

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, May 20

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

- 1 SECRET VOLO 8-5
- 7 MAMBACITA 8-5
- 3 LIFE ITSELF 9-2
- 5 TACTICAL MOUNDS 9-1

SECRET VOLO was used hard setting a quick pace in return and held gamely for the show; improved filly rates top call...MAMBACITA chased a superior filly home second best in her return and she matches up very well with Secret Volo.

RACE 2

- 4 P L PORTIA** 7-5
- 6 DIAMOND OFFICIAL 4-1
- 3 WIGGLE MY COOKIE 4-1
- 1 QUEEN SUN RYSER 6-1

P L PORTIA improved 4yo mare was second best to a sharp favorite in her first try over this track...DIAMOND OFFICIAL ships in from The Meadows with good recent form...WIGGLE MY COOKIE gets a big driver change to Dunn off an improved effort...QUEEN SUN RYSER started her career 0 for 15 while struggling against NJ sire stakes company here and at Freehold but has now won two of her last four starts at Saratoga.

RACE 3

- 7 SPECIAL WAY 2-5
- 4 WALNER PAYTON 9-5
- 6 BLONDE BOMBSHELL 8-1
- 2 KADDARI 14-1

SPECIAL WAY top class filly came back sharp last week...WALNER PAYTON also came back sharp but she finished second to SPECIAL WAY six times last year so she has something to prove.

RACE 4

- 6 TAM MAJOR A 7-5
- 4 BOILER MAKER 5-2
- 5 GOOD ROCKIN 3-1
- 1 FRANCO TOTEM M 8-1

RACE 5

- 5 ROYAL FILLY M 7-5
- 7 SADIE HANOVER 5-2
- 6 FLYINGDRUMSTICKS S 4-1
- 8 CANTERBURY HANOVER 6-1

ROYAL FILLY M raced against better in her 2yo season and showed some ability, qualified nicely two times and flashed improvement in her last qualifier; looks ready...SADIE HANOVER qualified okay over the track and then crushed a weak field at Freehold and got lucky when the favorite broke; she is another that showed some ability last year and she may be the main rival here...FLYINGDRUMSTICKS S is undefeated in two starts, both at Pocono, but the final times weren't that fast...CANTERBURY HANOVER was actually favored against Sadie Hanover in the Lady Suffolk at Freehold but made multiple breaks, now tries hopples; she was in over her head when she raced around two turns last year.

RACE 6

3 THIS IS THE PLAN 1-1
2 SOUTHWIND GENDRY 5-2
5 LOCKINVAR ART A 3-1
4 BILLY CLYDE 8-1

RACE 7

6 OH WELL 6-5
8 TACTICAL APPROACH 2-1
7 CELEBRITY BAMBINO 4-1
4 DIRE STRAITS 9-1

OH WELL finished sharply after an early move in his 3yo return; gets better post...TACTICAL APPROACH drew inside of OH WELL last week and held him off to win his second in a row...CELEBRITY BAMBINO raced well in return and he has ability...DIRE STRAITS showed speed leaving and held the show in a fine return race last week.

RACE 8

4 JILLIBY DYNAMITE A 8-5
1 NANDOLO 9-5
3 STONEBRIDGE REEF 4-1
6 KOMODO BEACH 6-1

JILLIBY DYNAMITE peaking 6 year old pacer made his U.S. debut in a seemingly tough spot last week, was 7th on the final turn and exploded home for the win; faces a somewhat better field but could be even sharper tonight...NANDOLO ships in from Yonkers, lost at 2/5 in last but beat a tougher field the last time he raced here and could outclass these...STONEBRIDGE REEF was used hard leaving, yielded, grabbed the lead out of the pocket but was nailed late by the 4 in a sharp placing...KOMODO BEACH consistent sort holds good form.

RACE 9

4 BELLA BELLINI 4-5
5 IT'S ACADEMIC 5-2
1 VENERATE 3-1
7 RATTLE MY CAGE 11-1

BELLA BELLINI sat in too long then came on late to finish second at 3-10 odds in her 5yo return. There's more money on the line here so she'll get a better drive...IT'S ACADEMIC has beaten BELLA BELLINI and he has speed to threaten...VENERATE qualified sharply for a barn that wins at a high percentage off layoffs and he has a chance here...RATTLE MY CAGE finished sharply in return, steps up.

RACE 10

6 EL REY 7-5
1 FOR ONCE INMY LIFE 7-2
3 ANTS MARCHING 4-1
5 SAVE AMERICA 8-1

EL REY was struggling in his first six starts as a 2yo then got a needed drop in class to his proper condition and the light bulb came on, as he turned things around with six strong efforts including 5 wins and a big win in the rich Governors Cup; qualified sharply for an excellent layoff trainer.

RACE 11

4 KEG STAND 8-5
7 INAMINUTE HANOVER 8-5
3 HARRY KNOWS IR 9-2
1 MON AMOUR 6-1

RACE 12

1 HAMMERING HANK 7-5
4 BELMONT ROYALE N 5-2
3 WHOLE LOTTA LOU 4-1
6 LYONS PEGASUS 8-1

RACE 13

5 CAPTAIN COWBOY 3-5
2 ROCKIN THE ACES 4-1
1 BOBCAT BAY 6-1
3 EXOTIC SAND 9-1

RACE 14

5 JK STANDINGOVATION 8-5
4 AUSSIE HANOVER 2-1
6 WATER SPORTS TEEN 4-1
8 TWIN B JAMMER 6-1

JK STANDINGOVATION was 0 for 7 over this track but then won three in a row here before finishing second to a classy dropdown winner in last...AUSSIE HANOVER finished third in a good field in last and is a threat here...WATER SPORTS TEEN comes off a layoff but has backclass...TWIN B JAMMER best needed.

BEST BET: P L PORTIA 2nd Race