

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, April 5

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 JUMPING JAKE 12-1
1 SAILOR'S SHADOW 8-5
2 PREMIER JOY A 5-1
9 SEIZE CONTROL 5-1

JUMPING JAKE has been facing faster horses, he may show more on the drop in this amateur driver race...SAILOR'S SHADOW beat similar rallying off a fast pace two back, then last start he closed gamely off a slow pace; one to beat for recently hot amateur driver Bruce Baker, who has won 4 of his last 11 starts...PREMIER JOY A gets a better post and Yogi...SEIZE CONTROL is in better form than most of these.

RACE 2

1 HYPEBEAST 5-2
7 SWIMWITHTHECURRENT 2-1
8 DON'T JUDGE A BOOK 7-2
6 MANHAWK 4-1

HYPEBEAST was off a three week layoff in last, went first over and held well in an improved effort...SWIMWITHTHECURRENT drops again, makes his third start off a layoff for the Burke barn and should show more...DON'T JUDGE A BOOK was in too tough in his last two starts at Pocono and Yonkers but he's dangerous at this level...MANHAWK was racing well in \$40,000 claiming races in December but hasn't been as sharp in three starts this year. He ships in from Mohawk off a private purchase and could win this if he turns in one of his better efforts.

RACE 3

5 I'LL HUNT YOU DOWN 6-5
8 FREDNECK 7-2
2 AS ALWAYS 5-1
1 PADUKA N 5-1

I'LL HUNT YOU DOWN has won four in a row and last week's win was his most impressive as he brushed to the lead and drew off to a new lifetime best; steps up but this field doesn't look that imposing...FREDNECK beat weaker here three back then went to Pocono and held his form...AS ALWAYS hasn't raced in a month but changes hands and trainer Per Engblom has been hot lately...PADUKA N moves into a claiming race with a key driver change.

RACE 4

7 GALLIE GETAWAY 8-5
8 APERTIF 2-1
9 LYONS LIBERTY 9-2
4 GOTTA MINUTE N 10-1

GALLIE GETAWAY chased the pace and a quick third quarter and missed by a nose in last...APERTIF was given a good drive by Stillwell and won gamely from post 10...LYONS LIBERTY was first over and held well

in an improved effort in last...GOTTA MINUTE N was used hard pushing a fast early pace in last.

RACE 5

4 ALWAYS B COLOUR IR 8-5

3 BULLDOZER 2-1

1 MIKI ON THE RUN 4-1

6 STAY FOCUSED 9-2

ALWAYS B COLOUR IR went to the lead and paced a solid :55 last half in his qualifier. Rare Pinto color horse adds lasix for his U.S. debut and will attract attention on the track and at the windows...BULLDOZER was moving quickly late in his debut last week and could be best for the Takter barn...MIKI ON THE RUN has improved steadily and makes his 4th start...STAY FOCUSED tailed off last fall but he had a few good efforts earlier in the season and he returns for Burke off a winning qualifier.

RACE 6

6 REMEMBER THE ALAMO 2-1

7 RUSH IN 2-1

1 LETTUCE NIPYA A 9-2

2 GREY HORIZON 12-1

REMEMBER THE ALAMO left well and yielded, sat behind a slow pace and didn't have a realistic chance to catch up to the leaders despite coming home in :25.3...RUSH IN had a solid 3yo season, qualified well and could certainly be fastest but driver Scott Zeron often likes to race them easy off a layoff...LETTUCE NIPYA A was a fast horse down under but showed little in his first three U.S. starts while racing against good fields in Ohio. This fits his M.O. from what I read about his career in Australia. He was streaky and wouldn't try hard for a while, then he'd suddenly wake up and scorch the earth for several starts. He wasn't asked in his qualifier but he looked fine on the track, adds lasix, and it wouldn't shock me if he shows up tonight...GREY HORIZON was 9th at the half in no man's land in his last start; he gets a better spot but the top three are faster horses.

RACE 7

7 BELMONT ROYALE N 2-1

6 CAPTAIN UP 7-2

3 STELLAR YANKEE 7-2

5 HANDLELIKEAPORCHE 11-1

BELMONT ROYALE N had no chance from post 8 in a 1:49.2 mile last week; key drop...CAPTAIN UP was 10th far back with no shot in last; drops...STELLAR YANKEE ships back in from Pocono, he has a good win percentage over this track and he beat a similar field here last month...HANDLELIKEAPORSCH has speed to work out a trip.

RACE 8

4 SEA CAN 7-5

8 SISTER MARY MAUDE 2-1

6 OUTSIDE THE FIRE 7-2

2 DRIBBLING BI 10-1

SEA CAN was full of trot winning from off the pace at Yonkers in his first two starts of the year. He's never hit the board in three starts over this track but he's real good now...SISTER MARY MAUDE classy mare finished willingly in her first start since November; she might leave this time and could go all the way...OUTSIDE THE FIRE has 7 wins in 19 starts over this track despite the fact that he breaks sometimes. He came home in :26.4 to win at this level last week, although this is a better field...DRIBBLING BI is in good form but needs a trip against these.

RACE 9

7 SPEAKER OF PEACE 2-1
1 WARRAWEE YANKEE 5-2
4 T DOG 3-1
8 HAGGARD 7-1

SPEAKER OF PEACE had post 9 behind a slow pace in last; drops back to the level of his head heat win with T DOG from post 9 win two back...WARRWEE YANKEE was used pretty hard to make the lead and only missed by a neck...T DOG drops back down to the level of his dead heat win with Speaker Of Peace...HAGGARD has been in some good fields lately and he rallied for the place last week.

RACE 10

2 MAC'S DELIGHT 8-5
8 SOUTHWIND GENDRY 2-1
3 CAPTAIN CRUSADER A 4-1
9 SOARING NOW 4-1

MAC'S DELIGHT was 9th at the half, rallied wide and finished strongly in :25.3 for the place; moves inside...SOUTHWIND GENDRY remains in the same class off two wins and should be heading to the lead again...CAPTAIN CRUSADER A steps up looking for his third straight...SOARING NOW hasn't raced in two months but he returns for a high-percentage barn and he has 5 wins in 9 starts over this track including his career best 1:48.4.

RACE 11

5 ABSOLUTE POWER** 7-5
8 TAKING THE MIKI A 4-1
1 MADRID A 5-1
6 TAKE YOUR PICK 8-1

ABSOLUTE POWER finished 4th, beaten a length at even money last week but he was used some to keep up to a quick first quarter, then he brushed to the lead and took on pressure.

RACE 12

8 WESTERN JOE 6-5
1 TOTO HANOVER 7-2
3 STRAIGHT TALK 7-1
2 DUDDIE'S LOR 8-1

WESTERN JOE 11 year old 44-win millionaire only had 1 win in 16 starts last year but he came to life in second start for new barn and he faces a similar field here with Bartlett back in the bike.

RACE 13

1 B LIKE CRUISER** 6-1
6 JOJO'S PLACE 6-5
10 HARRY HANOVER 6-1
8 EURO STEP 8-1

B LIKE CRUISER didn't leave from post 8 and went evenly in last at Pocono, two back he left and was used hard to get the lead and held okay, three back he was 2nd behind a sharp horse here...JOJO'S PLACE drops to the level of his easy win last month...HARRY HANOVER was used hard leaving in last; gets Todd McCarthy back in the bike and he beat a similar field here two back...EURO STEP may be closing off a live pace.

RACE 14

7 FENDI HANOVER 8-5

3 SPINDOCTOR HANOVER 4-1

5 THE OPENER 5-1

4 LOCKDOWN LOUIE N 12-1

FENDI HANOVER came into last with only 3 wins in 54 career starts but he showed some life two back and he took all the money, left from post 9, worked his way to the lead and drew off to a lifetime best 1:52.1 win; he climbs two class levels off that but seems to trainer Tom Fanning has him sharp now...SPINDOCTOR HANOVER ships in from Mohawk with a barn change and adds lasix while picking up Beckwith.

BEST BETS: ABSOLUTE POWER 11th Race and B LIKE CRUISER 13th Race