

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, July 29

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

7 I'M BURLINGTON N 2-1
3 FIRSTUP 2-1
5 CLAYTONS BETTOR N 7-2
4 BRAZEN BRAZILIAN 4-1

I'M BURLINGTON N left from post 9, never cleared while dueling for the lead and only lost by 2.5 lengths in a big effort; rates top call in this amateur driver pace...FIRSTUP had no chance in last and was in tough two back but his recent form is sharp; key rival...CLAYTONS BETTOR N set a pressured pace hounded by I'm Burlington N in last and held well for the show...BRAZEN BRAZILIAN looks for his third straight win for Kimelman.

RACE 2

2 JOHNNY Q 4-1
10 SNOOPY SNOOP 4-1
5 ROJAN'S WAY 4-1
9 HOWTOTRAINURDRAGON

JOHNNY Q gets a big driver change tonight...SNOOPY SNOOP is sharp and has good gate speed...ROJAN'S WAY fits well here whether Andy Miller leaves or races off the pace...HOWTOTRAINURDRAGON is in good form but usually races from off the pace.

RACE 3

7 MONEymAKESHERSMILE 5-2
4 HEY HEY DBAY 4-1
10 TRANS MEANIE 4-1
5 ITS MESMERISE N 13-1

MONEymAKESHERSMILE was overmatched in first start off the claim, drops...HEY HEY DBAY picks up Jordan Stratton and can perk up...TRANS MEANIE is in form and can leave...ITS MESMERISE N gets a better spot.

RACE 4

6 SYLVIA HANOVER 1-9
4 BEACH COWGIRL 6-1
2 UCANDOIT BLUE CHIP 10-1
3 ZANATTA 11-1

SYLVIA HANOVER was parked without cover and almost looked beaten but came on again down the stretch to win the Mistletoe Shalee in 1:48.4, making her hard to go past here.

RACE 5

4 CHARLESTON 4-5
2 MY LITTLE CAPTAIN 4-1

7 CULTURED 4-1

5 BELLISIMA HANOVER 6-1

CHARLESTON was in with older horses in last and conservatively handled but she could be tough to beat here...MY LITTLE CAPTAIN has come around nicely for trainer Andrew Stafford...CULTURED lacked a rally in the Mistletoe Shalee but she had no chance as she was 7th at the half, the pace was slow, the last half was wicked...BELLISIMA HANOVER can go with these when right but she came into the M. Shalee off six qualifiers, didn't leave and never got close; she should race better tonight though.

RACE 6

5 KIERKEGAARD K 7-2

8 SOUTHWIND COORS 4-1

2 OH WELL 8-5

9 GAINES HANOVER 5-1

10 KILMISTER 9-1

KIERKEGAARD draws well in this first elimination for the Hambletonian. Things could get interesting here because you have to figure that there are going to be outside leavers...SOUTHWIND COORS has developed nicely this year...OH WELL finally hung on to win the Dancer but the odds-on favorite broke in that race. Consistent colt has to try and avoid getting shuffled back here...GAINES HANOVER won the Breeders Crown last year and just missed to Southwind Coors in the GoodTimes. I think he has to leave here...KILMISTER raced well in the Dancer but gets a tough spot here; he's another horse that might try leaving – you have to finish in the top 5 to get into the Hambo.

RACE 7

3 INSTAGRAM MODEL 5-2

5 RAILEE SOMETHING 9-5

2 HEAVEN HANOVER 2-1

6 WALNER PAYTON 4-1

INSTAGRAM MODEL rallied wide and finished in :26.3 to just miss from a tough spot in last...RAILEE SOMETHING has tactical speed and a strong win percentage...HEAVEN HANOVER is hard to knock off a closing win in last...WALNER PAYTON lost by a neck at 1-5 in last but the pace was very slow and she had a lot of ground to make up.

RACE 8

3 QUICK STOP** 4-1

1 BOND 8-5

8 RIGHTEOUS RESOLVE 2-1

6 SECRET VOLO 9-2

QUICK STOP has developed nicely for sharp trainer Anette Lorentzon and comes into this the right way...BOND set the pace and faltered late at 2-5 in the Del Miller Final and I didn't think it was an "off" effort, as it's tougher to win when the purse gets bigger. If you look at her three quarter time in that race, it was 1:22.3, which was much faster, 1 and 2/5's of a second faster, than her prior fastest three quarter time, and her final time of 1:51.4 equaled her lifetime mark...RIGHTEOUS RESOLVE tuned up for this with two Ontario Sire stakes races, so this is a big step up in class. But she's finished first in 10 of her 12 starts and she set the pace and was third in last year's Breeders Crown...SECRET VOLO set the pace at even money and weakened to finish third in last. She was used hard to get the lead but Sears rated her perfectly from there, and the track wasn't speed favoring on 7/15.

RACE 9

3 UP YOUR DEO** 5-2

5 CELEBRITY BAMBINO 4-1

6 AIR POWER 8-5
10 WINNER'S BET 5-1

UP YOUR DEO has come into his own as a 3yo and both of those recent wins in the MGM Trot at Yonkers were very good...CELEBRITY BAMBINO wasn't in a good spot in last but I expect Gingras to leave here...AIR POWER is another colt that has put it all together as a 3yo. He made a break in last but reportedly lost a shoe. They've been racing him off the pace which is why I picked him third, but he can finish strongly...WINNER'S BET got perfect ground saving trips in both starts this year and finished quickly to win both races. He's never left the gate so it will be interesting to see what strategy driver Dexter Dunn tries here. Dunn apparently took this colt over Air Power.

RACE 10
5 M-M'S DREAM 3-5
3 FASHION SCHOONER 4-1
4 WARRAWEE XENIA 8-1
2 ETERNAL LEE 15-1

M-M'S DREAM was given a cagey drive by Hall of Fame driver David Miller and came through to win gamely in the Hambo maturity...FASHION SCHOONER was no match for top pick here on 6/24 but came back to finish third behind two top mares in the Six Pack...WARRAWEE XENIA after a strong 3yo season, this mare has struggled this year but she can finish fast on her best.

RACE 11
4 HUNGRY ANGEL BOY 3-5
3 VOUEKALAS 5-2
1 CAPTAIN BATBOY 4-1
7 TASTE OF HONEY 8-1

HUNGRY ANGEL BOY has been sharp but keeps getting beat by faster horses; this is a good spot though...VOUEKALAS came up empty off a cover trip in the Meadowlands Pace and now tries lasix. He's the main rival with a return to form...CAPTAIN BATBOY hasn't raced in a month after being scratched sick, hard to gauge but he's been racing well this year...TASTE OF HONEY won over this track as a 2yo last year.

RACE 12
2 EL REY 7-5
1 AMMO 5-2
8 SAVE AMERICA 7-2
7 COMMAND 6-1

EL REY's lack of gate speed may not be as much of an issue in this field, especially from post 2. He seems talented enough to go first over and put this field away...AMMO adds lasix and figures to be prominent throughout...SAVE AMERICA had no shot from post 10 in the Big M Pace Final but he figures to try leaving here...COMMAND steps up in good form.

RACE 13
2 STRENGTHANHONOR N 8-5
5 KOLBY TWO STEP 2-1
3 CAVIART CAMDEN 7-2
10 REACTOR NOW A 6-1

STRENGTHANHONOR N had post 10 in last against better in last, just missed at this level two back, and the switch to hot driver Matt Kakaley may seal the deal...KOLBY TWO STEP comes out of some quick miles at Philadelphia, and although that track has been playing very fast this year, this guy fits well here and adds lasix...CAVIART CAMDEN has struggled in all four starts this year but he is second off a freshening

with a key drop in class and was Zeron's choice over his barn mate, REACTOR NOW A, who also takes a needed drop.

RACE 14

6 EARLY ACTION 4-5

2 STONEBRIDGE REEF 5-2

7 BETTER TAKE IT 9-2

3 MR IBIZA N 6-1

EARLY ACTION has been racing well in some fast races; takes a key drop...STONEBRIDGE REEF drops, likes this track, and may be the one to beat...BETTER TAKE IT was in PA. in his last two starts but three back he went a big mile here...MR IBIZA N had post 9 in his U.S. debut and raced well. I think this field is faster so he'll either need a trip or will have to improve.

BEST BET: QUICK STOP 8th Race and UP YOUR DEO 9th Race