

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, December 30

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

2 DESIRE'S CAPTAIN 5-2
8 NIGHT WATCHMAN 3-1
5 SPORTS ADVISOR 6-1
7 THE BEST TYME EVER 6-1

RACE 2

3 MACHIATTO A 7-2
6 CALIBER 7-5
8 DANCE IT OUT 7-2
4 PASSA-GRILLE BEACH 6-1

MACHIATTO A had tough posts at Yonkers in his first two starts for this barn...CALIBER needed last, drops, can be tough to beat on one of his good races...DANCE IT OUT drops and fits well here...PASSA-GRILLE BEACH gets a key driver change to Andy McCarthy and can improve.

RACE 3

2 OAKWOOD ARDAN IR 3-5
9 THE GOOD DOCTOR 5-2
3 EL YERNO 8-1
7 MIDNIGHT THUNDER 12-1

OAKWOOD ARDAN IR left, yielded, came back on with a :25.4 last quarter to beat a similar field in his U.S. debut...THE GOOD DOCTOR was second best behind the top pick in that race, then came back with an easy win last week...EL YERNO had to need last...MIDNIGHT THUNDER finished a well beaten third behind The Good Doctor in last.

RACE 4

6 BARRIER 6-1
3 SOUTHWIND SAMBUCCA 7-2
1 SAULSBROOK RAPTOR 4-1
7 BB LUCKY BOY 4-1

BARRIER was beaten at odds-on over a sloppy track in last at Philadelphia but three prior efforts over this track were solid and they add lasix tonight...SOUTHWIND SAMBUCCA is in good form and can take all...SAULSBROOK RAPTOR steps up sharp for hot barn...BB LUCKY BOY got an easy lead and wired similar in last.

RACE 5

4 HERETTIZ 5-2
6 FULL SUPPORT 3-1
8 SUGAR ME N 7-2
5 BICORNE HANOVER 6-2

RACE 6

8 BOILING OAR 2-1
7 REVOLVER N 5-2
6 MR DS ROCK 7-2
2 SAN DOMINO A 4-1

BOILING OAR was in a tough spot but rallied gamely late to dead heat for the win in 1:49.4; classy sort is in good hands...REVOLVER N has improved with lasix in his last two starts and steps up sharp...MR DS ROCK took his mark over this track, most likely needed last from post 8 at Yonkers and is a threat here...SAN DOMINO A fits well for this price tag.

RACE 7

4 REVOLT 5-1
6 AMERICAN CLASSIC 8-5
8 STATE SENATOR 5-1
7 C-BET HANOVER 5-1

REVOLT finished full of pace to draw off impressively and take a career mark of 1:49.4 here two starts ago, then was put on the lead at Philadelphia, went to the three quarters in 1:21.4 and finished third beaten a length and a half at 3/5 odds. This 6yo gelding has improved his form since joining the Pat Lachance barn but he seems to prefer racing off a helmet; upset call despite stepping up, as this isn't the toughest NW \$10,000 field...AMERICAN CLASSIC ships in from Yonkers for Burke, comes off a subpar effort but takes a sharp drop in class and is third off a short layoff...STATE SENATOR ships in off win against weaker at Yonkers but gets a key trainer change...C-BET HANOVER also ships in from Yonkers and fits well at this level.

RACE 8

6 SARANAC BLUE CHIP** 6-5
7 DOUBLE METAL 5-2
1 SLING SHOT 4-1
3 NAZARE 6-1

SARANAC BLUE CHIP left in :26.3, set a fast pace under pressure and held the show in last at Yonkers. He's won 2 of 7 starts over this track and takes a key drop here...DOUBLE METAL peaked as a 5 year old this year, pacing several fast miles including a 1:48.3 win at The Meadows. He changed hands and shipped to Ohio where he turned in a dull performance last start, but he ships in with another trainer change and a key drop in class. If this horse is feeling good, he could be a handful at this level...SLING SHOT was used hard on the lead and excusably tired in his second start for Vallee; drops and will probably look for cover...NAZARE wired weaker in last and was privately sold, debuts for Burke.

RACE 9

5 RED RIGHT HAND 6-5
2 JILLIBY DYNAMITE A 5-2
10 SPORT SECRET 4-1
6 MY PAL JOE 6-1

RED RIGHT HAND broke in last, which may not be a good sign, but he broke at Yonkers four starts back then turned in two solid efforts in tougher fields than this. He took his mark of 1:48.1 over this track and he's the fastest of these if he stays flat and shows up with one of his good efforts...JILLIBY DYNAMITE A was racing well but then got scratched sick on Nov. 17 and lacked a rally in his last two starts. He takes a key drop and he's plenty fast if right...SPORT SECRET is still sharp and picks up Andy McCarthy...MY PAL JOE didn't have an easy trip in last and was very game beating weaker from post 10 two back.

RACE 10

6 INTOTHEMYSTICMOON 2-1

4 COACHELLABOUND N 8-1
9 QUEEN OF SUCCESS 8-5
7 HOT MESS EXPRESS 4-1

INTOTHEMYSTICMOON came off a 7 week layoff and got up gamely to win the Open Filly and Mare Handicap at Yonkers in her first start for the Burke barn. Sharp 4 year old has room to keep improving...COACHELLABOUND N set the pace and lost by less than 3 lengths in that same Open pace at Yonkers. She's third off a freshening here, took her mark over this track, and gets Andy McCarthy...QUEEN OF SUCCESS looks for her third straight win for the Alagna barn and is hard to knock but could be an underlay from post 9 in this quality field...HOT MESS EXPRESS came off a layoff, left, sat the pocket and had even late pace. If she steps up second off the bench, she certainly fits well here. She's driven by provisional driver Anibal Borjas, who is 40 years old and works as an assistant trainer in the Tony Alagna barn. If she had a top driver, I would have put her second in this race, but Borjas only has 23 career drives, although he looked okay in the bike and gave her a good trip in last.

RACE 11

3 ON ACCIDENT 2-1
9 WHOLE LOTTA LOU 5-2
7 DA DELIGHTFUL 3-1
5 BUCHANNON HANOVER 12-1

ON ACCIDENT is in form, drops down, gets a better post...WHOLE LOTTA LOU made two moves to the lead and gave way at 1-2 odds in last; drops...DA DELIGHTFUL beat faster horses three times in the spring and summer but has been dull in four starts since returning from a sick scratch. However, he drops and gets a big driver change and I expect we're going to see an improved effort tonight...BUCHANNON HANOVER was overmatched in last, drops, but needs a trip.

RACE 12

4 URIEL BLUE CHIP 2-1
7 WAR OF WILL 5-2
1 ITHACA HANOVER 3-1
8 SEEUINNASHVILLE A 8-1

RACE 13

7 MCCLINCHIE N** 8-5
1 BOILER MAKER 4-1
3 BLUE OCEAN 5-1
5 JAGGER ROCKS 6-1

MCCLINCHIE N lacked a rally two back, but that was off a 5 month-plus layoff, then he draw post 9 against a much tougher field here last week...BOILER MAKER drops and is dangerous on one of his good efforts...BLUE OCEAN drops and showed some late pace in last...JAGGER ROCKS ships in off an improved effort.

RACE 14

1 BEACH CHIEF 8-5
6 BENNY IS A JET 4-1
4 UNIQUE BEACH 6-1
2 BARGAIN SHOPPER 6-1

BEST BETS: SARANAC BLUE CHIP 8th and MCCLINCHIE N 13th