

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, January 6

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

4 LYONS PRIDE 2-1
7 SMOKIN BY N 2-1
3 FLASHY DUDE 4-1
5 MAJESTIC KIWI N 9-1

LYONS PRIDE handles this track, raced well off a month's layoff fin last...SMOKIN BY N takes a key drop...FLASHY DUDE was claimed again in last, shows two wins against this type...MAJESTIC KIWI N doesn't win that often but gets Bartlett and showed some late pace closing from a tough spot in last.

RACE 2

2 SEEUINNASHVILLE A 5-1
4 WAR OF WILL 8-5
3 KING OF ACES 2-1
8 ART OF ENDURANCE 5-1

RACE 3

4 SELECT FRIDAY 5-1
3 LOVIN ON YOU 2-1
7 IDEAL STAR N 4-1
2 STICK WITH CRAMER 5-1

SELECT FRIDAY won at this level here three starts back, then was 5th seven lengths behind at the half in his last start at Harrahs Philadelphia, power-brushed to the lead down the backstretch and had something left to draw clear in the stretch...LOVIN ON YOU comes off a couple of sharp efforts against similar...IDEAL STAR N drops and looks like a good fit for this price tag...STICK WITH CRAMER has been racing well at Philadelphia.

RACE 4

4 HIGH ON ROCKNROLL 4-1
7 MARCUS SEELSTER 4-1
9 I'M SOME GRADUATE 4-1
10 AS ALWAYS 5-1

HIGH ON ROCKNROLL is in form and has tactical speed...MARCUS SEELSTER has quick early speed and good form...I'M SOME GRADUATE only had 3 wins last year but he fits well for this price tag and the 11 year old will give you a good effort when he's in at the right level...AS ALWAYS moves back into a claiming race with fine form.

RACE 5

10 BOILING OAR 6-5
9 MR DS ROCK 4-1
5 SUGAR ME N 5-1
8 NOME HANOVER 8-1

BOILING OAR classy sort picked up McCarthy in last and Andy drove him like he knew he was much the best, and he was...MR DS ROCK chased the top one's hot fractions and held the place...SUGAR ME N steps up sharp off a claim by good claiming barn...NOME HANOVER looked short off the bench in last. He's been overmatched since being claimed in November but drops back to a more realistic level here.

RACE 6

5 STONE HANOVER 8-5
1 MY PAL JOE 9-5
4 REVOLT 6-1
2 VINTAGE CHEDDAR N 6-1

STONE HANOVER and MY PAL JOE have both been racing well while chasing a sharp pacer named Soaring Now, who isn't in this race. McCarthy took STONE HANOVER, which may just be loyalty to the trainer, but the top two look closely matched.

RACE 7

6 UNDRTHSOUTHRNSUN N 8-5
8 DOUBLE METAL 5-2
4 GOOD DEAL 4-1
2 C-BET HANOVER 6-1

UNDRTHSOUTHRNSUN N doesn't win that often but he's a quick horse when right and in at an appropriate level and this is the level of his last win. He makes his first start for sharp trainer Linda Toscano and he qualified like he's ready...DOUBLE METAL set the pace and just missed against similar in last...GOOD DEAL drops and moves inside for hot barn...C-BET HANOVER takes a needed drop.

RACE 8

5 OAKWOOD ARDAN IR 8-5
6 VENTURESOME ARDEN N 9-5
2 THIRD PILLAR 4-1
4 BB LUCKY BOY 7-1

OAKWOOD ARDAN IR was a sharp winner of his first two U.S. starts, steps up but should go well again...VENTURESOME ARDEN N is another down under horse that won his first two starts here. Driver Steve Smith drove him like a good horse leaving quickly from post 9 in last, and he had plenty left to draw clear despite the early energy. This is an interesting match-up between these two down under horses...THIRD PILLAR finished gamely from a tough spot in last...BB LUCKY BOY speedy sort needs the right trip to have a chance against these.

RACE 9

7 JILLIBY DYNAMITE A** 6-5
5 BETTOR NOT TALK 5-2
1 OAKWOOD PADDY IR 4-1
8 DECISION DAY 10-1

JILLIBY DYNAMITE A sat in and was shuffled to 9th in last, angled clear around midstretch and finished well; drops and gets a key driver change to Hall of Fame driver David Miller...BETTOR NOT TALK finished gamely dead heat for the place behind a classy horse...OAKWOOD PADDY IR ships in sharp for live barn...DECISION DAY best needed.

RACE 10

4 TONY'S MOM 7-2
7 QUEEN OF SUCCESS 8-5
1 HOT MESS EXPRESS 6-1
6 COACHHELLABOUND N 4-1

TONY'S MOM finished quickly for the place in last and gets Bartlett back in the bike...QUEEN OF SUCCESS simply had too much ground to make up in last but finished gamely and she can leave...HOT MESS EXPRESS never got involved in last but moves inside for her third start off the bench...COACHHELLABOUND N got a pocket trip and beat similar in last.

RACE 11

1 FIKA TIME 4-1
7 TITO ROCKS 4-1
5 GINGRAS BEACH 6-1
4 OSGRO HANOVER 6-1

RACE 12

2 WHOLE LOTTA LOU 8-5
1 DA DELIGHTFUL 5-2
4 STRAIGHT UP COOL 3-1
7 DANCE IT OUT 9-2

WHOLE LOTTA LOU continues to slide down the class ladder and he could be too quick for these...DA DELIGHTFUL drops in condition off a solid effort, although this field might be better than the one he faced...STRAIGHT UP COOL was claimed by a live barn in last and drops out of a hot mile...DANCE IT OUT dropped to this level and raced gamely.

RACE 13

1 SLING SHOT 2-1
2 HOTNROLL HEAVEN 5-2
5 FULSOME 5-1
8 BRUTALLYHANDSOME A 7-1

SLING SHOT drops and gets a key driver change...HOTNROLL HEAVEN drops and gets a better spot...FULSOME is racing in good form, gets a sharp veteran driver...BRUTALLYHANDSOME showed little in his U.S. debut but picks up Jordan Stratton tonight, drops, and can improve.

RACE 14

6 EL YERNO 5-2
5 MIDNIGHT THUNDER 7-5
7 OLYMPIC BLAZE 7-1
9 SPEED SNIP 8-1

BEST BETS: JILLIBY DYNAMITE A 9th Race