Pandy’s Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, March 23

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
1 RANDOM HANOVER 5-1
9 SUNSHINE’S FINEST 7-5
2 AIR GUITAR 5-1
4 YER SO BAD 5-1

RANDOM HANOVER turned in two sharp efforts over off tracks including a win in 1:51.4, then drew post 9 and was used very hard to get the lead nearing the half past a :26.4 first quarter; moves inside…SUNSHINE’S FINEST has won three of his last four starts and is the one to beat in a competitive field…AIR GUITAR has finished second in four straight…YER SO BAD is a sharp closer, beat a weaker field with a sharp :26.4 last quarter over an off track here two back and similar conditions are expected tonight.

RACE 2
3 SOUTHWIND DREDGE 8-5
7 MISTER GODRO 7-2
1 SHRIMP AND GRITS 6-1
8 ROCK JAGGER 8-1

SOUTHWIND DREDGE takes a key drop…MISTER GODRO drops, beat similar three starts back…SHRIMP AND GRITS makes second start for hot barn and first start over this track…ROCK JAGGER was behind a soft pace, rallied wide and gained ground.

RACE 3
2 BUDDY HILL 5-1
6 IDEAL FEELING 5-2
1 BLAZING BANNER N 7-5
4 MAY PAL JOE 3-1

BUDDY HILL was used hard leaving three wide on the first turn to the lead in :27, yielded and held well; moves inside, gets Dunn in this Series Final, and has a chance to upset…IDEAL FEELING saved ground in last and had good late pace; Zeron took this one over MY PAL JOE, a horse he won with last week, and I expect him to gun to the early lead here; big shot…BLAZING BANNER N has won both of his starts in this series and his speed puts him right in the action again…MY PAL JOE classy veteran got a perfect trip and won easily in last.

RACE 4
3 MCCRUNCH 7-5
7 ANTE UP HANOVER 8-5
6 EL YERNO 5-1
8 I’M TALKIN HUNGRY 12-1

MCCRUNCH $170,000 Harrisburg purchase has two solid qualifiers under his belt for an excellent first time out barn…ANTE UP HANOVER raced well off a 5 month layoff last week and looks like the main rival
here...EL YERNO ships back in and beat a softer field at this level back in January.

RACE 5
1 CAHOOTS 5-1
3 AMERICAN WAY 2-1
6 PRIVATE SCOTT 5-2
4 ABEL DE VIE 5-1

RACE 6
8 HUNT FOR CASH** 2-1
5 BOILER MAKER 12-1
6 NEEDHAM HANOVER 3-1
7 JUST PLAIN LOCO 5-1

HUNT FOR CASH won three in a race then was overmatched in last two starts but he raced well; has speed...BOILER MAKER was first over in last and didn't tire that badly; might be coming around for new barn... NEEDHAM HANOVER has won four of his last five starts now steps up in class...JUST PLAIN LOCO fits well for this price tag.

RACE 7
7 SIDD FINCH 9-1
1 LITTLE EXPENSIVE 4-5
3 DULY RESOLVED 4-1
9 OUTSIDE THE FIRE 6-1

SIDD FINCH had dull cover and no shot trying to close in a race that was dominated up front; picks up Tetrick...LITTLE EXPENSIVE hasn't raced in three weeks but he's been racing gamely against better fields than this...DULY RESOLVED is in form and should go well here...OUTSIDE THE FIRE broke at 2/5 at Yonkers last week but he fits well in this field.

RACE 8
3 BILLY CLYDE 7-5
2 A ROCKNROLL STAR 5-2
9 STELLAR YANKEE 5-1
1 DEAN B HANOVER 6-1

BILLY CLYDE drops and moves inside and may outclass these...A ROCKNROLL STAR had tough outside posts at Freehold; handles this track well... STELLAR YANKEE won three races in a row including one at a higher level then went evenly against tougher in last two; drops...DEAN B HANOVER wired weaker gamely.

RACE 9
2 BRAEVIEV BONDI A 4-1
3 BET A BUNDLE 6-1
9 BOBCAT BAY 4-1
6 IT’S IN THE STARS 4-1

BRAEVIEW BONDI A was first over against similar at Yonkers and only lost by 2 lengths; Tetrick took this one over the 7 and he won with this horse the last time times he was in the bike...BET A BUNDLE finished strongly in his recent qualifier and he beat morning line favorite It’s In The Stars the last time he raced in December; fits well here if ready...BOBCAT BAY takes a key drop...IT’S IN THE STARS drops and also fits well in this wide open race.

RACE 10
7 LEXUS KODY 7-5
9 KEG STAND 5-2
4 BUDDY EARL 5-1
6 STABLE GENIUS 5-1

LEXUS KODY qualified strongly for return and this barn excels off layoffs...KEG STAND also qualified well for a good layoff barn and he had a solid 4yo season last year. I don’t expect Dunn to leave the gate...BUDDY EARL and STABLE GENIUS are in good form.

RACE 11
8 THIRD PILLAR 5-1
4 REVOLVER N 5-1
6 SHOOBEE DOO A 5-2
1 DE LOS CIELOS DEO 8-1

THIRD PILLAR was first over in last, held well; two back he closed gamely ion a quick mile. McCarthy took the two, KOLBY TWO STEP here, and it’s hard to blame him since he gets the better post; Dunn gets in the bike and has a chance to upset in this wide open Series Final...REVOLVER N left, yielded, and was shuffled back with good pace in tight quarters in last...SHOOBEE DOO A wired similar last week...DE LOS CIELOS DEO rallied for the place in last.

RACE 12
8 COMBUSTION 6-5
9 ERVIN HANOVER 8-5
5 BUGABOO LOU 6-1
1 MIDNIGHT THUNDER 8-1

COMBUSTION qualified sharply for his 4yo debut and he has good gate speed...ERVIN HANOVER also qualified sharply for this 4yo debut...BUGABOO LOU saved ground in his return race and cleared late with pace...MIDNIGHT THUNDER has been racing well at this level, although he faces what looks like a better field tonight.

RACE 13
5 CAVEMAN A 3-5
3 HEZA REAL DIAMOND 7-2
9 SLING SHOCK 6-1
4 C-BET HANOVER 8-1

RACE 14
1 SELECT FRIDAY 8-5
3 SKYWAY BILLY 2-1
2 CHIP WALTHER 10-1
9 MV OK PALACIO BR 8-1

BEST BET: HUNT FOR CASH 6th Race