

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, February 18

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 ALL ALONE 8-5
8 IDIOSYNCRATIC 9-5
4 THIRD PILLAR 4-1
1 MIGHT BE RIGHT 6-1

ALL ALONE was starting to put it together last summer, comes off two sharp qualifiers for a good layoff barn...IDIOSYNCRATIC came back sharp for Burke beating a similar field and looks like the main rival...THIRD PILLAR showed some improvement closing for the place behind a sharp winner...MIGHT BE RIGHT had a good trip in a weaker field last start and was second best.

RACE 2

1 MADDOX HANOVER 2-1
4 SPORTS HERO 5-1
5 DL'S BIG ELVIS 5-1
3 SAFENSOUND HANOVER 5-1

MADDOX HANOVER gets a better spot and may work out a trip for Dunn...SPORTS HERO had a tough trip in last; speedy pacer is in good form, has raced well with his trainer in the bike, and might end up on the lead or in the pocket here...DL'S BIG ELVIS showed some life in last...SAFENSOUND HANOVER gets a better post.

RACE 3

5 BIZYS BEATLE 6-5
1 BETTER THAN SOME 5-1
2 LONE WOLF AMERICAN 5-1
7 MARCUS SEELSTER 5-1

BIZYS BEATLE has won 4 of 6 starts for this barn including last when he made a full move to the lead from post 9, yielded, went first over and got up gamely over what appeared to be a tougher field...BETTER THAN SOME should show speed from the rail...LONE WOLF AMERICAN and MARCUS SEELSTER both step up in good form.

RACE 4

5 LENWOODS REAL DEAL 7-2
7 THNDRFRMTHETHRON N 9-2
3 HOMESTRETCH WES 5-2
6 SEAN O'NEILL 6-1

LENWOODS REAL DEAL left from post 10, was parked to the half and drew clear in a big effort second off the claim; steps up sharp...THNDRFRMTHETHRON N gets a catch driver back and fits well here...HOMESTRETCH WES chased classy veteran in last and holds form...SEAN O'NEILL hasn't raced since September but seems well prepped with two qualifiers and was facing tougher.

RACE 5

8 DOUBLE ACCOUNT** 6-5
4 FRANK THE ELDER 4-1
6 PRIMADONNA DEO 9-2
3 A NEW LEADER 9-2

DOUBLE ACCOUNT improved in his second start off the bench; classy veteran faces a weaker field here and should assert himself...FRANK THE ELDER raced well off a layoff in last...PRIMADONNA DEO was overbet in return but raced okay and could be sharper tonight...A NEW LEADER steps up off back to back wins.

RACE 6

6 SPRINGSTEEN 5-2
9 RAUKAPUKA RULER N 3-1
5 OHOKA CHOPPER N 7-2
7 HOPNROLL HEAVEN 8-1

SPRINGSTEEN was a nice overlay at 5-2 odds as he beat weaker easily off a layoff in last; this horse has backclass for sharp barn...RAUKAPUKA RULER N only won once in 28 starts last year but turned in several solid efforts against good fields at Yonkers. He makes his first start for the Bongiorno barn off a sharp qualifier and could be tough despite the post here...OHOKA CHOPPER N has been finishing strongly, steps up into a better field, gets a better post and might also get a faster pace up front...HOPNROLL HEAVEN had some late pace in last and drops.

RACE 7

1 TAM MAJOR A 7-2
3 ADRIANO HANOVER 7-2
7 SHINE A LIGHT 7-2
9 KINNDER JACKSON 7-1

TAM MAJOR A steps up off a win and a claim, gets Dunn...ADRIANO HANOVER rallied to beat similar gamely in lat...SHINE A LIGHT broke in his last start on December 12 at Yonkers, returns making his first start for a hot barn and Bartlett choose this one over the 1 and the 3, two horses that he won with last week...KINNDER JACKSON ships in from Dover Downs in good form.

RACE 8

6 JIMMY FREIGHT 6-5
5 CARBINE 5-2
7 SERIOUSLY HANOVER 7-2
1 LOVE YOUR WORK 8-1

JIMMY FREIGHT beat some fast horses last year and qualified sharp twice for a trainer who does well off layoffs...CARBINE comes off a nice placing behind a fast horse in last...SERIOUSLY HANOVER steps up in career form and Stratton took him over two others here...LOVE YOUR WORK may have needed his U.S. debut.

RACE 9

3 LIVINTHEBEACHLIFE 4-1
2 THE CLAW 2-1
5 BETTER TAKE IT 5-2
6 MIKE'S Z TAM 4-1

LIVINTHEBEACHLIFE left to the early lead in last, yielded and was shuffled back, cleared late; drops for top connections...THE CLAW was empty in last but that was off a sick scratch and now he drops to a level

where he can be tough...BETTER TAKE IT gunned to the lead in :26.3, set the pace and held the show in his local debut...MIKE'S Z TAM left and sat the pocket to Better Take It, finished 2nd; fits in this class.

RACE 10

5 AHUNDREDDOLLARBILL 8-5
4 HILLEXOTIC 2-1
7 LEXUS KODY 4-1
1 PIKACHU HANOVER 5-1

RACE 11

7 MISTER SPOT A 6-1
8 UNCLE FACTORY A 4-1
4 ANGERS BAYAMA 4-1
10 ROCKIN THE ACES 9-2

MISTER SPOT A finished in a dead heat for the win at this level three back; last week he was used hard from post 9 and excusably weakened; wire to wire or pocket threat if Chindano, Jr. leaves again...UNCLE FACTORY A needed last off a long layoff and has down under backclass...ANGERS BAYAMA had to need last off a layoff; drops and also has backclass...ROCKIN THE ACES was 3-5 and folded in last; drops, gets tough post but picks up Dunn.

RACE 12

2 PJ LOU 4-1
1 STONEBRIDGE REEF 4-1
4 DONTLIKEITLEAVE 4-1
5 HP LIS SHADOW 6-1

RACE 13

4 THROWING COPPER 8-1
7 STRIKING IMPACT 4-1
8 ACTON HANOVER 5-2
5 SHORE OF HIMSELF 5-1

THROWING COPPER raced well at this level in two December starts then rallied sharply to beat weaker two back, then had an impossible trip in last; gets key driver change and may be worth a price in an interesting race...STRIKING IMPACT overcome post 8 and post 10 winning his first two starts on this track then had a tough parked-out trip from post 10 on January 14. Ships back in and seems to like this track...ACTON HANOVER has been racing in good form against similar and could be best...SHORE OF HIMSELF moves back into the Piotrow barn and qualified well. The last time he was in this barn last half he won three races in a row at Pocono.

RACE 14

2 LETSGOTOBRAZIL A 5-2
9 LEON DAVID 5-2
1 THE COOKIE MONSTER 4-1
5 SUNDOWN KID 4-1

BEST BET: DOUBLE ACCOUNT 5th Race