

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, January 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

10 STEVEN'S SALOON 5-2
6 AYR CORLEON GB 5-2
4 LAZARUS STAR 3-1
3 NOTORIOUS HANOVER 6-1

STEVEN'S SALOON has been chasing faster and he might leave here...AYR CORLEON GB fought back nicely to hold the lead in his qualifier and the Irish import lured Bartlett off of three others here. It looks like there's no change of ownership, so the connections think that this gelding can make them some money here; might end up as the favorite...LAZARUS STAR only has 1 win in 28 starts and loses Bartlett to the 6, but comes off two seconds behind winners that would be strong favorites in this field...NOTORIOUS HANOVER grinded first over against a even money dropdown winner in last.

RACE 2

3 TOCCOA FALLS 5-1
8 DULY RESOLVED 5-2
9 LABYAD BROS S 7-2
6 TOM SWIFTY 7-1

TOCCOA FALLS drops and moves inside, likes this track...DULY RESOLVED ships in in good form, has speed...LABYAD BROS S finished second last week and drops to the level of his last win...TOM SWIFTY drops down and may show more.

RACE 3

3 GEMINI EXPRESS 5-2
7 DANCE IT OUT 7-2
5 WHAMMER JAMMER 4-1
1 PICKSIXKING 4-1

GEMINI EXPRESS was used hard leaving from post 8, yielded and was shuffled; drops back to level of his 6 length win three starts back...DANCE IT OUT only raced four times last year and he hasn't come back to his best form yet, but he drops back to a level where he fits well...WHAMMER JAMMER and PICKSIXKING have been racing in good form.

RACE 4

8 LUKE MCGOOK 2-1
5 SNOUZE U LOUZE 3-1
2 CAPTAIN TERMINATOR 7-2
4 GOOD ROCKIN 9-2

RACE 5

10 REMEMBER THE ALAMO** 3-5
2 BUILD THE WALL 5-2

4 MAXIM HANOVER 9-2
8 CAPTAIN BAZINGA 6-1

REMEMBER THE ALAMO hasn't raced since August but took care of business with a snappy finish in a nice looking qualifier for a good layoff barn and he takes a big drop in class here...BUILD THE WALL has now won 10 of 14 career starts including 3 of 4 over this track...MAXIM HANOVER raced well to be second behind BUILD THE WALL in last...CAPTAIN BAZINGA toyed with weaker.

RACE 6
2 DANCE PARTNER 5-2
10 HUNT FOR CASH 7-2
7 LYONS LIBERTY 9-2
5 REVOLVER N 6-1

DANCE PARTNER was facing faster horses here recently and seems well spotted for a tag...HUNT FOR CASH is in good form and can leave...LYONS LIBERTY stepped up to this level and finished third...REVOLVER N could show speed here.

RACE 7
4 T DOG 5-2
1 WHITECOOKIE 5-2
8 ATOUGHNUTTOCRACK 4-1
6 BAILEYS ROCK N 8-1

T DOG picks up a catch driver and gets a better post...WHITECOOKIE beat a field he was expected to beat, steps up but he has backclass and this isn't a particularly tough group...ATOUGHNUTTOCRACK gets a key driver change...BAILEYS ROCK N best needed.

RACE 8
8 BEACH COWGIRL 7-5
7 LLOYD'S LOVES 5-2
9 COACHELLABOUND N 7-2
3 BEE OKAY A 9-1

BEACH COWGIRL drops to level of her sharp win here in November and was Bartlett's choice of four ...LLOYD'S LOVES has outperformed her pedigree, ships in sharp and can leave fast...COACHELLABOUND N fits well despite the post...BEE OKAY A ships in sharp for live barn, steps up in class and loses Bartlett but she could go well here if she takes to this oval.

RACE 9
8 SOUTHWIND COORS 2-1
3 PURPLE LORD 7-2
4 HUSTLENOMICS 6-1
9 LAVA FIELD 9-1

SOUTHWIND COORS makes his second start for the Burke barn and is back around two turns...PURPLE LORD is in form and was in a tougher field here on 12/14...LAVA FIELD had a tough trip in last.

RACE 10
3 STAY GROUNDED** 6-1
7 BRUTALLYHANDSOME A 7-2
1 MAD MAX HANOVER 9-5
10 SPORT SECRET 7-2

STAY GROUNDED ships in sharp and fits well in this field, upset chance...BRUTALLYHANDSOME A is in good form and draws a good post...MAD MAX HANOVER beat similar two back then was first over in the slop against a tougher field in last...SPORT SECRET showed his class against weaker, gets post 10 but was Bartlett's choice of four horses and he has a chance with a decent trip.

RACE 11

3 PRIMARY COLORS 7-5
5 IT'S MAHOMES A 7-2
8 IGNATIUS A 7-2
2 JILLIBY DYNAMITE A 4-1

PRIMARY COLORS was surprisingly high odds in last but raced okay, as he was shuffled after leaving. Gets Bartlett back in the bike and takes a key drop...IT'S MAHOMES A came back to the races sharp, steps up...IGNATIUS A never got involved in the slop but he's dangerous against this type...JILLIBY DYNAMITE A has been racing well.

RACE 12

1 SWEET JEFF IR 8-5
7 DA DELIGHTFUL 5-2
2 HAGGARD 7-2
6 ON ACCIDENT 6-1

SWEET JEFF IR raced well in first start for the Burke barn...DA DELIGHTFUL has dangerous speed at this level...HAGGARD finished gamely from a tough post in last at Freehold; has won at this level here...ON ACCIDENT made up good ground from far back in last; drops.

RACE 13

6 WHOLE LOTTA LOU 2-1
5 MY PAL JOE 5-2
8 IT'S IN THE STARS 3-1
3 LIKE A SHADOW 5-1

RACE 14

3 BOBCAT BAY 6-5
2 BUGABOO LOU 5-2
7 UP JOEYS CREDIT 6-1
9 SAVE ME A DANCE 8-1

BOBCAT BAY hasn't raced since December 6 and was beaten at 3/5 in last but he could be too quick for these...BUGABOO LOU continues to slide down the class ladder and picks up Bartlett...UP JOEYS CREDIT best needed...SAVE ME A DANCE appeared to break down last April and has only raced twice since, both lackluster efforts; he changes barns and has backclass.

BEST BETS: REMEMBER THE ALAMO 5th and STAY GROUNDED 10th