

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, October 19

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

3 DIRECTION 5-2
8 MY GIRL EJ 6-5
5 SWEET GAL 5-1
4 COLLUSION HANOVER 8-1

Tonight we have the 3yo Breeders Crown elimination races and the elimination races for the older pacers and trotters. The winners do have something to race for, they can be part of a post position draw 1-6. DIRECTION comes into this in the best form of her career for the great Pelling...MY GIRL EJ is the class of the field...SWEET GAL consistent sort figures to be closing...COLLUSION HANOVER ships in sharp from Canada for sharp connections and has good early zip.

RACE 2

1 SIG SAUER 3-5
3 SECRET AGENT MAN 7-2
6 T C I 5-1
7 AMAZING CATCH 6-1

I liked SIG SAUER in the Hambletonian Final but he got blocked full of trot and finished 4th. Since then he's won 3 of 4 starts...SECRET AGENT MAN has raced well against Hambletonian winner, Karl...T C I had a difficult trip over a sloppy track at Lexington in last; he hasn't been his best lately but his best would make him a threat here...AMAZING CATCH has come around for the Svanstedt barn.

RACE 3

3 CAPTAIN ALBANO 3-5
1 MCCRUNCH 4-1
2 NUCLEAR 6-1
8 HOWLENTHEHILLS 10-1

CAPTAIN ALBANO hasn't raced since winning the Jug in two heats but he earned that rest and should be ready...MCCRUNCH comes into this off a sharp win and he's a threat...NUCLEAR is a pretty nice 3yo and he took his mark over this track...HOWLENTHEHILLS was a nothing 2yo but boy has he turned things around, winning 13 of 15 starts this year on three and four turn tracks; he can get out of the gate and figures to gun for the lead.

RACE 4

4 BUY A ROUND 5-2
7 DATE NIGHT HANOVER 5-2
5 DRAWN IMPRESSION 9-2
9 MISS I LAW 6-1

I lean towards BUY A ROUND mainly because of her draw, inside of the other main contenders. But this race is wide open.

RACE 5

8 ROCKET DEO 1-1
1 CAVIART BELLE 4-1
6 ITS A LOVE THING 4-1
4 GEOCENTRIC 8-1

ROCKET DEO has been tough to beat this year...CAVIART BELLE qualified well with lasix...IT'S A LOVE THING will be charging...GEOCENTRIC hasn't been the same filly this year but qualified well with lasix.

RACE 6

1 NIJINSKY 5-2
4 MIRAGE HANOVER 4-5
6 BETTER IS NICE 4-1
2 CAPTAIN'S QUARTERS 10-1

NIJINSKY is a classy grinder. His 3 move win in the Simcoe was an eye opener and I'll give him the edge in this elimination race...MIRAGE HANOVER won in 1:46.3 out of the pocket in the Tattersalls. The last time he raced here he was second to a very fast older horse, Ruthless Hanover, who is in the 10th race tonight; key rival...BETTER IS NICE chased Mirage Hanover home second best in last.

RACE 7

3 WARRAWEE MICHELLE 5-2
8 R MELINA 4-5
2 EMOJI HANOVER 8-1
7 SOIREE HANOVER 9-1

WARRAWEE MICHELLE left from post 7 but got parked out by R MELINA in the Futurity; draws inside of that one this time...R MELINA took no prisoners on the lead in last and is the one to beat...EMOJI HANOVER raced okay in the Elegant Image and could threaten with the right trip...SOIREE HANOVER best needed.

RACE 8

8 BYTHEMISSAL 3-5
5 VOUKEFALAS 9-2
3 IT'S MY SHOW 7-1
7 CHARLIE MAY 11-1

BYTHEMISSAL has worked his way back into form for Burke and he's the class of the field...VOUKEFALAS and IT'S MY SHOW both have speed.

RACE 9

5 KARL 4-5
1 VIC ZELENSKYY 4-1
8 HIGHLAND KISMET 9-2
4 TONY ADAMS S 5-1

KARL had no shot from the second tier in a fast race last start...VIC ZELENSKYY has developed well in Kentucky and may get a good trip here...HIGHLAND KISMET and TONY ADAMS S were used in a wicked pace in last; both are capable.

RACE 10

5 RUTHLESS HANOVER 6-5
8 ABUCKABETT HANOVER 5-2
1 OAKWOOD ARDAN IR 7-2
6 EL REY 15-1

RUTHLESS HANOVER qualified back in 1:49 and the speedster could be tough to catch...ABUCKABETT HANOVER is a threat if Dunn can work out a trip. With this being an elimination race, it's hard to see him try to wrestle the lead away from Ruthless Hanover, who is a pure speed horse and not the type that gives up the lead...OAKWOOD ARDAN IR consistent sort might get a trip.

RACE 11

10 TWIN B JOE FRESH 3-5
4 SYLVIA HANOVER 7-2
3 ALWAYS B NAUGHTY 6-1
7 PROHIBITION LEGAL 19-1

TWIN B JOE FRESH has 9 wins in 10 starts this year and the fleet 4 year old mare can overcome the post...SYLVIA HANOVER classy grinder only has 2 wins this year but she's in good form and the main rival...ALWAYS B NAUGHTY might just have a shot if the favorite gets used hard leaving.

RACE 12

6 LOGAN PARK 6-5
5 PERICULUM 8-5
4 OH WELL 6-1
7 HASTY BID 8-1

RACE 13

9 SWIMWITHTHECURRENT 7-5
3 NAMASTE HANOVER 3-1
7 CAPTAIN BAZINGA 5-1
4 STEAMBOAT SPRINGS 10-1

RACE 14

9 BB LUCKY BOY** 4-5
6 FESS UP N 4-1
8 DRAGON SAID 9-2
2 RIFLEMAN 10-1

BB LUCKY BOY raced well against much faster horses over this track this summer, gets a big driver change to Dexter Dunn, and could be tough to catch here...FESS UP N has been in good form over the 5/8's tracks and picks up Hall of Fame driver David Miller for his first try over the Big M oval...DRAGON SAID has been working his way back to form and gets a key driver change to Gingras...RIFLEMAN has a couple of wins over this track, needs a trip.

BEST BET: BB LUCKY BOY 14th Race