

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, April 26

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

7 BLOODHOUND 8-5
5 SEIZE CONTROL 2-1
4 ROJAN'S WAY 7-2
10 BAILEYS ROCK N 10-1

BLOODHOUND had a tough trip in a fast race; drops and the last time he raced in one of these MADC races he was a sharp first over winner...SEIZE CONTROL went first over and won gamely...ROJAN'S WAY was used hard from post 9 and tired; two back he wired similar...BAILEY'S ROCK N had no shot chasing a quick winner in last.

RACE 2

3 ASPHALT 8-5
1 GIGGLINGONTHEBEACH 2-1
2 BEACH BABE 3-1
5 PLEASE BE YOU 4-1

ASPHALT finished well in her 2nd qualifier for the great Pelling...GIGGLINGONTHEBEACH qualified well at Philly and had a nice 2yo season...BEACH BABE is still a maiden but she was used pretty hard in return and didn't tire that badly...PLEASE BE YOU has been racing in good form.

RACE 3

1 AS ALWAYS 8-5
4 HES A SWEETHEART 2-1
3 ALI 6-1
7 FREDNECK 6-1

AS ALWAYS had a tough trip from post 9, held well for the show...HES A SWEETHEART set the pace and finished just in front of the top pick.

RACE 4

3 JK FANCY NANCY 8-5
7 WESTWINDS 2-1
8 FANSVILLE 7-2
5 VERITY BLUE CHIP 4-1

JK FANCY NANCY had sharp late energy in her qualifiers and she looks improved from last year...WESTWINDS qualified well for Daley, who can get them ready...FANSVILLE won 3 of 3 starts last year and shows two fine qualifiers...VERITY BLUE CHIP finished gamely to miss by a neck at long odds in her first start since August.

RACE 5

5 LYONS LIBERTY 7-5
7 ITS SHOWTIME 6-1

6 APERTIF 7-2

1 WHAMMER JAMMER 4-1

LYONS LIBERTY was used hard leaving from post 10, yielded and battled back gamely late; moves into a high-percentage barn off the claim...ITS SHOWTIME drops and may go well at a price...APERTIF has been racing well...WHAMMER JAMMER had no shot in last but beat similar two back.

RACE 6

4 RODEO DRIVE DEO 1-9

6 RECKLESS ABANDON 4-1

2 SHES A STREAKER 6-1

3 WORKLIFEBALANCE 6-1

RODEO DRIVE DEO had a strong 2yo season with 4 wins and some sharp efforts behind the top 2yo filly Miki And Minnie; qualified well and looks tough to beat.

RACE 7

5 YANNICK G KEMP 6-1

1 CIVILIAN DRONE 5-2

3 HARD SEVEN 3-1

2 VOSS BLUE CHIP 6-1

YANNICK G KEMP should improve second off the layoff...CIVILIAN DRONE returns for a top barn and turned in some solid efforts in good fields last year...HARD SEVEN looks well prepped for return...VOSS BLUE CHIP best needed.

RACE 8

6 MANOLETE 8-5

5 SMOOTH DREAM 2-1

4 MCCUSKER 4-1

1 TOM HORN 6-1

MANOLETE was in a good field in his 3yo return and was never really asked while behind horses in the stretch; he was a quick 2yo and he could be tough to beat here...SMOOTH DREAM left and yielded, moved to challenge at the three quarters and had a lot left to draw clear in his 3yo return...MCCUSKER looks well prepped for return...TOM HORN is second off the bench for Burke but still looking for his first win.

RACE 9

5 MAXIM HANOVER 7-2

4 GEM QUALITY 8-5

8 ITS SATURDAY NIGHT 5-2

1 DA DELIGHTFUL 11-1

MAXIM HANOVER finished 2nd at even money as the winner got away with a soft pace; can post a minor upset...GEM QUALITY went first over, battled with pacesetter ITS SATURDAY NIGHT, and they dead-heated for the win...DA DELIGHTFUL needed last after a sick scratch.

RACE 10

7 ZEPPOLE HANOVER 3-5

2 T H TYSON 7-2

5 DEUCE HANOVER 6-1

6 CRUSH KILL DESTROY 6-1

ZEPPOLE HANOVER left and yielded, slipped through along the inside and was right there on the wire; looks tough to catch in this weaker field and it doesn't hurt that he has pace-master Jason Bartlett calling

the shots...T H TYSON uncorked two strong off the pace rallies in his first two starts of the year; he's showing some of the talent he hinted of as a two year old; steps up in class and needs to keep improving against this favorite.

RACE 11

2 BOLD SPIRIT 4-5

10 SEA ISLE CITY 5-2

4 FENDI HANOVER 6-1

9 DUDDIE'S LOR 10-1

BOLD SPIRIT brushed and crushed, drawing off to win by 7 lengths. Not to take anything away from this sharp 4yo or one of the sport's most successful trainers, Jeff Cullipher, but 22 year old driver Brett Beckwith is an emerging superstar harness driver. Beckwith makes good decisions, but perhaps more importantly, horses often improve and show their top speed for him, and that's a gift you can't teach...SEA ISLE CITY comes off two strong uncovered wins; he doesn't show any gate speed in the program but since this is a Trackmaster Series Final, may be Ryder will take a shot...FENDI HANOVER has been sharp and can take all if the favorite falters...DUDDIE'S LOR left well, was shuffled, and had steady pace behind horses.

RACE 12

1 WELCOMETOTHESHOW 2-1

7 SEAWORTHY HANOVER 5-2

6 SNACK ATTACK 3-1

5 ODDS ON BROWARD 4-1

RACE 13

7 JOEMIKIYOURSOFINE** 8-5

9 DEAN HANOVER 5-2

4 DYNAMITE DYLAN 7-2

5 HANDLELIKEAPORSCHE 4-1

JOEMIKIYOURSOFINE qualified well but had post 10 against tougher in his first start of the year. This field isn't that soft because several other horses are dropping in class as well, but this 5yo is a pretty quick pacer.

RACE 14

4 HERVEY HANOVER 5-2

6 ROCKIN THE ACES 5-2

10 TOTO HANOVER 6-1

1 DRACARYS Z 6-1

BEST BET: JOEMIKIYOURSOFINE 13th Race