

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, January 27

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 NEEDHAM HANOVER 8-5
1 INCREDIBLE BADGER 5-1
4 HASHTAG WATCH ME 6-1
9 DESIRE'S CAPTAIN 7-1

NEEDHAM HANOVER raced well in both starts for this barn and beat a similar field in last...INCREDIBLE BADGER dropped to this level in last and didn't respond but was claimed by live claiming outfit and even though he didn't win a race last year (in 13 starts), he did turn in some decent efforts against faster horses...HASHTAG WATCH ME raced okay against similar in his lone start over this track and comes off a freshening for a sharp claiming outfit...DESIRE'S CAPTAIN left from post 10 in last and may be coming around.

RACE 2

9 GOLDEN GESTURE 7-2
7 LITTLE POWER 9-5
4 ROBBIE BURNS 9-2
5 CONCUR 5-1

GOLDEN GESTURE chased a sharp winner in a better field in last...LITTLE POWER was a big favorite off a short layoff in last, worked his way to the lead and held on nicely...ROBBIE BURNS N was used hard leaving from post 10 in last, tired badly and took a month off; fits well here if ready...CONCUR finished willingly against similar.

RACE 3

3 UNDRTHSOUTHRNSUN N 7-2
6 REVOLT 7-2
2 DECISION DAY 4-1
1 BARRIER 5-1

UNDRTHSOUTHRNSUN N beat weaker off a layoff in first start for this barn two back, then was used leaving and lacked a rally against a better field in last...REVOLT drops and can finish strongly...DECISION DAY drops and gets a better post...BARRIER only has 2 wins in 50 career starts but has improved for this barn and seems to fit here off the drop in class.

RACE 4

8 SLING SHOCK 7-5
2 HESTHERIGHTSTUFF 5-2
1 MARRIED MAN 6-1
5 LOU ED ZEPPELIN 12-1

SLING SHOCK was used hard to get the lead from post 9, set a fast pace on a windy night and only lost by two lengths; drops and picks up hot driver Jason Bartlett, who had another huge year last year and is winning at 27% so far this year...HESTHERIGHTSTUFF didn't have an easy trip in last; drops and moves

inside...MARRIED MAN drops down...LOU ED ZEPPELIN gets a key driver change.

RACE 5

10 LIKE CLOCKWORK 5-2
2 BANK SEA 3-1
7 KING OF ACES 4-1
6 PARKLANE TERROR 8-1

LIKE CLOCKWORK was an easy winner in first start for new barn, steps up and draws post 10, but has backclass...BANK SEA picks up David Miller off a nice win on a windy night...KING OF ACES fits well in this field...PARKLANE TERROR has been racing in fine form.

RACE 6

5 LOVE YOUR WORK A 3-1
2 ITS SHOWTIME 7-2
6 OZARK 4-1
1 PETER PETRIFY N 6-1

LOVE YOUR WORK A gets a better spot and was McCarthy's choice over ITS SHOWTIME, who crushed weaker last week...OZARK drops and fits well here...PETER PETRIFY N worked out a trip to upset at 42-1 in last; moves up but this isn't that good of a field and he has room to keep improving in only his fifth start in this country.

RACE 7

2 CHALLENGER 2-1
7 KING ALPHONSO 3-1
3 INTERVIEW FRA A 6-1
10 PRIMO PADRE 12-1

CHALLENGER shows two qualifiers for return, adds lasix, and chased some of the top 3yo's last year...KING ALPHONSO drops off a race he probably needed and gets Andy McCarthy...INTERVIEW FRA A has rounded into form for Noel Daley...PRIMO PADRE beat weaker nicely two back then lacked a rally at a higher level.

RACE 8

8 GENTLEMANJIM II IE 8-5
9 MARCUS SEELSTER 7-2
2 SOUTHPORT BEACH 5-1
5 HOMESTRETCH WES 6-1

GENTLEMANJIM II IE had a tough trip from post 10 in last...MARCUS SEELSTER has been showing speed and racing well...SOUTHPORT BEACH seems to be in decent form and could work out a trip with Stratton...HOMESTRETCH WES steps up sharp and Bartlett stays in the bike.

RACE 9

6 MIND HUNTER 7-2
2 OAKWOOD PADDY IR 2-1
9 MIRRAGON A 4-1
5 TWIN B DELUXE 6-1

MIND HUNTER was first over against a pretty good field at this level and held well...OAKWOOD PADDY IR finished well to be second best at 4/5 odds in his first start over the track...MIRRAGON A uncorked a sharp backstretch brush to take the lead, only lost by a neck in his first start over this track and this sharp 8 year old can leave...TWIN B DELUXE showed some improvement second off a long layoff in last.

RACE 10

9 LITTLE EXPENSIVE 7-5
3 RICH AND MISERABLE 5-1
10 PLATINUM AS 5-1
8 FERRETTI 7-1

LITTLE EXPENSIVE beat weaker handily...RICH AND MISERABLE classy sort is second off a layoff here...PLATINUM AS comes off a game win at this level...FERRETTI finished gamely in his first start over this track.

RACE 11

5 STELLAR YANKEE 5-2
4 TITO ROCKS 2-1
5 DA DELIGHTFUL 3-1
8 BULLVILLE FRANK 8-1

STELLAR YANKEE went evenly from post 6 in his return at Yonkers, can be sharper now...TITO ROCKS drops and could perk up here...DA DELIGHTFUL raced okay on the lead in last two...BULLVILLE FRANK rarely wins but has been finishing willingly.

RACE 12

1 STRAIGHT UP COOL** 2-1
4 EL LE TISSIER N 3-1
5 MCCLINCHIE N 6-1
8 CAPTAIN MCCRAE 10-1

STRAIGHT UP COOL was used hard in last, now moves inside and picks up Stratton in a softer field...EL LE TISSIER N ships in and gets a better post...MCCLINCHIE N was too far back in last but can improve here.

RACE 13

10 ODDS ON BOCA RATON 7-2
3 WAR OF WILL 7-2
4 POSH ONTHE BEACH 4-1
2 SEE YOU FRIDAY 4-1

RACE 14

2 MORNIN CAPTAIN 2-1
5 GRETZKY THE GREAT 5-2
7 NO WORDS 3-1
6 I'M TALKIN HUNGRY 7-2

BEST BETS: STRAIGHT UP COOL 12th Race