

## **Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, December 23**

**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

1 BETTER THAN SOME 5-1  
2 LOVIN ON YOU 5-2  
6 LYONS PRIDE 5-1  
7 SPORTS ADVISOR 5-1

BETTER THAN SOME had to need last off the layoff; upset call for sharp barn...LOVIN ON YOU finished gamely from far back in last...LYONS PRIDE was scratched three weeks ago and drops in for a tag here for a high-percentage trainer...SPORTS ADVISOR beaten favorite in last, finished second in two prior efforts.

#### RACE 2

1 BAILEYS ROCK N\*\* 4-1  
3 MR KELLY 4-1  
7 JUMPING JAKE 6-1  
6 WAR OF WILL 8-1

BAILEYS ROCK N was off a layoff in last and 14 lengths back early, gained 10 lengths in a useful tightener...MR KELLY was in with much better in last; drops and moves inside...JUMPING JAKE ships back in at the bottom level...WAR OF WILL ships in and moves into barn that has a 32% win percentage.

#### RACE 3

1 SOUTHWIND SAMBUCCA 8-5  
5 BB LUCKY BOY 2-1  
4 THIRD PILLAR 7-2  
8 TWO FACED 8-1

#### RACE 4

3 STONEBRIDGE REEF 8-5  
5 FULSOME 5-2  
9 ROCK THE DEVIL 4-1  
4 LEON DAVID 6-1

STONEBRIDGE REEF recorded a :25.4 last quarter in last; drops, moves inside, gets a driver change...FULSOME drops and should go well here...ROCK THE DEVIL had pace on both ends in last...LEON DAVID best needed.

#### RACE 5

5 TJ'S INDY PACER 4-1  
10 AS ALWAYS 2-1  
7 IT'S IN THE STARS 4-1  
8 DANCE IT OUT 6-1

TJ'S INDY PACER had post 7 in his last two starts at Yonkers; ships in for a good barn with cagey veteran Victor Kirby in the bike...AS ALWAYS drops while in good form for sharp barn...IT'S IN THE STARS adds lasix and can improve on last...DANCE IT OUT drops and may leave this time.

#### RACE 6

7 QUEEN OF SUCCESS 8-5  
6 HOT MESS EXPRESS 9-5  
1 RACY ROXY A 4-1  
4 TALK CURDY TO ME 4-1

QUEEN OF SUCCESS had post 9 off a layoff in last, left, got a trip and finished in :25.4 for the win; classy mare steps up sharp...HOT MESS EXPRESS fast mare qualified back well for good layoff barn and she could be best here...RACY ROXY A earned pretty good money down under, makes her U.S. debut in a good field...TALK CURDY TO ME best needed.

#### RACE 7

8 NATIONAL SPORT 2-1  
6 SAULSBROOK RAPTOR 6-1  
10 BICORNE HANOVER 4-1  
7 CHUCKY HANOVER 9-2

NATIONAL SPORT ships in from Hoosier off a claim by one of the sport's top trainers, Virgil Morgan, Jr., looking for 4<sup>th</sup> straight...SAULSBROOK RAPTOR moved into a hot barn in last and won with a big two move effort; steps up sharp...BICORNE HANOVER shipped in from Hoosier last week and rallied to win from off the pace...CHUCKY HANOVER has been racing well.

#### RACE 8

1 INAMINUTE HANOVER 2-1  
4 LITTLE EXPENSIVE 2-1  
3 INTERVIEW FRA A 7-2  
5 MAY DAY 8-1

INAMINUTE HANOVER drops back to winning level and gets a key driver change...LITTLE EXPENSIVE has turned in some solid efforts against the top 3 year olds and this barn does well with fresh horses...INTERVIEW FRA A is a rare trotter shipping in from Australia where he won 8 of his last 11 starts. He lands in a sharp barn, adds lasix...MAY DAY drops and gets a better post.

#### RACE 9

4 BOILING OAR 7-5  
2 NUTTIN BUT FINESSE 4-1  
1 SUGAR ME N 9-2  
7 DECISION DAY 6-1

BOILING OAR has 44 career wins, but is only 2 for 20 over this track. He had no chance from post 8 in last at Yonkers. I thought he raced well in a fast mile two back and he drops into a pretty soft N/W \$10,000 field for a sharp barn. If he doesn't win, it's wide open...NUTTIN BUT FINESSE comes out of better fields...SUGAR ME N was used hard from post 9 in last; recent form is sharp...DECISION DAY classy veteran was game beating slower.

#### RACE 10

8 SOARING NOW 8-5  
3 RED RIGHT HAND 5-2  
7 JACK'S LEGEND N 4-1  
1 MY PAL JOE 8-1

RACE 11

5 WHOLE LOTTA LOU 7-5  
2 CAVIART CAMDEM 7-2  
7 WHATCHULOOKIN AT 9-2  
3 BRUTUALLYHANDSOME A 6-1

WHOLE LOTTA LOU is third off the bench, showed a good late rally in last and may be tough to beat off the drop...CAVIART CAMDEN raced well off a layoff in last...WHATCHULOOKIN AT drops and gets a better post...BRUTUALLYHANDSOME A makes U.S. debut off a solid qualifier.

RACE 12

1 SELECT FRIDAY 6-1  
2 RACING MONEY 2-1  
3 ROJAN'S WAY 6-1  
4 LACHIE MAGUIRE N 10-1

SELECT FRIDAY upset similar at 24-1 off a patented and patient Victor Kirby sit and pounce fast finish...RACING MONEY made two moves to the lead and was second behind the top pick...ROJAN'S WAY comes off an improved effort...LACHIE MAGUIRE N 13 year old raced okay closing from 8<sup>th</sup> in last; may be closer to the leader here.

RACE 13

5 KING OF ACES 2-1  
7 SEEUINNASHVILLE A 5-2  
3 SNAP CALL 5-1  
6 ITHACA HANOVER 6-1

RACE 14

2 THE GOOD DOCTOR 7-5  
5 DARK MATTER 7-2  
6 GAZOO 5-1  
10 OLYMPIC BLAZE 6-1

THE GOOD DOCTOR had the lead but finished second at odds-on in his last two starts, although he did pace a :26 final quarter in last...DARK MATTER has won 3 in a row at Saratoga, in the same NW2 class, since being claimed by Derue. He could be the main rival here...GAZOO chased the top pick home and held the show in his last two starts...OLYMPIC BLAZE has only raced 3 times and he came through with a solid two move win at 1-2 odds in last. He has room to keep improving.

BEST BET: BAILEY'S ROCK N 2<sup>nd</sup> Race