

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Friday, February 10

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 HOWTOTRAINURDRAGON 4-1
6 ALWAYS A PANTHER 4-1
2 TAKEITTHEFACE 4-1
7 JOHNNY Q 9-2

HOWTOTRAINURDRAGON comes out of some quick miles for this type...ALWAYS A PANTHER raced off the pace in last two but has the speed to leave in a race that appears to lack early zip...TAKEITOTHEFACE gets a much better post and might leave for a trip...JOHNNY Q showed some life in last and fits well here.

RACE 2

3 KING ALPHONSO 1-9
6 FIX-IT-UP 7-2
5 LOUIS 6-1
4 DON'T I WISH 12-1

KING ALPHONSO is obviously not the trotter he was a few years ago, but he's in good hands and dropping to the bottom. In his last at Yonkers, he disappointed at 1-9 odds but he was outside during the final half, which doesn't show in the program. Two back he raced well against a much better field here...FIX-IT-UP is at a winning level now...LOUIS cut the mile at this level and held well two back...DON'T I WISH hasn't shown much class but he's in form.

RACE 3

8 CASIE'S BELIEVER 6-1
1 TRANS MEANIE 5-2
4 SAUBLE DELIGHTFUL 4-1
7 VIRTUAL SUCCESS 5-1

CASIE'S BELIEVER scored two upsets against better at Pocono last summer then got sick and had to go to the bench. She has had three outside posts on half mile tracks since returning, drops and tries two turns...TRANS MEANIE had a good year in Iowa last year but then when she tried tougher in New York she couldn't keep up. She makes her first start for the Bongiorno barn and based on her good qualifier, it looks like she is much improved over that NY form...SAUBLE DELIGHTFUL was used hard on the lead in last and tired; picks up Hall of Fame driver...VIRTUAL SUCCESS had post 10 in her first start over this track and didn't have the greatest trip, now picks up Dunn.

RACE 4

2 PRINCESS CAITLYN 2-1
10 MAKE IT EASY 2-1
1 BIG CHRISTIAN 4-1
8 CONGRESS HILL EVA 7-1

PRINCESS CAITLYN hasn't raced since September but returns for top barn and I'll give her the edge in a field of slow trotters...MAKE IT EASY was overmatched in last at Yonkers but could be best here...BIG

CHRISTIAN makes his belated debut as a four year old...CONGRESS HILL EVA finished third against similar in her last two starts.

RACE 5

4 WILLIAM MCWHISKERS 9-2
8 SPORTS HERO 2-1
6 CLAYTONS BETTOR N 4-1
10 CAPTAIN'S REIGN 7-1

WILLIAM MCWHISKERS raced well off the bench in last, then was scratched sick on Jan. 27. He could get a trip here...SPORTS HERO is fast and fit and trainer/driver Nicole Dicostanzo has driven him very well...CLAYTONS BETTOR N only has 2 wins in 45 starts the past two years but he has been used hard in leaving in his last two starts...CAPTAIN'S REIGN is in good form and will be closing.

RACE 6

5 COALFORDSN SHINE GB 8-5
2 SUPER GIRL 9-5
9 AMERICAN HALO 7-2
6 ALWAYS BEACHY 8-1

COALFORDSN SHINE GB qualified nicely and these connections have debuted two other sharp shippers from Great Britain this meet. This mare raced well against a hot pacer there and is probably going to be tough to beat here...SUPER GIRL just missed behind one of those GB pacers in last, picks up Dunn and looms the one to beat...AMERICAN HALO has the most wins and earnings here and returns off a good qualifier for a trainer who often wins off qualifiers. I'm going to stick with 2 and 5 in the Pick 4, but it wouldn't surprise me if she upsets.

RACE 7

1 LADY ROCKNROLLA A 7-5
3 A BETTER GAME 3-1
5 RABLE 4-1
7 SHES A CLASSY BEACH 5-1

LADY ROCKNROLLA A lost at 5-2 in last but was used pretty hard; drops...A BETTER GAME comes off a couple of solid efforts...RABLE seems to be coming around now and the drop helps...SHES A CLASSY BEACH is second off the layoff and Gingras stays in the bike.

RACE 8

4 FRANK THE ELDER N 5-2
5 PRIMADONNA DEO 3-1
2 KELLY'S BABY 7-2
7 A NEW LEADER 9-2

FRANK THE ELDER N qualified back well for Burke...PRIMADONNA DEO was beaten at 4/5 odds against similar in last back in December; freshened up by sharp trainer...KELLY'S BABY came off a layoff with a nice win, changes hands, steps up sharp...A NEW LEADER has speed and steps up off a win.

RACE 9

5 HARRY TERROR 8-1
8 CASINO BAGS ANSO 8-1
4 MELANIE'S NICK 2-1
2 THNDRFRMTHETHRON N 5-2

HARRY TERROR drops and gets a driver change...CASINO BAGS ANSO showed some life in first start for this barn...MELANIE'S RICK gave way against tougher in last but won sharply from outside posts the last

time he was at this level, albeit with a different driver...THNDRFRMTHETHRON N fits well at this level. The owner is in the bike, and he has driven this horse well, but that was when he was in the amateur GSY driver races.

RACE 10

6 CHAPHEART 4-1
3 NYLANDER 4-1
5 EUROBOND 4-1
4 LUCKY WEEKEND 10-1

RACE 11

7 MADDOX HANOVER** 2-1
3 BET THE LIMIT 7-2
9 SAFENSOUND HANOVER 6-1
2 DL'S BIG ELVIS 6-1

MADDOX HANOVER had post 10 against better in last; two back was a solid narrow miss at this level...BET THE LIMIT steps up off a nice win and a claim.

RACE 12

7 MON AMOUR** 2-1
9 CHIPLOSIVE 7-2
3 NEWELL PLACE 6-1
10 SUSIE'S SISTER 6-1

MON AMOUR was racing sharp in his last two starts at Yonkers but then broke in the stretch when he was on his way to a win; good trot trainer tries hobbles here and this trotter has 3 wins in 10 starts over this track including his career best.

RACE 13

4 SKATEBOARD CHIC 5-2
1 JACANA 3-1
10 GOTTA LOVEMYSHADOW 5-1
6 NO WHERE TO HIDE 5-1

RACE 14

8 SOMIKI 5-2
3 MARVALOUS ONE 7-2
4 ROCKABILLY CHARM 4-1
10 ITS ROCKIN RANDY 4-1

BEST BETS: MADDOX HANOVER 11th and MON AMOUR 12th