

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, July 15

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

4 ROCKIN ON VENUS 5-2
10 EARLY ACTION 4-5
1 WHATS STANLEY GOT A 11-1
7 WHITECOOKIE 12-1

ROCKIN ON VENUS went in 1:48.2 here last year, really didn't have much of a chance in last at Philadelphia but his recent form is solid and he was in against a very sharp horse the last time he raced here last month...EARLY ACTION has been going in under 1:49 while chasing some fast horses; he has post 10 and rarely leaves but he is clearly the horse to beat...WHATS STANLEY GOT A has raced well in all three of his U.S. starts...WHITECOOKIE set a solid pace and gave way in last; best needed.

RACE 2

3 I'M BURLINGTON N 9-2
10 TAM MAJOR A 7-5
8 GOOD ROCKIN 7-2
2 BETTER THAN SOME 8-1

I'M BURLINGTON N didn't have an easy trip in last and but won gamely taking a new lifetime mark; steps up, picks up Andy McCarthy, draws inside of main rivals, and might be worth the price...TAM MAJOR A takes a key drop and he's done very well when he's been in for a tag; one to beat despite the post...GOOD ROCKIN was second against similar in three of his last four starts and can leave...BETTER THAN SOME can improve on last.

RACE 3

6 SECRET VOLO 6-5
7 INSTAGRAM MODEL 7-2
5 QUICK STOP 4-1
2 ROYAL FILLY 8-1

SECRET VOLO should be tough here as she finished ahead of Walner Payton in her last two starts and was a solid second behind classy Special Way two back...INSTAGRAM MODEL finished sharply in an improved effort last start.

RACE 4

4 BOND 1-9
2 MAMBACITA 4-1
7 HEAVEN HANOVER 10-1
6 ROSE RUN YOLANDA 10-1

BOND is an outstanding gate horse, one of the fastest leavers I've ever seen for a trotting filly, and she can finish; looks tough to catch again...MAMBACITA steps up here but she's in good form with tactical speed and driver Yannick Gingras is a good strategist who will most likely secure the two hole trip.

RACE 5

4 GOO GOO WON 3-1
9 SHESASHARPSHOOTER 2-1
1 DRESDEN 7-2
3 SWEET TREASURE 4-1

GOO GOO WON seems to like this track, it's hard to knock her current form, and she gets a better post tonight...SHESASHARPSHOOTER was used hard leaving from post 9 in last and was coming back on gamely...DRESDEN gets a better post and has a shot with the right trip...SWEET TREASURE was overmatched in last, two back was a sharp win against weaker.

RACE 6

3 JIGGY JOG S 1-9
1 COOL PAPA BELL 8-1
7 LOOKS LIKE MONI 9-1
5 KEG STAND 13-1

JIGGY JOG S has won 8 in a row showing push button speed whenever Dunn wants to use it. She'll have to get an extra 1/8 of a mile here...COOL PAPA BELL might be set to improve in his fourth start of the year, chance at a price...LOOKS LIKE MONI has been racing gamely and can leave...KEG STAND is better than last.

RACE 7

5 LOU'S PEARLMAN** 5-1|
3 BILLY CLYDE 8-5
7 P L OZZY 8-1
9 TAURASI 5-1

LOU'S PEARLMAN draws well with an upset chance at this level...BILLY CLYDE is a fast horse but he broke in his last two starts, which is concerning. He qualified nicely last week...P L OZZY was used hard leaving three wide in last and weakened; this field seems tougher but he might be live at a price...TAURASI finished gamely in a good field last start.

RACE 8

2 TWIN B JOE FRESH 4-1
5 SYLVIA HANOVER 3-5
4 CULTURED 9-1
11 STRONG POISON 9-2

TWIN B JOE FRESH raced gamely against the favorite SYLVIA HANOVER in the Fan Hanover at Mohawk and has a shot at the upset...SYLVIA HANOVER has won 11 of 12 starts in Canada and if she races as well over this surface as she did at Mohawk it will take a big mile to beat her...CULTURED lost at even money in last at Pocono but she was used hard in that race. She had no chance when way too far back from post 9 in the Fan Hanover, and could go well at a price here...STRONG POISON 9-2 sat off a fast pace and rallied for the win in her 3yo return at Hoosier; we'll find out how much she's improved tonight.

RACE 9

1 SILVER LABEL 9-5
5 MAX CONTRACT 9-1
10 TEST OF FAITH 7-2
2 GRACE HILL 2-1

SILVER LABEL came through with an game win at an overlaid price in her first start over this track...MAX CONTRACT loves this track but had no shot trying to close form 11th in last; better post...TEST OF FAITH raced gamely from a tough spot in her first start of the year. Classy mare may get more pace to close off

of here...GRACE HILL brushed to the lead in fairly soft fractions and was second best behind Silver Label in last.

RACE 10

2 AIR POWER 3-5

7 OH WELL 5-2

3 KIERKEGAARD 9-2

5 GAINES HANOVER 6-1

AIR POWER rallied wide and finished strongly from a tough spot in last; moves inside and picks up Dunn...OH WELL seems likely to be on the lead here and she's consistent although she has been second in all four starts so far this year.

RACE 11

5 CONFEDERATE 4-5

3 CHRISTCHURCH 4-1

2 VOUCHEFALAS 4-1

4 CANNIBAL 6-1

CONFEDERATE finished third in his debut and since then he's won 8 of his last 10 starts. The two losses were both at Mohawk, a fast closing second in the Breeders Crown when he was way too far back, and then in the North America Cup on June 17, he also raced off the pace and came on strongly to miss by a head while pacing a sparkling :52.1 last half. Usually when you see that kind of speed for a half, it's the first half. Coming home in :52.1, that's power. After I saw that effort I said, "This horse is going to be tough to beat in the Meadowlands Pace", so I'll stick with him despite the fact that he'll be the heavy favorite. It will be interesting to see the strategy because these major stakes races on summer nights are hard to win from off the pace, especially if you leave your horse with too much to do. My guess is that he's leaving this time...CHRISTCHURCH set a wicked pace under pressure in his elimination and held bravely to miss by a length to the top pick; if that didn't take something out of him he's got a shot here...VOUCHEFALAS was first over and held well in his elimination and he seems closely matched with Christchurch...CANNIBAL has won all four of his starts this year and looks to be closing once again.

RACE 12

3 ABUCKABETT HANOVER 8-5

5 TATTOO ARTIST 6-1

7 BYTHEMISSAL 6-1

4 ALLYWAG HANOVER 6-1

2 RUTHLESS HANOVER 7-2

ABUCKABETT HANOVER had a tough overland trip and finished gamely for the place in last; rates top call in the William Haughton Memorial, which is going to be a fun race to watch featuring some very 4 year olds and up...TATTOO ARTIST was used hard in a hot pace in last...BYTHEMISSAL steps up here and comes off a layoff but he qualified sharply and he has plenty of class...ALLYWAG HANOVER had post 10 and raced off the pace in last. It's hard to say if he's sharp enough now but he's certainly fast enough if he is...RUTHLESS HANOVER has been trying to bottom out his competition with wicked fractions and in two of those races he did exactly that, winning in sub 1:47 miles.

RACE 13

6 CELEBRITY BAMBINO 2-1

2 EXCALIBUR BI 5-1

4 TACTICAL APPROACH 2-1

5 ONCE IN A LIFETIME 5-1

CELEBRITY BAMBINO came off a short layoff with a nice win for Burke...EXCALIBUR BI won his first start of the year, steps up but showed some promise last year and has room to keep improving...TACTICAL

APPROACH laid an egg as the 2/5 favorite in last but is dangerous on one of his best races...ONCE IN A LIFETIME has been sharp in PA. sire stakes for hot barn.

RACE 14

4 HOWTOTRAINURDRAGON 4-1

7 ROJAN'S WAY 4-1

10 ITS SHOWTIME 4-1

6 WOODMERE ANDROLLI 6-1

BEST BET: LOU'S PEARLMAN 7th Race