

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Friday, August 2

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

10 MONEY MATTERS 6-5
5 BACARDI 7-2
3 ARCHIBALD 4-1
8 POLO BAR 8-1

MONEY MATTERS beat a better field than this the last time she was here and will probably be heavily bet despite post 10 in this amateur driver race.

RACE 2

1 GLOBAL HERITAGE 9-5
3 MARGARETA HANOVER 2-1
4 BAFFLE 8-1
5 DEMARARA HANOVER 8-1

RACE 3

3 DELANEY HANOVER 2-1
2 PINK CHOU CHOU 2-1
4 EXPLOSIONBROLINE S 8-1
5 WINNPANZEE 8-1

DELANEY HANOVER was an easy winner in her qualifier for a barn that tends to have them ready...PINK CHOU CHOU raced well over this track in her debut and comes off a sire stakes win at Vernon Downs.

RACE 4

3 GREENSPAN 5-2
7 BRYANT BROS S 6-5
4 THINKER MONEY 6-1
5 VICTOR LASZLO 6-1

GREENSPAN has faced some pretty good fields this year and raced well off a short layoff in last...BRYANT BROS S held surprisingly well chasing some of the top colts in his last two starts; if he can trot that fast without getting sucked along, he'll be tough to beat here.

RACE 5

9 THE LAST CHAPTER** 2-1
8 GOTWUTEVERITTAKES 2-1
2 FASHION CANTAB 7-2
4 LOVE THIS BAR 9-2

THE LAST CHAPTER came off a layoff with an easy wire to wire win from post 5 at Yonkers, then had tough outside posts in his last four starts. He's won 3 races over this track, faces weaker, and picks up red-hot amateur driver...GOTWUTEVERITTAKES has class but is erratic and often breaks, but he was given a strong drive by Eric Davis last week, who instead of trying to baby him, just gunned him to the lead and

jogged. He moves into the amateur driver ranks, gets Yogi, who has been hot, and is a threat here if he can stay trotting again...FASHION CANTAB has won 3 in a row but is clearly facing a better field here; still has a shot because if the 8 breaks, his chances improve...LOVE THIS BAR raced well in last.

RACE 6

5 RECKLESS ABANDON 1-5
1 BEQUEATH 8-1
2 TH SUMMER LOVIN 9-1
6 WORKLIFEBALANCE 10-1

RECKLESS ABANDON had a tough trip in debut then just sat back and over-powered her rivals in the final quarter in her last two starts...BEQUEATH went a big mile to beat the top choice two back then was no match in last...TH SUMMER LOVIN and WORKLIFEBALANCE have both trotted well in their starts.

RACE 7

4 CIVILIAN DRONE 4-1
7 MARYLAND 4-1
9 GAP KRONOS S 4-1
3 PORTOBAROSSO AS NL 4-1

CIVILIAN DRONE ships in sharp for a top barn and has speed; edge in a wide open 2yo trot...MARYLAND won his debut then broke in the midst of a winning move, took a month off to regroup for sharp trainer...GAP KRONOS S finished well in debut for Svanstedt; dangerous with expected improvement...PORTOBAROSSO AS NL raced well in both starts including last over the track.

RACE 8

5 CAPTAIN OPTIMISTIC 1-9
4 SNACK ATTACK 8-1
6 PAPIS PISTOL 8-1
2 DINNERANDASHOW 15-1

CAPTAIN OPTIMISTIC has been impressive winning his first two starts...SNACK ATTACK raced well in his debut and may get the early lead here...PAPIS PISTOL raced well in all three of his starts...DINNERANDASHOW looks well prepped.

RACE 9

4 BOUQUET 6-5
5 JERSEY SLIDE 5-2
6 R LADY W 4-1
8 XALAPA 6-1

BOUQUET is one of three here for trainer Lucas Wallin; raced gamely despite a tough trip in her debut at Pocono then showed speed but got into stretch traffic in her local debut, finishing well late...JERSEY SLIDE showed mild progress in her second start and was Tetrick's choice over two others here...R LADY W has shown speed in last two starts...XALAPA raced fine in debut and can keep improving, although Tetrick took the 5 over this one.

RACE 10

5 TOM HORN 5-2
4 POWER CODE 8-5
3 MANOLET 2-1
1 SMOOTH DREAM 13-1

TOM HORN had post 9 in last and raced gamely, hasn't had an easy trip in any of his starts, gets a better post for the Final...POWER CODE is undefeated in three starts, changes hands off a sale...MANOLET has

come around nicely for Sanders and is hard to eliminate...SMOOTH DREAM has some ability but needs to trip out or improve here.

RACE 11

11 BEACH RULES 1-9
3 SIMPLY PERFECT 9-2
6 ALLEGRA HANOVER 10-1
1 RODEO DRIVE DEO 11-1

BEACH RULES made her debut at Harrahs Philadelphia, gunned to the lead from post 8 and bottomed out the field in an eye-catching 1:50.4 debut. Precocious and promising 2yo draws the second tier here, faces a better field, moves to the bigger track, but I'm certainly not betting against her...SIMPLY PERFECT has ability and may be the main rival.

RACE 12

6 NICKELBACK 9-2
4 SMOKEN BOB 8-5
5 STEAMBOAT SPRINGS 9-2
2 COOKIE JAR 12-1

NICKELBACK raced well in debut for sharp barn and can make a forward move...SMOKEN BOB earned good final times chasing a talented colt in his last two starts...STEAMBOAT SPRINGS was driven aggressively and faltered in his debut; can improve.

RACE 13

7 BAILEYS ROCK N 8-5
5 BIG BAD BILL 5-2
1 LATEST ERA 4-1
3 T DOG 6-1

RACE 14

4 MR WALNER FASHION 8-5
2 FLIGHTLINE 5-2
1 GETASTARFROMTHESKY 9-1
3 WARRIOR 9-1

MR WALNER FASHION just missed from off the pace in debut then was driven aggressively last week and had a clear lead but weakened...FLIGHTLINE finished well from a tough spot in his debut then was put on the lead in last and weakened and he got an easier trip than the 4...GETASTARFROMTHESKY gets a better spot...WARRIOR broke in debut, could show more.

BEST BET: THE LAST CHAPTER 5th Race