Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, February 10

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 OH COFFEE BEAN 8-5
3 CAMLACHIE CHROME 2-1
7 MV OK PALACIO BR 9-2
1 WHAMMER JAMMER 8-1

OH COFFEE BEAN shipped in and wired a weaker field for hot barn; edge in this race which mixes amateur drivers in with the pros and gives the horses driven by the amateurs a 3 point allowance in the Trackmaster Rating. Oh Coffee Bean was David Miller’s choice over the 7...CAMLACHIE CHROME has been sharp; loses a top driver, Bartlett, to the owner/trainer, Keim...MV OK PALACIO BR improved in his last two starts showing early speed...WHAMMER JAMMER was racing well until his last start of 2023, then took January off and showed little in his return last week, although he could benefit from that.

RACE 2
2 SNEAK ON BYE 2-1
3 LITTLE POWER 2-1
9 TYRONSBITOFLEMON N 4-1
8 SPORTS HERO 9-1

SNEAK ON BYE left, yielded, rushed three wide around a tiring horse and went up to challenge LITTLE POWER and held gamely for the show; picks up Todd McCarthy...LITTLE POWER has perked up since dropping to this $10,000 claiming level, winning two of his last three starts on the lead...TYRONSBITOFLEMON N was racing poorly the last few months of 2023 but trainer Shults gave him three qualifiers in December and he looked like a different horse in his last three starts, although he was overmatched for $15,000 in last; he drops down and gets a key driver change to Dunn...SPORTS HERO fits better at the $7500 level but his last race was okay.

RACE 3
7 BIZYS BEATLE 2-1
4 HEREITTIZ 5-2
2 GOOD DEAL 3-1
6 PASSA-GRILLE BEACH 6-1

BIZYS BEATLE takes a key drop...HEREITTIZ comes off an improved effort, drops...GOOD DEAL turned in solid efforts in last two starts...PASSA-GRILLE BEACH drops and gets better post.

RACE 4
4 OAKWOOD ARDAN IR 3-5
3 SHEER TERROR 9-2
2 GRETZKY THE GREAT 5-1
8 SOUTHWIND SAMBUCCA 11-1

OAKWOOD ARDAN IR has won 13 starts including all four starts in this country including last two in this same non-winners of 5 condition...SHEER TERROR and GRETZKY THE GREAT are both 4 year old geldings...
stepping up off wins at the NW2 level.

RACE 5
4 MONTANA STORM N 8-5
3 LITE N SWEET 2-1
10 DE LOS CIELOS DEO 4-1
8 IMA HAPPY FELLA GB 9-2

MONTANA STORM N left and was shuffled back in tight quarters; drops and draws well...LITE N SWEET left well for a pocket trip in last, got the lead in the stretch but lost by a neck late at 4/5...DE LOS CIELOS DEO classy veteran was an easy winner against weaker in first start for red-hot trainer...IMA HAPPY FELLA GB drops and might try leaving in this spot.

RACE 6
5 JK LUCKY CHARMS 8-5
6 DESIRE’S CAPTAIN 2-1
8 LIKE CLOCKWORK 7-1
1 SEE YOU FRIDAY 8-1

JK LUCKY CHARMS worked his way to the lead from post 9 and was a solid second a nose behind DESIRE’S CAPTAIN in last...DESIRE’S CAPTAIN has beaten similar two straight with perfect drives by Stratton and is hard to knock...LIKE CLOCKWORK was overmatched in last at Yonkers, wheels back in 5 days and is a much better horse around two turns...SEE YOU FRIDAY was 40-1 against these last week and got hopelessly blocked behind horses in the stretch while appearing to have pace.

RACE 7
4 HOMESTRETCH WES 6-5
9 CAPTAIN MCCRAE 13-1
5 POST ON THE BEACH A 9-2
2 THROWING COPPER 8-1

HOMESTRETCH WES left and yielded and cleared late with pace in last; picks up Dunn off the Johnson reclaim, gets a nice spot and will probably be heavily bet in this field...CAPTAIN MCCRAE gets a key driver change and although it looks like he’s moving up in class, the horse that won the race he came out of earned more than twice as much money as any of these last year...POST ON THE BEACH A had no chance trying to rally off a slow pace; gets better post...THROWING COPPER was closing off a hot pace in last.

RACE 8
8 GREAT SOMEWHERE 5-2
9 KEAYANG KAMIKAZE A 5-2
3 REVOLVER N 7-2
2 WESTERN JOE 8-1

GREAT SOMEWHERE qualified well then rode the inside and wasn’t really asked while bottled up behind horses in his first start since November and first start over this track. Speedy pacer takes a key drop and picks up Stratton...KEAYANG KAMIKAZE A makes his U.S. debut for a sharp outfit, adds lasix, qualified well at Yonkers and is dangerous at first asking...REVOLVER N drops, gets Todd McCarthy and will be closing...WESTERN JOE $1-million dollar earner only raced 8 times last year but the 10 year old dropped and got a win in last at Yonkers and he won at a similar class level at Pocono last spring.

RACE 9
2 NATURALLY GIFTED 8-5
8 STELLAR YANKEE 5-2
7 STONEBRIDGE REEF 7-2
9 BLAZING BANNER N 4-1
NATURALLY GIFTED A sold for a 6-figure amount to connections that owned several down-under stars including the great Shartin N; qualified well for U.S. debut for sharp trainer Tahnee Camilleri, who does very well off layoffs...STELLAR YANKEE crushed weaker in last and steps up sharp seemingly loving this track...STONEBRIDGE REEF dug in gamely to win last and remains at the same level although this looks like a tougher field...BLAZING BANNER N hasn’t been able to win in his 5 U.S. starts but he raced well each time and finished gamely in :26.3 last week.

RACE 10
7 JK’S ON THE MOVE** 9-1
8 MARCUS SEELSTER 2-1
9 SUGAR ME N 5-2
5 PARKLANE TERROR 10-1

JK’S ON THE MOVE showed some life in last and picks up David Miller...MARCUS SEELSTER dug in bravely to wire similar in last two starts...SUGAR ME N takes a key drop and gets Dunn...PARKLANE TERROR has been in fine form and rallied gamely up the inside for Vinnie G last week.

RACE 11
5 BANK SEA 1-1
2 LYONS PRIDE 4-1
6 LOVETHewayoulie 5-1
4 THE OPENER 15-1

BANK SEA left well and yielded, was shuffled, bobbed and weaved through the stretch but cleared too late with good pace; drops and will be a short price here.

RACE 12
3 GENTLE GIANT 7-2
10 MCCLINCHIE N 4-1
8 BRAZEN BRAZILIAN 9-2
4 YER SO BAD 5-1

RACE 13
2 TITO ROCKS 2-1
6 DECISION DAY 2-1
3 IGNATIUS A 6-1
7 RIFLEMAN 9-1

TITO ROCKS was first over against a better field...DECISION DAY drops out of the same race, key rival...IGNATIUS A had to need last, drops, gets better post, has ability when right...RIFLEMAN also needed last and fits well at this level.

RACE 14
9 MIDNIGHT THUNDER 2-1
4 BARRIER 5-2
5 NO WORDS 5-1
2 MORIN CAPTAIN 10-1

BEST BETS: JK’S ON THE MOVE 10th Race