

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, December 28

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

6 CAPTAIN BANZINGA 1-1
7 ALWAYS B GIBBY 9-2
2 SWIMWITHTHECURRENT 5-1
5 NOTORIOUS HANOVER 6-1

CAPTAIN BANZINGA was used hard to clear the lead nearing the half in last and made a break on the final turn over what was reportedly an icy track (the racing was canceled after 1 race). He should get the lead easier here and he's the fastest horse in the race...ALWAYS B GIBBY left well to the lead and yielded then was impeded badly...SWIMWITHTHECURRENT faced much tougher in his last three starts...NOTORIOUS HANOVER was off a 17 month layoff in last and raced okay.

RACE 2

3 DA DELIGHTFUL 7-5
5 MAC'S MARVEL 3-1
1 IT'S MAHOMES A 7-2
4 SWEET JEFF IR 9-2

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

RACE 3

1 FOREVER FAV 11-1
6 GOOD ROCKIN 6-1
8 LUKE MCGOOK 2-1
7 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

7 SPORT SECRET 8-5
2 IGNATIUS A 2-1
5 SURFSIDE BEACH 4-1
4 SPRINGSTEEN 6-1

SPORT SECRET drops and has the speed and class to wire these...IGNATIUS A steps up off an easy win and he has the backclass to threaten...SURFSIDE BEACH has had a very good year at Yonkers and fits well here...SPRINGSTEEN beat weaker two back then stepped up to this level and finished well.

RACE 5

7 AINTHESAMEWITHOUTU 2-1
1 INTOTHEMYSTICMOON 3-1
9 HIGH FASHION STAR 7-2
2 JM BETONSIX 6-1

AINTHESAMEWITHOUTU ships in for a good barn and may have a class edge here...INTOTHEMYSTICMOON are HIGH FASHION STAR both fit well in this field...JM BETONSIX needs a trip.

RACE 6

3 OUTLAW MAN N** 8-5
4 TAIPO N 5-2
7 BELMONT ROYALE N 9-2
2 LUNAR 5-1

OUTLAW MAN N ships in from Yonkers; he's turned in several good efforts against tougher, in his lone start over this track he finished sharply...TAIPO N was in tough in his U.S. debut two back then drew post 8 at Yonkers and raced okay; classy sort might be sitting on a big one in his third U.S. start...LUNAR is having a good year, ships in sharp, but moves up out of claiming races.

RACE 7

8 HUNT FOR CASH 2-1
10 MUSIC HALL 5-2
5 CELLMATE 9-2
6 KINGSTON PANIC 8-1

HUNT FOR CASH is in good form and comes of a game placing against a tough horse...MUSIC HALL is the one to beat despite the post...CELLMATE changes hands and steps up sharp...KINGSTON PANIC won here earlier this year.

RACE 8

3 OUTSIDE THE FIRE 8-5
7 IWON'T BACKDOWN AS 5-2
8 VINNY DE VIE 8-1
10 MISSISSIPPI STORM 8-1

OUTSIDE THE FIRE draws inside of main rivals while sharp...IWON'T BACKDOWN AS tries the big track and has been keeping good company...VINNY DE VIE does his best racing over the smaller ovals but he fits well here on class and may be able to clear the lead...MISSISSIPPI STORM finished first in a dead heat for the win with OUTSIDE THE FIRE two back, then had a tough spot against better at Yonkers.

RACE 9

7 OAKWOOD HEYMIKI IR 1-1
6 PRIMARY COLORS 5-2
1 MAD MAX HANOVER 5-1
3 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.

RACE 10

7 HUMBLE A 8-5
5 MAXIMUS MIKI 2-1
8 SPRING INHIS STEP A 5-2
1 LYONS STEEL 13-1

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...SRING INHIS STEP got a perfect trip to beat similar in last...LYONS STEEL is in good form, needs a trip.

RACE 11

8 MAXIM HANOVER 2-1
1 BUILD THE WALL 2-1
4 RHYDS SUPERFLY GB 7-2
7 PRINCIPLE INTEREST 8-1

MAXIM HANOVER has only raced 5 times this year so we may not have seen his best, comes off a six week layoff, this barn has a high win percentage and they add lasix...BUILD THE WALL turned in a sharp effort the last time he raced here and ships back in off three easy wins; key rival...RHYDS SUPERFLY GB has raced okay against good fields, makes his third U.S. start and picks up his owner and former driver, who knows him well.

RACE 12

8 JUST PLAIN LOCO 4-1
5 ROCKIN THE ACES 5-2
4 ALTA BLUES A 9-2
3 FULSOME 6-1

RACE 13

3 RICARDOSHILYSHALLY 5-1
5 JK WILL POWER 5-1
8 ALWAYS A LOOK 6-1
9 GEMINI EXPRESS 7-1

RICARDOSHILYSHALLY finally won a race in his 31st start this year. Maybe he can build on that and upset in this wide open race that's hard to put on odds-line on.

RACE 14

9 HYPEBEAST 8-5
10 JD CAMDEN GB 4-1
6 LOVETHEWAYYOU LIE 6-1
4 LENWOODS REAL DEAL 12-1

BEST BET: OUTLAW MAN N 6th Race