

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, April 8

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

3 AS ALWAYS 7-5
5 MARCO BEACH 9-5
7 MAJORLY SEXY A 4-1
2 HES ROCKIN RALPHIE 8-1

AS ALWAYS drops, gets better post, and may be too quick for these...MARCO BEACH was a big overlay at 53-1 in last and rallied gamely late; drops and looks like the main rival here...MAJORLY SEXY A broke at the start again last time; drops, gets better post, best needed...HES ROCKION RALPHIE chased a hot pace in last and held the place in a solid effort; steps up.

RACE 2

1 JODY 8-5
4 VILLAGE JADE 2-1
6 SWEET TREASURE 5-2
3 FOX VALLEY EXPLOIT 6-1

JODY freshened up by top barn, adds lasix...VILLAGE JADE is the onter Burke horse here and has a shot...SWEET TREASURE showed early speed and gave way against similar in her two starts at Yonkers. She qualified sharply over this track on March 4 so maybe the change in venues will help.

RACE 3

6 ALL ALONE 6-5
2 SHEER TERROR 5-2
1 FOR ONCE INMY LIFE 4-1
4 LIVONJAXANDQUEENS 6-1

ALL ALONE chased a sharp colt in last...SHEER TERROR shows two solid qualifiers for a barn that often has them ready off the bench...FOR ONCE INMY LIFE didn't show much in five starts as a two year old but faced pretty good competition.

RACE 4

1 TJ BLAST 1-1
8 REAL LUCKY N 5-2
6 VAN DIESEL 6-1
4 BARGAIN SHOPPER 6-1

TJ BLAST left well and yielded and was third behind a sharp repeat winner against a better field than this...REAL LUCKY N ships in from Yonkers where his form was pretty good and he does have some class; appears to be the main rival...VAN DIESEL is in form but if the 1 and 8 race well, he needs to find more speed...BARGAIN SHOPPER had post 9 in last; he needs some Dexter Dunn magic here.

RACE 5

5 ONECROOKEDLEG 5-2

6 CASH ROLL 5-2
7 SHEZAFREAKLIKEME 8-1
3 PROTECT BLUE CHIP 6-1

ONECROOKEDLEG left quickly and parked a horse to the quarter in :27.2, yielded and was shuffled back to 6th, came third over and came on for the place in a game and sharp effort...CASH ROLL was used hard in last, has a recent win at this level...SHEZAFREAKLIKEME was first over in the slop last week; might go well at a price here...PROTECT BLUE CHIP Yonkers shipper has done her best racing around three and four turns but does drop to a more realistic level.

RACE 6

7 LOVEDBYTHEMASSES 5-2
4 RICH AND MISERABLE 3-1
5 INAMINUTE HANOVER 7-2
6 HILLEXOTIC 4-1

LOVEDBYTHEMASSES raced well in return at Philadelphia and he was tough to beat against this type last year; edge in a very competitive Open trot...RICH AND MISERABLE beat similar here in March then broke in two straight starts, was freshened up, and came back with a win at Philly...INAMINUTE has 1 win in 12 starts over this track but it was a game first over win at this level two back...HILLEXOTIC has dangerous speed.

RACE 7

3 SPRINGSTEEN 5-2
8 WHITECOOKIE 5-2
4 DE LOS CIELOS DEO 7-2
7 IT'S IN THE STARS 4-1

SPRINGSTEEN has been racing in good form while in a little too tough, drops...WHITECOOKIE Gingras took this Burke horse over DE LOS CIELOS DEO, a horse he has won a lot of races with...DE LOS CIELOS DEO is back in form and quite capable at this level...IT'S IN THE STARS was too far back in last but he can finish strongly.

RACE 8

7 TAM MAJOR A 7-5
8 BOILER MAKER 2-1
2 BETTER THAN SOME 6-1
4 CHIEF OF STAFF 8-1

TAM MAJOR A beat similar in last and was claimed by one of the better first-off-the-claim barns, draws inside of main rival...BOILER MAKER was dull in first start off the claim but had post 10 against much tougher, now drops back in for a tag and he beat Tam Major A in a game effort two back...BETTER THAN SOME rarely wins but his form is solid and he picks up Dunn for the first time...CHIEF OF STAFF has turned things around for hot barn, steps up sharp.

RACE 9

4 BETTORS DONTTELL 6-5
2 UNCLE SHANK A 2-1
9 BETTER TAKE IT 9-2
8 MY PAL JOE 9-2

BETTORS DONTTELL won his second start of his 5yo campaign in last at Pocono and he took his mark of 1:47.3 over this track last year; Yannick should be gunning...UNCLE SHANK A classy sort won 16 of 28 starts down under and his second qualifier was strong as he ripped off a :54.2 last half with good stretch energy...BETTER TAKE IT was overmatched in last, and in tight quarters; drops back down, although this is

a pretty salty field for this level...MY PAL JOE raced gamely first over two back then won sharply last start; steps up.

RACE 10

3 NICHOLAS BEACH 5-2
7 LOU'S PEARLMAN 8-5
8 WORKIN ONA MYSTERY 3-1
6 BURNHAM BOY N 5-1

NICHOLAS BEACH raced off the pace in last but moves back inside and should be let loose here...LOU'S PEARLMAN fast horse qualified sharp for the Burke barn and he has a 26% win percentage off layoffs; key rival...WORKIN ONA MYSTERY is another classy Burke returnee off a fine qualifier...BURNHAM BOY N raced well against a weaker field at this level in last.

RACE 11

3 ULTIMAROCA** 6-5
8 PJ LOU 7-2
7 ROCKIN ON VENUS 6-1
1 FRANCO TOTEM N 6-1

ULTIMAROCA gunned to the lead in :26.3 and yielded to two horses to sit third, held well in a race that was dominated by a sharp drop down winner; might be tough to deny here...PJ LOU rallied wide and out-kicked the top pick closing from post 5 in last...ROCKIN ON VENUS needed last, likes this track, and might leave the gate this time...FRANCO TOTEM N only raced 6 times last year but he's doing well on the comeback trail and loves this track.

RACE 12

2 CAPTAIN FANCY 6-5
1 DONTLIKEITLEAVE 5-2
3 BAILEYS ROCK N 5-1
7 PETIPOU 5-1

CAPTAIN FANCY was first over against tougher and dug in gamely to just miss; Zeron's choice over the 2...DONTLIKEITLEAVE also drops in class and picks up Gingras...BAILEYS ROCK N finished quickly in last and let's see if Dunn can work out a winning trip...PETIPOU is better than last.

RACE 13

5 ITS SHOWTIME 8-5
1 DARK ENERGY N 5-1
3 STRAIGHT TALK 5-1
4 CAUGHTINALANDSLIDE 5-1

ITS SHOWTIME was in a tough spot last start trying to race off the pace behind a modest pace.

RACE 14

2 HURRIKANEMYSHANNON 7-1
9 KAITLYN N 3-1
1 GOTTALOVEMYSHADOW 2-1
4 AMERICAN JAZZ 8-1

HURRIKANEMYSHANNON gets a better spot and a key driver change to Dunn and has a shot at a price...KAITLYN N had some pace finishing in last and can leave...GOTTALOVEMYSHADOW got up with a nice kick to beat similar...AMERICAN JAZZ was used hard in a quick pace in last.

BEST BET: ULTIMAROCA 11th Race