

## **Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, December 21**

**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**

8 JK TOGETHER AGAIN 4-5  
9 CAPTAIN BAZINGA 5-2  
2 COUNTRY MOUSE 8-1  
3 BETTOR MAKE A WISH 9-1

JK TOGETHER AGAIN comes off a big effort where he was parked to a quick half from post 10, took on pressure and was a game second behind a drop-down 3/5 winner...CAPTAIN BAZINGA was used hard in a pace duel with the top pick in last and held well; key rival...COUNTRY MOUSE finally got a catch driver in his last two starts and broke his maiden in his 15<sup>th</sup> career start, now ships in from Mohawk after being sold and makes his first start for the top barn in the sport...BETTOR MAKE A WISH was in too tough in last.

#### **RACE 2**

2 IGNATIUS A 8-5  
1 SPORT SECRET 5-2  
5 SURFSIDE BEACH 6-1  
7 BONNIPRINCLOUIS N 6-1

IGNATIUS A classy veteran was a big overlay as he shipped in and went wire to wire; he's stepping up but I thought he beat a solid field for that level last week...SPORT SECRET ships in, handles this track, and looks like the main rival...SURFSIDE BEACH hasn't raced over this track but he fits well at this level...BONNIPRINCLOUIS N makes his second start in the Burke barn and may show more.

#### **RACE 3**

4 FOREVER FAV 15-1  
6 GOOD ROCKIN 6-1  
7 LUKE MCGOOK 2-1  
3 HURRYMIKI HANOVER 2-1

FOREVER FAV was used hard leaving from post 7 in last at Saratoga and tired badly. He beat a similar field to this at Yonkers a few months ago but the main reason why I'm putting him on top is that he raced over this track once and took his career mark of 1:49.3; that was three years ago but he might have a shot at big odds...GOOD ROCKIN showed improvement off a barn change in last and he has backclass so it wouldn't surprise me if he turns in another improved effort here...LUKE MCGOOD comes off a game grinding effort and can take all...HURRYMIKI HANOVER set the pace and finished a neck behind LUKE MCGOOK.

#### **RACE 4**

1 PASS LINE 7-5  
9 HIGH FASHION STAR 3-1  
2 JM BETONSIX 7-1  
5 INTOTHEMYSTICMOON 8-1

PASS LINE didn't improve over her strong 2yo form but she hasn't been in this light for a long time...HIGH FASHION STAR was overmatched in last, seems likely to leave here...JM BETONSIX is better than last...INTOTHEMYSTICMOON was used hard leaving in last; may work out a better trip here.

#### RACE 5

9 SWANS EYE 8-5  
5 ORDAINED 2-1  
10 MON AMOUR 6-1  
2 DULY RESOLVED 6-1

SWANS EYE was in tough in her last two starts; freshened up, qualified well, and she beat better trotters here in August...ORDAINED has developed nicely since the Barn change and steps up off a career best romp...MON AMOUR drops while in good form...DULY RESOLVED needs a trip.

#### RACE 6

7 OAKWOOD HEYMIKI IR 1-1  
2 PRIMARY COLORS 5-2  
8 MAD MAX HANOVER 5-1  
6 TIP TOP CAT 8-1

OAKWOOD HEYMIKI IR has won all four starts handily since shipping to this country; steps up but rates top call...PRIMARY COLORS is a fast horse, takes a key drop and appears to be the main rival...MAD MAX HANOVER has won the last three times he raced in this condition, although this field is tougher...TIP TOP CAT tries two turns for Burke, might fit here.

#### RACE 7

10 J M MANDAMIN 3-5  
9 HUNT FOR CASH 7-2  
4 IMSTAYNALIVE 6-1  
8 ALTA BLUES A 6-1

J M MANDAMIN dropped to this level and had no problem winning from post 10 at 2/5...HUNT FOR CASH had post 9, left and was second best to the top pick.

#### RACE 8

9 BUILD THE WALL 8-5  
2 MAXIM HANOVER 2-1  
5 ZEPPOLE HANOVER 4-1  
3 SWIMWITHTHECURRENT 11-1

BUILD THE WALL comes off a sick scratch but has won 6 of his last 9 starts and may have a class edge...MAXIM HANOVER has only raced 5 times in his 3yo season; has been freshened up and could be tough to beat here for a high percentage barn...ZEPPOLE HANOVER has been racing well against weaker fields...SWIMWITHTHECURRENT was dull in last but can improve in second start off a layoff.

#### RACE 9

6 WATTSUP SUNSHINE A 5-1  
4 BELMONT ROYALE N 2-1  
7 STELLAR YANKEE 5-2  
2 CUT N RUN N 5-1

WATTSUP SUNSHINE Yonkers shipper hasn't raced over this track but his current form is fine and he's been in too tough ...BELMONT ROYAL N had post 10 in last, but could be the one to beat here...STELLAR YANKEE has been in better fields, threat...CUT N RUN was in tough spots at Yonkers in his last two starts.

RACE 10

10 HUMBLE A 5-2

6 MAXIMUS MIKI 9-2

5 RUTHLESS HANOVER 6-5

2 SPRING INHIS STEP A 6-1

HUMBLE A is undefeated at Yonkers in 7 starts since coming over from Australia and may be this good...MAXIMUS MIKI finished strongly in last and remains sharp...RUTHLESS HANOVER speedster set the pace as usual and was second best in last...SRING INHIS STEP got a perfect trip to beat similar in last.

RACE 11

7 HANKINS HANOVER 7-1

8 TOCCOA FALLS 2-1

6 NO TURNING BACK 5-2

2 BEACON BEACH 8-1

RACE 12

7 ROSE RUN ZEKE 3-1

10 SAN DOMINO A 5-1

2 MAGNIFICO HANOVER 5-1

3 DANCE IT OUT 5-1

RACE 13

4 DA DELIGHTFUL 6-5

5 MAC'S MARVEL 7-2

3 IT'S MAHOMES A 4-1

2 SWEET JEFF IR 9-2

DA DELIGHTFUL drops off a good effort and gets a key driver change...MAC'S MARVEL chased a class dropdown winner in last...IT'S MAHOMES qualified well over the track...SWEET JEFF IR moves into the top barn.

RACE 14

6 IT'S IN THE STARS\*\* 1-1

7 DANCE PARTNER 7-1

4 MY PAL JOE 4-1

1 LIKE A SHADOW 8-1

IT'S IN THE STARS raced well from post 10 in last, drops, makes third start off a layoff and looks tough to catch...DANCE PARTNER drops and can improve...MY PAL JOE got to the lead but faltered in last; drops...LIKE A SHADOW has been racing in fine form.

BEST BET: IT'S IN THE STARS 14<sup>th</sup> Race