, key rival...GOOD ROCKIN likes this track and finished gamely to just miss in last...BAILEYS ROCK N best needed but has Dunn.

RACE 7

2 BIZYS BEATLE 7-5
7 TAM MAJOR A 3-1
1 BETTER THAN SOME 4-1
9 BOILER MAKER 9-2

BIZYS BEATLE changes hands and comes off back to back strong wins against this type...TAM MAJOR A is back in for a tag...BETTER THAN SOME set the pace and was a game second behind the favorite...BOILER MAKER gets a tough post but his recent form over the track is good.

RACE 8

8 DECISION DAY 9-1
2 ACTON HANOVER 4-1
4 LOORRIM LAKE A 5-2
1 DONTLIKEITLEAVE 4-1

DECISION DAY has shown good late pace in his last several starts; this isn't the toughest field for this level and he might be a live longshot here...ACTON HANOVER holds good form for top connections...LOORRIM LAKE A was in tough in his U.S. debut but should improve against this type...DONTLIKEITLEAVE has raced well in all recent starts.

RACE 9

3 JK STANDINGOVATION 5-2
2 AUSSIE HANOVER 3-1
6 TUFFENUFTOWEARPINK 5-1
1 CAUGHTINALANDSLIDE 10-1

JK STANDINGOVATION rallied to beat a pretty good field at the NW5000 level in last and I'm not so sure this field is any better...AUSSIE HANOVER hasn't raced in five weeks but might fit here on best...TUFFENUFTOWEARPINK is racing in decent form...CAUGHTINALANDSLIDE needs some Dunn magic.

RACE 10

3 BETTOR MEMORIES 6-5
5 MR DS ROCK 5-1
6 MADELINES BLK JACK 5-1
7 AS ALWAYS 5-1

BETTOR MEMORIES classy 10 year old comes off a game effort from post 10...MRS DS ROCK ships back in, picks up the top driver and is in much better form than the last time he was here...MADELINES BLK JACK had no shot in last at Yonkers...AS ALWAYS was in too tough in last.

RACE 11

1 I DA PRINCESS 5-2
2 NYLANDER 7-2
8 TAXI OUT S 9-2
6 ROCK OF CASHEL 12-1

RACE 12

4 ARRHYTHMIC SURGE 5-2
8 DEALER'S TABLE 3-1
6 LEON DAVID 7-2
10 ROCKEYED OPTIMIST 9-2

RACE 13

1 ROCKIN THE ACES 2-1
3 REVOLVER N 2-1
8 MISTER SPOT A 6-1
2 BARRAGE HANOVER 6-1

ROCKIN THE ACES had post 10 in last and was moving quickly late...REVOLVER N takes a key drop...MISTER SPOT A has dangerous speed with Bongiorno in the bike...BARRAGE HANOVER had good pace finishing in a race he had to need last week.

RACE 14

8 APPLE VALLEY ART 3-1
4 RISKY BUDDY 7-2
2 SKYWAY FIREBALL 4-1
3 ONLYTHETUFFSURVIVE 7-1

APPLE VALLEY ART takes a key drop and raced well off the claim in prior start over the track...RISKY BUDDY also drops and also raced well at this level two back...SKYWAY FIREBALL picks up Stratton and can improve.

BEST BET: RAUKAPUKA RULER N 2nd Race