Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, May 17

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 DA DELIGHTFUL 3-1
5 DANCE PARTNER 7-2
4 TRUMPSTER BLUES 4-1
2 BOBCAT BAY 7-1

DA DELIGHTFUL steps up off a win but fits well at this NW7500 level...DANCE PARTNER comes out of two sub 1:50 miles where he held his ground well...TRUMPSTER BLUES just missed against a somewhat weaker field in last but Beckwith took him over the 2 and 3...BOBCAT BAY got a perfect trip to beat weaker.

RACE 2
2 OUR CORELLI N 5-2
1 BOLT THE COURT 7-2
3 LAZARULS 4-1
5 ALI 7-1

OUR CORELLI N beat weaker easily in last. Three starts back he had a tough trip from post 9 at this level...BOLT THE COURT drops and should show more...LAZARULS comes off an improved effort...ALI drops and can show more.

RACE 3
4 LAUGH SHOP 4-5
5 LUKE MCGOOK 5-2
7 BET A BUNDLE 9-2
6 VICIOUS 6-1

LAUGH SHOP was off a 1 year layoff in last, saved ground and held the show in a quick mile. Much improved 4 year old takes a key drop...LUKE MCGOOK is the only horse in the race that has won a race this year and may be the main rival...BET A BUNDLE drops and may try leaving...VICIOUS was shuffled back and finished willingly in last.

RACE 4 1 SELECT FRIDAY 5-2 3 VANDALISM 7-2 2 FERRAGAMO HANOVER 4-1 4 BARBOSSA HANOVER 9-2

SELECT FRIDAY has climbed the ladder and steps up to the next level looking for his 4th straight win...VANDALISM was first over and weakened in last, drops back to level of his win two back...FERRAGAMO HANOVER doesn't win that often but has rounded back into form...BARBOSSA HANOVER has some speed.

1 SOUTH BEACH STAR 3-5 6 WEHADABABYETZABOY 9-2 5 STONEBRIDGE REEF 9-2 7 GALANTE A 10-1

SOUTH BEACH STAR was involved in a fast pace in last and weakened; speedy veteran drops, makes his fourth start of the year, and has a class edge here.

RACE 6
5 KENDRA** 4-5
6 CONVERSANO 5-2
2 TRULY AUTHENTIC 6-1
3 HALFADOZEN 8-1

KENDRA was a solid and good gaited 2 year old trotter, shows two good qualifiers for the Takter barn and looks ready to roll...CONVERSANO showed some potential last year and she came off a layoff to win the Lady Suffolk off a ground saving trip...TRULY AUTHENTIC returns for Svanstedt, who is always a threat to have them ready...HALFADOZEN set a slow pace and was third behind Conversano.

RACE 7
6 FALLOUT 8-5
7 ZEPPOLE HANOVER 7-2
4 BUILD THE WALL 7-2
5 TARANAKI 7-2

FALLOUT was brought along nicely by trainer Tony Alagna last year as he sharpened steadily and won the Metro, then turned in a game effort in the Breeders Crown Final. He faces older horses in his 3yo debut and might not leave but he could still prove fastest...ZEPPOLE HANOVER is sharp and might be the last one to the lead for Bartlett...BUILD THE WALL always tries hard and is usually right there...TARANAKI stepped up in class and was used pretty hard in last but dug in gamely for the win; I could see him regressing off that effort but he does fit well here.

RACE 8
1 GRANDE VIA 7-5
3 FLIGHTLINE 5-2
8 HIDALGO 7-2
7 MR WALNER FASHION 7-1

GRANDE VIA well bred colt sold for \$450,000 last year but was erratic and only hit the board once in 10 tries. The hopples came off for his two qualifiers and he looked like an improved horse...FLIGHTLINE was a decent two year old and won both of his starts at Philadelphia to start his 3yo campaign; faces tougher here...HIDALGO was a solid two year old but broke at 6/5 in his first start of the year...MR WALNER FASHION qualified three times since he broke in his second qualifier. Might have a shot at a price if he can stay flat with hopples added.

RACE 9
5 GO AHEAD MAKEMYDAY 8-5
4 TRAVOLTA HANOVER 2-1
6 YANNICK G KEMP 7-2
8 SKY LEGACY 12-1

GO AHEAD MAKEMYDAY left, yielded, was shuffled to 4th, followed cover, brushed wide to engage and drew clear in a sharp return for good barn...TRAVOLTA HANOVER won his debut gamely for the Takter barn, was Dunn's choice over the 6 and 8, and looks like the main threat...YANNICK G KEMP got a good trip and was an easy winner in last...SKY LEGACY qualified okay for good barn.

RACE 10 5 PERICULUM 2-1 3 ARI FERRARI J 5-1 11 GET A WISH DK 8-1 4 ANTOGNONI S 6-1

PERICULUM had a strong 5 year old season last year, qualified sharply for this year's edition of the Arthur J Cutler Memorial and strong closer draws well. It's a tricky race to figure out the odds with five horses coming off layoffs but I do feel that this classy horse is the deserving favorite...ARI FERRARI qualified well twice and is in good hands...GET A WISH DK came in for the International Trot last year but made a break. He's now in the Svanstedt barn, should be ready, and may be a live longshot...ANTOGNONI S broke last week. He's been tough to beat since coming in from Sweden but this is a tougher field than he's been facing.

RACE 11
2 YO TILLIE 8-5
6 SPICY NICE 5-2
4 ADMIRING 4-1
1 GET IT ALL 5-1

RACE 12
4 SAULSBROOK HERO 7-5
6 KNEEDEEP N CUSTARD 5-2
2 TOTO HANOVER 7-2
8 MIDNIGHT THUNDER 8-1

SAULSBROOK HERO left and was parked to a quick opener, was shuffled back to 6th and rallied sharply for the place...KNEEDEEP N CUSTARD left and parked the top pick to the lead, yielded and was shuffled, finished well in his first start over the track and it was an improved effort...TOTO HANOVER didn't have an easy trip in last and Dunn took him over the 5 and 8 here...MIDNIGHT THUNDER drops and may show more.

RACE 13
5 BLUEBIRD TIME 5-2
3 CLASSIC FRANK 3-1
9 LOCKDOWN LOUIE N 7-2
2 MY ULTIMATE STAR A 4-1

RACE 14
3 LOU ON THEBEACH 9-5
4 SOMBODYITREASURE 2-1
6 IMINURBLINDSPOT 7-2
1 SEEYOU AT THEBEACH 9-2

BEST BET: KENDRA 6th Race