

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, May 31

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

4 DARLIN'S CAPTAIN 5-2
1 LINCOLN BOULEVARD 3-1
7 RAPTORS FLIGHT N 7-2
6 HES A SWEETHEART 6-1

DARLIN'S CAPTAIN 3yo faces older and only has 1 win but comes out of some quick miles at Pocono and lands in a weak field...LINCOLN BOULEVARD has the best recent form over the track...RAPTORS FLIGHT N was 138-1 from post 10 at this level in last but that was the veteran's first start of the year and he could have a class edge here if he's ready in his second start of the year for a barn that's been on a good roll...HES A SWEETHEART best needed.

RACE 2

4 BIG BAD BILL 5-2
7 GOTTA MINUTE N 7-2
3 FEARLESS FURY 4-1
5 SPIRIT OF TRUTH 6-1

BIG BAD BILL showed some early speed then went first over and held okay; edge in a weak field...GOTTA MINUTE N comes off an improved effort...FEARLESS FURY drops, moves inside, gets Tetrack...SPIRIT OF TRUTH showed little in last but that was a quick mile for the class and the drop may help.

RACE 3

5 MARCUS SEELSTER 6-5
1 FERRAGAMO HANOVER 3-1
6 LITE N SWEET 9-2
4 NATIONAL SPORT 6-1

MARCUS SEELSTER was Bartlett's choice over FERRAGAMO HANOVER and can wire these...The latter beat similar with a late rally two back...LITE N SWEET can show speed...NATIONAL SPORT gets a better post.

RACE 4

1 HANDLELIKEAPORSCH 8-5
2 DEAN B HANOVER 2-1
6 JK BLACK GOLD 4-1
5 DEUCE HANOVER 6-1

HANDLELIKEAPORSCH has been racing well against better fields and has tactical speed...DEAN B HANOVER takes a key drop, has some back-class and could be tough here...JK BLACK GOLD dropped down to beat weaker with a late rush in last at Pocono...DEUCE HANOVER was used hard leaving from post 8 in last.

RACE 5

2 CAPTAIN CRUSADER A 6-5
6 ROCKIN ON VENUS 3-1

5 DANCE PARTNER 7-2
1 GALANTE A 6-1

The Pick 4 starts in this race tonight. CAPTAIN CRUSADER A drops and handles this track well; edge...ROCKIN ON VENUS was sharp winning over the track two back...DANCE PARTNER was beaten by Rockin On Venus, then came back with a closing win last week...GALANTE A has been racing in good form.

RACE 6
3 SELECT FRIDAY 6-5
5 KNOCKIN OUT 4-1
7 IMINURBLINDSPOT 4-1
2 BLUEBIRD TIME 6-1

SELECT FRIDAY has been in rare form and drops off a game narrow miss...KNOCKIN OUT battled gamely to win last in a amateur driver race...IMINURBLINDSPOT had a tough trip in last, held okay considering...BLUEBIRD TIME gets Tetrack back in the bike.

RACE 7
1 ROCKIN THE ACES 2-1
7 ALTA BLUES A 5-2
3 LYONS LIBERTY 7-2
2 HOOSIER CELEBRITY 4-1

ROCKIN THE ACES is 0 for 15 this year but gets a good spot here and recent form is good...ALTA BLUES A was in too tough last week and had no chance from post 10 two back; might try leaving in this softer spot...LYONS LIBERTY gets a better post and is Bartlett's choice of three horses.

RACE 8
9 BOBCAT BAY** 8-5
10 ARDEN MESSI N 4-1
3 FENDI HANOVER 9-2
5 TOTO HANOVER 6-1

BOBCAT BAY has a number of good efforts at this class level including wins in March and April. He lacked a rally against faster horses in his last two starts but should be able to clear the lead here...ARDEN MESSI N raced well in a better field at this level on April 12, then missed 26 days with a sick scratch, then won his last two races at Philadelphia; Tetrack took this one over the 8...FENDI HANOVER steps up off a game win...TOTO HANOVER was in too tough last week; best needed.

RACE 9
2 SABONIS 4-5
3 VOUKEFALAS 5-2
4 MAC'S DELIGHT 10-1
6 PRIMARY COLORS 10-1

SABONIS overachieving Indiana-bred son of Tellitlikeitis had a big 3yo season, winning 16 of 18 starts including the Milstein at Northfield Park. He makes his 4yo debut and his first start for trainer Brett Pelling. He qualified sharply twice, and recorded a :25.2 last quarter to go by one of the fastest horses in North America in his last qualifier, winning in 1:49.4...VOUKEFALAS raced okay in his two starts this year, both over 5/8's tracks, but 10 of his 11 career wins are over this track, and he could be ready for a big effort. Main rival in a what looks like a two horse match race.

RACE 10
6 LOCKDOWN LOUIE 6-5
1 BOLT THE COURT 4-1

5 SAN JOSE 9-2
7 LATEST ERA 10-1

RACE 11

3 ON THE MONEY GB 5-2
5 NINETEENTH MAN 3-1
1 KNEEDEEP N CUSGARD 7-2
6 LOUIS LITT N 4-1

RACE 12

5 KNOCKOUT ROUND 3-5
1 LAUGH SHOP 5-2
7 LAFITTE 9-2
3 T H TYSON 7-1

KNOCKOUT ROUND stepped up in class in the Matron and the Governors Cup in his last two starts of his 3yo season and raced okay considering. He returns against much softer competition off two decent qualifiers and may be too fast for these...LAUGH SHOP is still a maiden after 4 starts but he comes off a solid effort where he power-brushed to the lead at the half and finished third in a 1:50 mile...LAFITTE is the other horse trained by Tony Alagna. He was uncovered into the wind in his last qualifier and held okay and he's had three weeks since then to keep training. It wouldn't surprise me if he is second best here...T H TYSON is in good form.

BEST BET: BOBCAT BAY 8th Race