

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, January 20

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

5 ELM GROVE QWIGGLY 4-1
1 FLASHY DUDE 8-1
7 LOVIN ON YOU 2-1
3 THE BEST TYME EVER 6-1

ELM GROVE QWIGGLY raced well from post 10 in last, steps up a notch off a claim by live barn...FLASHY DUDE was sharp at this level in December, but that was in a different barn. Gets a key driver change off last and could go well at a price...LOVIN ON YOU has been closing sharply and looks like a key player here...THE BEST TYME EVER tends to finish second more than he wins but his form is good and Bartlett should have him well placed.

RACE 2

1 BIG BAD BILL 2-1
4 LYONS PRIDE 2-1
5 LIKE CLOCKWORK 9-1
7 CAPTAIN T HANOVER 11-1

BIG BAD BILL comes off an improved effort where he finished well into the wind...LYONS PRIDE could be tough to beat here...LIKE CLOCKWORK hasn't raced since December 16 and he hasn't raced well in some time, but he has done well over this track in the past and makes first start for new connections...CAPTAIN T HANOVER also changes hands off month's layoff.

RACE 3

6 HOPNROLL HEAVEN 2-1
7 DA DELIGHTFUL 2-1
3 LEON DAVID 7-2
8 BRUTALLYHANDSOME A 5-1

HOPNROLL HEAVEN finished well in last, drops...DA DELIGHTFUL set the pace and was second best in last, then was scratched sick last Friday; drops...LEON DAVID drops and is dangerous at this level. BRUTALLYHANDSOME is third off a layoff with a drop in class.

RACE 4

6 ALWAYS CLOSE 6-1
1 NEEDHAM HANOVER 6-1
2 STICK WITH CRAMER 4-1
5 POSH ONTHE BEACH A 8-1

RACE 5

4 OAKWOOD ARDAN IR 2-5
9 ALL ALONE 4-1
3 THIRD PILLAR 8-1
2 EL YERNO 9-1

OAKWOOD ARDAN IR has won all three of his U.S. start including his last from post 10 at this same level...ALL ALONE raced well to be second behind the top choice in his last two starts.

RACE 6

3 FIKA TIME 2-1
2 FULL HORSE 5-2
5 VULCAN STAR N 3-1
1 ALWAYS BE SWEET 6-1

FIKA TIME showed some life in second start off the long layoff in last...FULL HORSE ships in from Mohawk and moves into a barn that has been going well...VULCAN STAR N has been racing well on half mile tracks...ALWAYS BE SWEET drops and can improve.

RACE 7

4 AVF CLAIRE 4-1
7 HOT MESS EXPRESS 8-5
3 NO WIN NO FEED A 4-1
6 SPEAK YOUR MIND 11-1

AVF CLAIRE has been improving for trainer Tony Alagna and steps up off a game win from post 9...HOT MESS EXPRESS is also in the Alagna barn and she held well first over against a tougher field in last. The bettors haven't been betting this mare, even though she has 28 career wins and \$938,744 in earnings and I'm sure that's because her driver is a Provisional driver. However, she drops down to a level where she could be tough to deny...NO WIN NO FEED A seems better than last and Gingras is back tonight...SPEAK YOUR MIND ships in fro Dover and debuts for a barn that had a hot streak here last month.

RACE 8

5 SAULSBROOK RAPTOR 5-1
6 ROCKATHON 5-1
1 STOP STARING 5-1
10 GENTLEMANJIM II IE 5-1

SAULSBROOK RAPTOR was in too tough in last but beat similar in prior start and gets a key driver change to George Brennan...ROCKATHON raced okay against a pretty good field in last and picks up Callahan...STOP STARING finished third against similar...GENTLEMANJIM II IE had post 7, left and beat similar off a pocket trip in last; threat in a wide open claiming handicap.

RACE 9

8 UNDRTHSOUTHRNSUN N 5-1
7 STONEBRIDGE REEF 5-2
4 MIRRAGON A 5-2
6 REVOLT 6-1

UNDRTHSOUTHRNSUN N came off a layoff win a nice win in first start for new barn and speedy pacer might build on that despite stepping up two levels...STONEBRIDGE REEF also steps up off a win and he fits well here...MIRRAGON A hasn't raced since December 29 but he looks like a good fit here if ready...REVOLT never got into the race from post 8 in last and the headwinds weren't in his favor; might come flying late if the pace heats up.

RACE 10

8 MR DS ROCK 4-1
5 REVOLVER N 4-1
7 LOORRIM LAKE A 4-1
3 GLACIS 6-1

RACE 11

5 ITS SHOWTIME 5-2

10 HIGH BALLER 5-1

2 BRAZEN BRAZILIAN 6-1

4 GOLDEN GESTURE 6-1

ITS SHOWTIME had post 10 in last and tried to rally wide into the wind; gets a better post...HIGH BALLER woke up with a good speed try two back then went first over and drew off to an easy win last Friday; steps up sharp...BRAZEN BRAZILIAN beat similar three back, was in too tough two back, then never got into the race while 9th early in last...GOLDEN GESTURE picks up Bartlett and can improve.

RACE 12

4 HOUND ON THE BEACH** 2-1

1 GENTLE GIANT 4-1

7 STRAIGHT UP COOL 4-1

6 MCCLINCHIE N 12-1

HOUND ON THE BEACH was first over against a class 2/5 dropdown winner on a windy night last week, only lost by 2 1/2 lengths, now drops with The Minister Of Speed back in the bike...GENTLE GIANT flashed some speed in the same race and can improve second start off the bench...STRAIGHT UP COOL was used hard on the lead and tired as the 3/5 favorite in last...MCCLINCHIE N was also used hard leaving.

RACE 13

3 HEZA REAL DIAMOND 5-2

8 HESTHERIGHTSTUFF 3-1

7 MISTER DONALD A 7-2

2 RANDOM HANOVER 5-1

RACE 14

6 LITTLE POWER 2-1

5 CONCUR 4-1

1 BEACHIN 9-2

2 MACH TIME N 10-1

BEST BET: HOUND ON THE BEACH 12th Race