

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Friday, August 4

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

10 FERDINAND A 7-5
8 BRUCE'S MAGIC 10-1
9 BANK SEA 5-2
5 SWEET MOVES 10-1

FERDINAND A, beaten favorite the last three times he raced at this level, finished game seconds each time and may finally hang on...BRUCE'S MAGIC gets a driver change...BANK SEA got the trip he wanted but lacked the needed rally at 1-2 odds in last, also gets a driver change in this amateur driver race...SWEET MOVES comes off an uncovered win in a slow mile.

RACE 2

1 WARRAWEE MICHELLE 8-5
2 TANDEM HANOVER 8-5
3 BLAZING DEO 6-1
6 WALLA 7-1

WARRAWEE MICHELLE showed improvement in her second start...TANDEM HANOVER has raced well in all three starts, one to beat.

RACE 3

6 KARL 8-5
7 FLYING KRONOS S 5-2
2 FRENCH KRONOS 4-1
1 TONY ADAMS S 4-1

KARL shows a sharp prep race for Nancy Takter...FLYING KRONOS S finished well behind a nice prospect in last...FRENCH KRONOS broke in last but raced gamely in his prior start and could go well at a price for a good trotting barn...TONY ADAMS S won his debut wire to wire over a much weaker field but could keep improving.

RACE 4

9 CAPTAIN LUKE 2-1
5 HUNTINGFORCHROME 2-1
8 ROCK THE CAPTAIN N 5-2
4 TOTAL STRANGER 3-1

Five of these 2yo's are trained by Tony Alagna, including CAPTAIN LUKE, who prepped sharply but had no shot in his debut as he chased the early season division leader Newsroom and came on willingly in a very fast race...HUNTINGFORCHROME finished nicely behind Newsroom in his debut then jogged in a NY Sire Stakes race at Saratoga...ROCK THE CAPTAIN N won both of his starts including last over this track and is hard to dismiss... TOTAL STRANGER lost at 2/5 in last but put in a solid effort.

RACE 5

6 THE MOMENT 5-2
10 CHEVAL RAPIDE 7-5
2 SADBIRDSTILLSING 4-1
7 MISS I LA 6-1

THE MOMENT had post 8 in her debut, left, tucked, finished strongly in :26.4 to be second less than a length behind CHEVAL RAPIDE, then won at Philadelphia; draws inside of the favorite this time...CHEVAL RAPIDE has own both starts wire to wire, from posts 3 and 4, and seems capable of overcoming post 10...SADBIRDSTILLSING raced well in debut...MISS I LA raced okay in debut and could improve.

RACE 6
5 TARRIFIC 7-2
2 SARASOTA HANOVER 2-1
6 MIRACULOUS DEO 2-1
1 LOU LOU 6-1

TARRIFIC looked good in her prep races then raced off the pace and made up good ground in debut...SARASOTA HANOVER showed promise in her second prep and put it all together in her third career start closing sharply off a ground saving trip...MIRACULOUS DEO made two moves setting the pace and only lost by 2 lengths; threat...LOU LOU seems to be improving and the Burke barn has been hot in these 2yo races at this track.

RACE 7
1 BETTER IS NICE 7-5
8 CAVIART JUSTICE 2-1
2 MR THREE O FIVE 3-1
3 ARBITRAGE 12-1

BETTER IS NICE finished strongly in his debut then you have to like the way he kept up easily as CAVIART JUSTICE went to the three quarters in a 1:24.2, and then powered clear first over with a :26.2 last quarter...CAVIART JUSTICE showed good speed in both starts and figures to stay aggressive with the \$240 G's on the line here...MR THREE O FIVE raced well ion both starts and is hard to eliminate...ARBITRAGE showed improvement in his second start and it wouldn't surprise me to see him go well at a price here.

RACE 8
6 BAR COINS 2-1
9 CAL MILES N SHELL 2-1
1 HP RUNNING MASS 4-1
8 BROWNIE 5-1

BAR COINS broke in last but looked good winning from post 7 in first start for this barn two back...CAL MILES N SHELL won both of his starts with Calabrese in the bike including a game win from post 10... HP RUNNING MASS hasn't been that consistent on the smaller tracks but he did take his mark around two turns...BROWNIE comes off a nice win over the track, although owner/driver Dan Dube was in the bike for that; I haven't seen this driver yet.

RACE 9
2 ODDS ON STENO 2-1
8 PULP FICTION 7-5
3 QUICK FIRE 3-1
6 MY SPECIAL EVENT 9-2

ODDS ON STENO made a nifty uncovered move and finished well in her second career start; could be sitting on a big one for this Final...PULP FICTION has looked strong in both starts and she'll probably leave again and either tuck or work her way to the top like she did last week...QUICK FIRE will picks up Dunn as

driver Todd McCarthy had his choice and took the favorite, but this filly improved sharply in her second start, made a full move to the lead, pulled at the three quarters and ran down MY SPECIAL EVENT, who was trying to steal away and just got caught.

RACE 10

1 SIERRA GIRL 2-1
3 PAULINA HANOVER 5-2
4 GRACEFUL DESIGN 3-1
8 SLIP SLIDING AWAY 4-1

RACE 11

5 PRESSURE COOKER 8-5
7 CAVIART BELLE 9-5
6 CHIAPANECAS 5-2
8 CANIGETALOUPOUP 6-1

RACE 12

7 IMMANUEL K S 1-1
1 NEXTROUNDSONME 5-2
6 VELVET STYLE 10-1
4 DRIBBLING BI 6-1

IMMANUEL K S had post 10 and rallied gamely for the show behind two trotters who would be very short odds here; drops and gets a better post...NEXTROUNDSONME probably needed last off a sick scratch and takes a key drop here for good barn...VELVET STYLE had outside posts in his last two starts at Yonkers and broke; the switch in venues and driver change could help...DRIBBLING BI drops down.

RACE 13

4 REACTOR NOW A** 7-5
5 MINDTRIP 5-2
6 BAILEYS ROCK N 5-1
8 MAJORLY SEXY A 7-1

RACE 14

2 AMAZING CATCH 4-1
8 WINTER SOLDIER 8-5
7 AMSTEL HANOVER 5-2
6 THINKER MONKEY 9-2

AMAZING CATCH saved ground and never really got full clearance in his second start...WINTER SOLDIER saved ground in his debut and came through a big opening to win nicely...AMSTEL HANOVER qualified well for a barn that does well first time out...THINKER MONKEY comes off an improved effort for good barn.

BEST BET: REACTOR NOW A 13th Race