

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, June 24

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 SPORTS HERO** 8-1
3 PREMIER JOY A 7-2
4 PREPPY ART 4-1
2 SKYWAY BILLY 4-1

SPORTS HERO was off a 3 1/2 month layoff and had post 10 in last; has dangerous speed...PREMIER JOY A consistent sort raced well for new barn in last...PREPPY ART gets better spot this week...SKYWAY BILLY raced well in last two starts.

RACE 2

7 FINAL JUSTICE 4-1
6 VEL LARRY 4-1
5 ROJAN'S WAY 4-1
3 ONLYTHETUFFSURVIVE 4-1

FINAL JUSTICE flashed some early speed in last, gets a key driver change to Gingras...VEL HARRY beat similar two back then was used hard leaving from post 10 in last...ROJAN'S WAY is in form...ONLYTHETUFFSURVIVE rated the pace and held on to beat similar.

RACE 3

2 P L OZZY 2-5
3 MIKE'S Z TAM 4-1
1 CAN BE PERFECT 6-1
6 BOBCAT BAY 6-1

P L OZZY has improved his speed figure in 9 straight starts capped off by a sparkling 1:48.3 two move score from post 8 last week...MIKE'S Z TAM seems to be cycling back to form and gets a big driver change to Gingras tonight. I expect a good effort here.

RACE 4

4 WARRAWEE XENIA 5-2
1 FASHION SCHOONER 6-5
6 M-M'S DREAM 5-1
5 ETERNAL LEE 8-1

WARRAWEE XENIA finished a game third against a tough field in last at Mohawk...FASHION SCHOONER is the fastest of these but she broke in last and then was scratched sick...M-M'S DREAM broek at the start in last at Mohawk but she can improve...ETERNAL LEE adds lasix, might show more.

RACE 5

9 CLAYTONS BETTOR N 4-1
5 SEEUINNASHVILLE A 4-1

3 SHORTYS GIRL 9-2
4 VIRGIL N 9-2

RACE 6

4 COOL PAPA BELL 5-2
5 IWON'T BACKDOWN AS 3-1
6 LOOKS LIKE MONI 7-2
8 PRETENDER 4-1

COOL PAPA BELL showed a good finish after an early break in last...IWON'T BACKDOWN finished gamely in last and should go well again here...LOOKS LIKE MONI finished willingly from far back...PRETENDER was used hard to get the lead in last.

RACE 7

3 NUTTIN BUT FINESSE 2-1
4 LYONS PEGASUS 5-2
5 BETTER TAKE IT 3-1
1 LOU ED ZEPPELIN 7-2

NUTTIN BUT FINESSE raced well against better in two starts here last month...LYONS PEGASUS needed last and gets a big driver change...BETTER TAKE IT made two moves in a fine effort off the bench in last...LOU ED ZEPPELIN was in an 0 for 50 slump but he has really turned things around since the trainer change to Annunziata, winning 3 of his last 5 starts; steps up sharp with a new lease on life.

RACE 8

7 STONEBRIDGE HELIOS 3-5
5 MAD MAX HANOVER 2-1
4 PLEASELETMEKNOW 5-1
3 TAURASI 5-1

STONEBRIDGE HELIOS was second off the layoff in his second start for the hot Svanstedt barn in last, floated out from post 9, worked his way to the lead at the half in :53.1, drew clear impressively with a :26.3 final quarter; peaking 4 year old looks tough to deny...MAD MAX HANOVER also went a big mile from post 9 in last.

RACE 9

7 DREAMFAIR ARNIE B 6-5
4 I DID IT MYWAY 2-1
3 TRENDY TEEN 7-1
2 ROCKS SHINING STAR 7-1

DREAMFAIR ARNIE B left and yielded, chased a hot pace, held the place in a fast race in his first start for new barn and first start over this track; looks tough to beat here...I DID IT MYWAY didn't leave the gate but finished nicely when beaten at 3/5 odds in last; appears to be the main rival and will probably leave this time and seems likely to get a perfect trip behind the favorite.

RACE 10

8 RUTHLESS HANOVER 4-5
6 SOUTHWIND GENDRY 5-2
7 BACKSTREET SHADOW 7-2
3 JACK'S LEGEND N 8-1

RUTHLESS HANOVER set a world record for a 5/8's track with a 1:46.3 mile at Philadelphia two back, albeit over a track that was unbelievably fast, then broke leaving in last at Northfield. My only concern here is the potential for an off track because this fast horse hasn't hit the board in three starts over an off

track...SOUTHWIND GENDRY didn't leave in last at Philadelphia. To give you an idea of how fast the Philadelphia track was on May 28, this horse had a lifetime mark of 1:49.1 (taken here at the Big M) coming to his race at Philadelphia on May 28, and he went wire to wire in 1:47.2 that day. That was the fastest 5/8's track I've ever seen, which surprised me because I never thought that any 5/8's track could go as fast as they do at Mohegan Sun Pocono...BACKSTREET SHADOW is a fast horse when right, he also broke at Northfield in last and now makes his second start off a two month layoff...JACK'S LEGEND N took his career mark over this track.

RACE 11

7 HEART OF DIXIE 6-1
2 LOVE YOUR WORK A 2-1
3 MARCUS SEELSTER 2-1
10 HAMMERING HANK 7-1

HEART OF DIXIE lost at short odds in last but he did carve out a solid pace and that was only his second start off a rest period; steps up...LOVE YOUR WORK A and MARCUS SEELSTER both drop down and are similar types, either could win this...HAMMERING HANK can close well, needs a trip and a hot pace up front.

RACE 12

6 PAT MCGARRY A 8-5
2 CANNIBAL 2-1
3 WHATS STANLEY GOT 7-2
1 DONTNEEDANEXCUSE N 6-1

PAT MCGARRY A has been racing well against some good fields over the 5/8's tracks...CANNIBAL has returned sharp as a 3yo and ships in off a fast win over that lightning fast 5/28 Philly track, tries tougher here...WHAT'S STANLEY GOT won his U.S. debut nicely from post 9; steps up but has to be respected...DONTNEEDANEXCUSE N is most likely better than what he showed from post 7 in his U.S. debut at Yonkers.

RACE 13

4 GOOD ROCKIN 7-2
5 RAPTORS FLIGHT N 5-2
6 BETTOR THAN SOME 7-2
3 A BETTOR BEACH 4-1

RACE 14

2 LITERL LAD HANOVER 8-5
5 JK'S ON THE MOVE 5-2
6 THANOS 4-1
3 TRE CRUZ 4-1

LITERL LAD HANOVER drops with a key driver change...JK'S ON THE MOVE showed some life in first start off the claim and picks up Callahan tonight...THANOS has speed, comes off an improved effort...TRE CRUZ has to be better than last, gets Andy McCarthy in the bike.

BEST BET: SPORTS HERO 1st Race