

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Friday, December 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

3 CLOUDBREAK 10-1
8 KISSINBYTHEBEACHES 5-2
4 MASK ON MASK OFF 5-1
9 ARCHETTO HANOVER 10-1

CLOUDBREAK tired in last but faces a weaker field here...KISSINBYTHEBEACHES also tired on the lead in last but closed well two back...MASK ON MASK OFF was 6/5 in last and never got involved but fits on one of his better efforts...ARCHETTO HANOVER changes hands and driver Yogi Sheridan is having a big year in these amateur driver races.

RACE 2

4 FIRST LIGHT 7-5
2 MAKE IT BIG 3-1
5 MARVALOUS ONE 6-1
3 DOCTOR BUTCH 8-1

FIRST LIGHT is first off the claim by 23 year old trainer Michael Meza, who, in his first year of training, has 31 wins in 93 starts (33%) including 9 wins in 29 starts (31%) over this track...MAKE IT BIG steps up off a win at even money but has improved sharply for new barn...MARVALOUS ONE comes off an improved effort...DOCTOR BUTCH veteran came through with a win in the amateur driver ranks.

RACE 3

3 WON'T BACK DOWN 8-5
2 P L PORTIA 5-2
6 BETTE TINA 7-2
5 ONSPEED N 8-1

WON'T BACK DOWN was uncovered and finished a solid second over the track in last...P L PORTIA seems better than last...BETTE TINA has raced well at this level...ONSPEED N finished third against similar in last.

RACE 4

3 DANDY IDEA 9-5
5 FERDINAND A 2-1
2 TIDAL SHARK 9-2
6 ROLLINWITDAPONZZZ 14-1

DANDY IDEA is the lone mare in this race but she rallied gamely to beat Whammer Jammer in a quick mile for this type in her last start and that pacer came back to win again last week, at 3/5...FERDINAND A comes off two good efforts and should be on the lead again...TIDAL SHARK finished well from far back in last, although the fast pace set up nicely for him...ROLLINWITDAPONZZZ has had a good year with 8 wins for over \$63,000, and won three times against \$15,000 claimers in September and October; showed little from post 10 in last, had a tough parked out trip two back, and was in with much better three back. This is the best post he's had since shipping in from Indiana.

RACE 5

8 GEMOLOGIST 5-2
2 URNTRouble HANOVER 3-1
3 ALLINDOTIME 9-2
6 SAY YOU DO 6-1

GEMOLOGIST is the most accomplished trotter in the race, with \$470,900 in career earnings. He was first over against better at Yonkers in last, finished third; two back he set the pace and finished third here...URNTRouble HANOVER takes a key drop...ALLINDOTIME has been racing decently at this level...SAY YOU DO broke in last, something that he's inclined to do, but he stayed flat in his two prior efforts and raced okay.

RACE 6

1 HELLO YES HI 2-1
8 LET'S MISBEHAVE 2-1
2 SPLASH OF PINK 4-1
5 ILLUSION SEELSTER 7-1

HELLO YES HI ships in for Burke and drops off a no-chance mile at Yonkers...LET'S MISBEHAVE is one of three here for trainer Tony Alagna and this filly is now 2 for 2 over the track; steps up sharp. She doesn't usually leave the gate, which is why I put Hello Yes Hi on top...SPLASH OF PINK finished well in her two starts over this track and gets a better post...ILLUSION SEELSTER was sharp beating weaker two back then closed okay against similar in last.

RACE 7

1 LACHIE MAGUIRE N 7-2
10 MISTER GODRO 7-2
7 ASHLEY LOCAZ N 6-1
4 SGT PAPA DADDY 2-1

LACHIE MAGUIRE N paced evenly against tougher in last...MISTER GODRO ships in from Saratoga off three straight wins against similar including a big effort from a tough spot in last...ASHLEY LOCAZ N went off as the 7/5 favorite, was first over and finished second behind Mister Godro in last at Saratoga, and that was off a two month layoff; he fits for this price tag...SGT PAPA DADDY wired a weaker field at even money and remains at the same claiming level off a claim; seems likely to be well placed.

RACE 8

6 BLUEBIRD BISHOP** 8-5
5 FEAST DAY 5-2
10 SWAN CAPTAIN 4-1
2 DRACO S 6-1

BLUEBIRD BISHOP left, yielded, held the place in his first start off a month's layoff in last; picks up Callahan...FEAST DAY drops and may show more...SWAN CAPTAIN comes off two good efforts against similar...DRACO S turned in some good efforts against better at Yonkers last month; tries two turns.

RACE 9

9 GET ANSWERS 5-2
5 ON THE MONEY GB 3-1
4 UPTOWN LADY N 7-2
3 SO DIVA 5-1

GET ANSWERS lacked a rally against similar two back but dropped in class, left well, yielded and was shuffled to 6th, moved out behind cover and came on again to draw clear late...ON THE MONEY GB is the

other Burke horse here and this mare is 2 for 2 over this track...UPTOWN LADY N drops back to the level of her solid placing two back...SO DIVA was in too tough in last two starts but might fit here.

RACE 10

6 TWIN B SUNKISSED 5-2
7 VILLAGE JADE 3-1
9 DRAGONS LUCKY LADY 7-2
8 PROBERT 4-1

RACE 11

4 BRONZE OVER N 8-5
7 MONEYMAKERHERSMILE 5-1
3 HUNTRESSVILLE A 5-1
8 UNSTOPPABLE HALL 5-1

BRONZE OVER N was first over and held well in last at Yonkers.

RACE 12

8 INTERVIEW FRA A 7-5
2 HEADOVERBOOTS AS 2-1
1 STABLE GENIUS 4-1
7 CALL ME DANI 4-1

INTERVIEW FRA A paced evenly in his U.S. debut last week; takes a key drop and we should find out what he can do against this field...HEADOVERBOOTS AS ships in for Burke and drops; he's 0 for 10 at this track but has finished second five times...STABLE GENIUS rallied to miss by a head to CALL ME DANI, who was able to set her own pace and held on to beat a weaker field at this level last week.

RACE 13

4 SLICK N QUICK 5-2
6 VEL LARRY 6-1
8 LINCOLN BOULEVARD 6-1
10 BIG IDEA 6-1

SLICK N QUICK gets the call by default in a weak field.

RACE 14

3 SWAN FLYER 5-2
5 HIGHLAND MOWGLI 5-2
4 INAMINUTE HANOVER 3-1
2 DUCKDODGENDIVE 6-1

BEST BET: BLUEBIRD BISHOP 8th Race