

Pandy's Graded Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, May 4

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 WARRAWEE YANKEE 2-1
4 ROCK JAGGER 5-2
8 WAY TO CLOSE 3-1
9 SUNSHINE'S FINEST 6-1

RACE 2

3 TACTICAL MOUNDS 7-5
2 CALL ME GOO 2-1
4 TIPSY MONI 3-1
5 INSTAGRAM MODEL 5-1

RACE 3

3 GOOD ROCKIN 6-5
8 RIVER NESS 6-1
1 MAKS ON MASK OFF 6-1
5 ALWAYS B BILLY 8-1

RACE 4

8 PULP FICTION 7-5
5 ODDS ON STENO 9-5
1 QUICK FIRE 8-1
7 MY SPECIAL EVENT 10-1

RACE 5

6 ROCK ON LINE 7-2
5 RANDOM HANOVER 2-1
8 YER SO BAD 2-1
7 WHAMMER JAMMER 6-1

ROCK ON LINE finished well against the bias from post 9 in last and also raced gamely from post 9 two starts back; seems to be Verruso's choice over the 8 horse here as the 10 year old gets a better post...RANDOM HANOVER had the bias in his favor wiring similar but draws well and could be loose on the lead again; amateur driver Joe Lee also took this one over the 8...YER SO BAD won his last 3 starts against similar from off the pace and is hard to dismiss...WHAMMER JAMMER flattened out in last but won his two prior starts, albeit against weaker fields.

RACE 6

8 WEHADABABYETZABOY 5-2
7 AS ALWAYS 2-1
5 GENTLEMAN JIM II IE 3-1
4 NEEDHAM HANOVER 5-1

This is a good Starter Allowance race for horses that have started for a claiming price of \$30,000 or less in 2024. This type of condition is often used at thoroughbred tracks and tends to produce competitive fields while giving the owners a chance to run their claiming horse in a race where they can't be claimed. WEHADABABYETEZABOY was first over pushing a fast third quarter in last at Pocono and held gamely for the place...AS ALWAYS made two moves and was right there with the 8 in last at Pocono and Barlett took this one over GENTLEMAN JIM II IE, who is also in fine form...NEEDHAM HANOVER had the bias in his favor wiring a weaker field from post 8 in last; he'll probably race off the pace this time and his form is solid.

RACE 7

8 BETTER IS NICE 2-5
2 CAVIART JUSTICE 5-1
1 ARBITRAGE HANOVER 6-1
6 JERSEY BEACH 10-1

BETTER IS NICE was a solid 2yo, seems the fastest here, and looks well prepped for his 3yo return for a capable layoff barn. The track's been speed favoring, this colt raced off the pace in most of his starts last year, and it's his first start of the year...so there's that...CAVIART JUSTICE turned in some good efforts against the top colts last year...ARBITRAGE HANOVER came back to the races in good form for Pelling...JERSEY BEACH finds a tough spot for his racing debut but he qualified well.

RACE 8

2 CAPTAIN CRUSADER A** 7-5
4 STONEBRIDGE REEF 5-2
8 IDEAL FEELING 4-1
7 J M MANDAMIN 7-1

CAPTAIN CRUSADER A finished strongly against the bias in last pacing a :25.4 last quarter and could be sitting on a big race...STONEBRIDGE REEF was out-kicked by the favorite in last but his recent form is solid and he has plenty of class...IDEAL FEELING fits here on one of his better efforts...J M MANDAMIN can improve on last.

RACE 9

7 WISH YOU WELL 4-5
5 BONAPARTE 3-1
1 AIN'T NOSTOPN TIME 9-2
4 ROYAL DESIRE 12-1

WISH YOU WELL showed the most of these last year and seems well prepped...BONAPARTE was second behind a sharp colt the last time he raced here...AIN'T NOSTOPIN TIME Gingras took this one over a Takter horse...ROYAL DESIRE has only raced five times and seems to be coming around.

RACE 10

6 JILLIBY DYNAMITE A 8-5
1 PRIMARY COLORS 2-1
4 SPORT SECRET 5-2
3 A ROCKNROLL STAR 4-1

JILLIBY DYNAMITE drops and may outclass these...PRIMARY COLORS steps up off a big mile and he's quite capable...SPORT SECRET raced well in his first start of the year.

RACE 11

1 MAD MAX HANOVER 8-5
2 STELLAR YANKEE 5-2

5 WARRAWEE TOTAL 6-1
7 BB LUCKY BOY 8-1

MAD MAX HANOVER disappointed when dropped to this level but he adds lasix and faces a softer field...STELLAR YANKEE showed some life in last at Pocono, drops...WARRAWEE TOTAL set a solid pace against a tougher field in last...BB LUCKY BOY turned in a game effort to beat weaker at 15-1.

RACE 12
5 MAC'S DELIGHT 5-2
2 BINGE ON YANKEE 4-1
7 ALL CLASS 4-1
8 VOUCHEFALAS 2-1

MAC'S DELIGHT made an early move then came on again and finished in :25 flat in his first start of the year...BINGE ON YANKEE seems to be a hard trying horse and his form is solid...ALL CLASS was empty here three back but that was his first start of the year and he won his last two starts at Philadelphia...VOUCHEFALAS is hard to knock and a threat in a well matched field.

RACE 13
5 WHOLE LOTTA LOU 2-1
9 BRUTALLYHANDSOME A 2-1
2 MEMPHISTENNESSEE N 6-1
3 LITE N SWEET 8-1

RACE 14
6 COURTSHIP 7-5
8 PRINCIPLE INTEREST 5-1
7 FASNACHT HANOVER 5-1
4 THE DRAGON REBORN 5-1

BEST BET: CAPTAIN CRUSADER A 8th Race