

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, February 22

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

9 BORNINLOCKDOWN GB 3-5
7 IMGOINGTOJACKSON 5-2
4 TRUMP NEWS 7-1
5 STATESIDELCKDWN GB 12-1

BORNINLOCKDOWN GB was off a four and a half month layoff and finished strongly to win his U.S. debut with a :26.3 last quarter and could be even sharper tonight...IMGOINGTOJACKSON showed sharp speed leaving and was a solid second behind the top pick in his first start of the year.

RACE 2

4 SECOND BRUISER 5-2
6 TREY ROCKETTE 5-2
8 DARK HORSE 6-1
2 SAILOR'S SHADOW 10-1

SECOND BRUISER was sharp on the lead two back then showed little from post 10 in last start; best guess in a weak field...TREY ROCKETTE drops and seems like the one to beat...DARK HORSE 12 year old has 43 career wins and had 9 as an 11 year old last year, but he's been at his best around three and four turns...SAILOR'S SHADOW only has 1 career win but it was around two turns and he was overmatched in higher priced claimers here this meet.

RACE 3

5 SAVE ME A DANCE 4-1
1 DANCE IT OUT 4-1
3 TOTO HANOVER 4-1
4 ITS SHOWTIME 4-1

SAVE ME A DANCE showed good speed from post 9 two back then raced off the pace in last; gets Hall of Fame driver and a better post...DANCE IT OUT moves inside and recent form is good...TOTO HANOVER moves inside off a good effort from post 10...ITS SHOWTIME crushed them in an amateur driver's race in his last start three weeks ago and if he can duplicate that effort he'll be tough.

RACE 4

5 CAPTAIN UP 6-5
1 SWIFTY RUN 7-2
8 SPRINGSTEEN 4-1
6 T DOG 8-1

CAPTAIN UP hasn't hit the board in four starts over this track but he shows two sharp qualifiers off a barn change and rates top call.

RACE 5

5 OAKWOOD PADDY IR 7-5

3 SPORTY M THREE 5-2
7 MY PAL JOE 5-1
4 ALWAYS ROCKIN 5-1

OAKWOOD PADDY IR takes a key drop for high-percentage barn...SPORTY M THREE drops and was Bartlett's choice over two others...MY PAL JOE lacked a rally at this level two back but that was a solid field and this horse has a good history over this track...ALWAYS ROCKIN has raced well at this level.

RACE 6
5 THE HAZELTON 2-1
8 OUTSIDE THE FIRE 5-2
6 STABLE GENIUS 3-1
9 YOU GOT IT 4-1

THE HAZELTON ships in from Yonkers with a better post and a key drop...OUTSIDE THE FIRE has two recent wins at this level...STABLE GENIUS steps up but has the class to go with these...YOU GOT IT drops and the last time he raced at this level he wired the field from post 9.

RACE 7
2 STELLAR YANKEE 8-5
3 STAY GROUNDED 5-2
9 SPIRIT OF ST LOUIS N 7-2
7 CAPTAIN CRUSADER A 4-1

STELLAR YANKEE takes a key drop...STAY GROUNDED drops and won at this level three back...SPIRIT OF ST LOUIS N has a lot of backclass and needed last...CAPTAIN CRUSADER A fits well here.

RACE 8
8 ROSE RUN ZEKE 7-5
7 REVOLVER N 2-1
9 ALL ABOUT THE HUNT 8-1
10 BB LUCKY BOY 8-1

ROSE RUN ZEKE holds his form, gets Bartlett back in the bike and should be well placed...REVOLVER N broke a long losing streak against weaker two back then closed sharply off a slow pace last week...ALL ABOUT THE HUNT ships in from Dover for good barn and his fastest miles have come around two turns including a 1:49.3 win over this track...BB LUCKY BOY had tough trips in last two starts but he has good speed.

RACE 9
1 HELLABALOU 8-5
2 SAULSBROOK VICTOR 2-1
7 MAD MAX HANOVER 3-1
9 LOVERS TROUBLE 9-1

HELLABALOU hasn't raced since November, qualified well for a barn that does well off layoffs and he's a fast horse that normally races against better horses than these...SAULSBROOK VICTOR ships in from Canada and he's in at a level where he can win...MAD MAX HANOVER steps up off an easy win and he's done very well at this class level over this track.

RACE 10
6 TONY'S MOM 8-5
8 MILLWOOD BLISS N 9-5
3 DOUGS BABE 7-2
2 ELEGANT A 8-1

TONY'S MOM had a tough parked-out trip in last, held well for the show...MILLWOOD BLISS N climbed the ladder into the top class in Australia and was purchased for \$180,000 by a sharp barn. She should have a class edge here but she hasn't raced since August...DOUGS BABE drops and is a threat...ELEGANT A ships in and she's proven around two turns.

RACE 11

2 SUNSHINE'S FINEST 5-2
9 CAVIART CAMDEN 7-2
7 GALLIE GETAWAY 4-1
3 BRIAR'S DESIRE 7-1

SUNSHINE'S FINEST steps up while in good form and gets a big driver change...CAVIART CAMDEN classes up well here but I can't remember the last time he showed gate speed so he'll need pace and cover unless Tyler can generate some early zip with him...GALLIE GETAWAY drops back to level of good effort two back.

RACE 12

4 WHOLE LOTTA LOU** 8-5
8 ROCKIN THE ACES 5-2
5 STONEBRIDGE REEF 3-1
2 GAITWAY GUY 5-1

WHOLE LOTTA LOU left from post 9 and faded over a sloppy track, which I really don't think he likes. His recent fast track races are good and he drops to a level where he should be tough to catch...ROCKIN THE ACES was wide to nowhere last week but that field was much better; key drop...STONEBRIDGE REEF returns off a nice qualifier and if he's ready, he'll be tough...GAITWAY GUY drops and he has won at this level.

RACE 13

1 DRIBBLING BI 5-2
4 BLACK MAGIC 2-1
9 LITTLE EXPENSIVE 7-2
3 SEVEN SINS 7-1

DRIBBLING BI is better than last over the sloppy track and takes a key drop...BLACK MAGIC hasn't hit the board in 5 starts over this track but he was facing classier horses; key drop...LITTLE EXPENSIVE is in good form...SEVEN SINS broke in the slop last week but he could go well at a price with the right trip.

RACE 14

4 PASSA-GRILLE BEACH 5-2
2 MULLINAX 7-5
7 DUDDIE'S LOR 6-1
10 EURO STEP 8-1

PASSA-GRILLE BEACH left sharply in the amateur driver ranks last start, yielded for the pocket behind a 7/2 shot that was taking a big drop, then pulled in an ill-advised attempt to regain the lead and was cooked forcing a blazing pace; dangerous speed here...MULLINAX had post 10 in his last start here. He's capable of a big effort at this level and I think the board will reflect that...DUDDIE'S LOR is better than last...EURO STEP chased a sharp horse in his qualifier and adds lasix for return.

BEST BET: WHOLE LOTTA LOU 12th Race