

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, July 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

8 KOPI LUWAK 5-1
1 JK BLACK GOLD 2-1
7 CAPTAIN CRUSADER A 5-2
2 VICIOUS 5-1

KOPI LUWAK made an early move, slipped out with cover, went three deep on the final turn and drew clear with good pace to win at Pocono last week. Burke trainee handles two turns...JK BLACK GOLD had no shot in last but has been sharp and moves inside...CAPTAIN CRUSADER A finished off the board the last three times he went for the early lead, which may explain why they've been racing him off the pace. He's finished strongly with sub :26 last quarters in his last three starts and if he gets good cover he can roll by these...VICIOUS raced well in his first start for Bongiorno then had no shot chasing a classy horse in last.

RACE 2

5 SMOOTH DREAM 3-5
2 MANOLETE 5-2
6 BEACH CLUB MONTY 6-1
4 BEST CHIP 12-1

SMOOTH DREAM has won all 8 of his starts as a three year old...MANOLETE faced SMOOTH DREAM twice this year and finished 2nd both times...BEACH CLUB MONTY qualified back nicely for Pelling, steps up.

RACE 3

5 ELISTA HANOVER 3-5
1 DIAL SQUARE S 5-2
2 M-M'S DREAM 6-1
4 BRAVO ANGEL S 10-1

ELISTA HANOVER comes off two huge efforts including an impressive win in the Hambo Maturity last start...DIAL SQUARE S brushed to the lead and came up short in the Six Pack last start on June 28; she's better than that...M-M'S DREAM classy veteran needs her best.

RACE 4

6 SABONIS 3-5
8 MAXIMUS MIKI 5-2
4 VOUKEFALAS 6-1
5 ABUCKABETT HANOVER 8-1

SABONIS was used hard in a hot pace and still finished in :26.1 against a tougher field last start...MAXIMUS MIKI was given a perfect drive by Andy McCarthy and came through with an upset win last time out...VOUKEFALAS was used hard from post 10 in the Haughton but he's been racing well while winless in 7 starts so far this year...ABUCKABETT HANOVER classy veteran has been off his best form in his last two starts.

RACE 5

5 CAPTAIN OPTIMISTIC 3-5

2 SUGAR MAN 5-2

6 TWIN FURY 4-1

3 LOU'S STAR 8-1

CAPTAIN OPTIMISTIC was uncovered against tougher in the Meadowlands Pace...SUGAR MAN steps up off a career best win...TWIN FURY has been racing well and finished 2nd to the aforementioned Smooth Dream five times this year.

RACE 6

2 EMOTICON LEGACY 3-5

4 MONSERRATE 3-1

1 FASHION GREEN 4-1

6 MR MOUTON 7-1

This is the first of three Hambletonian Elimination races. There is an incentive to win, as the Elimination winners draw from posts 1 through 6. EMOTICON LEGACY is 3 for 3 this year including wins in the Zweig and Good Times. He hasn't raced since July 3 and will be a short price...MONSERRATE has improved steadily this year...FASHION GREEN is undefeated in 6 career starts facing Pennsylvania sire stakes rivals and gets tested for class here...MR MOUTON has only raced 4 times but has shown progress.

RACE 7

7 LADY LANDIA** 1-1

1 R DUTCHESS 5-2

4 DELANEY HANOVER 6-1

6 SOUND JUDGEMENT 12-1

LADY LANDIA won the Breeders Crown then came back to the races in a tough spot, was 10th and rallied sharply for the place behind a sharp winner. Ake will most likely be leaving here...R DUTCHESS raced well on the lead in a solid placing and may be the main rival in this Hambletonian Oaks elimination race...DELANEY HANOVER had a tough trip from post 9 in last; she's clearly improved this year and might go well at a price.

RACE 8

4 SUPER CHAPTER 3-5

7 MAXIMUS MEARAS S 4-1

4 GAP KRONOS S 6-1

6 ONAJETPLANE 10-1

SUPER CHAPTER has come back strong this year and looks tough to beat in this elimination...MAXIMUS MEARAS was in a tough spot for his first start of the year; we'll see how he's progressed tonight...GAP KRONOS gets a better spot this week...ONAJETPLANE steps up off a fine win.

RACE 9

5 MISS BELMAR 7-2

6 WHAT A BID HANOVER 6-5

1 LUNA LOVEGOOD 7-2

4 WALSPEA 6-1

MISS BELMAR was 0 for 7 last year but showed potential with a solid placing in the Breeders Crown. She's coming around now and was an easy two-move winner from post 8 last week...WHAT A BID HANOVER is a classy filly who can grind and finish; one to beat...LUNA LOVEGOOD broke in the Breeders Crown then broke in his 3yo return last week; she is good enough to win if she stays flat...WALSPEA comes off a nice effort from the second tier.

RACE 10

3 GO DOG GO 4-5

7 MARYLAND 5-2

1 NORDIC CATCHER S 6-1

2 HIDALGO 12-1

GO DOG GO was a solid 2yo and has won all 3 of his 3yo starts while going faster each race...Last year's 2yo champ MARYLAND has finished 2nd in all three of his starts this year but each one was a sharp effort behind legitimate Hambletonian contenders; key rival...NORDIC CATCHER has shown sharp speed in all three of his starts this year and held well to the win each time.

RACE 11

1 CONVERSANO 6-5

7 TORRISI 7-2

5 R CHARM 4-1

2 DEARLY BELOVED 5-1

CONVERSANO improved filly comes off a solid effort from post 10 in the Del Miller...TORRISI is better than last...R CHARM chased a sharp filly in last...DEARLY BELOVED improved filly has been tough to beat in the Pennsylvania; ships in for a sharp trainer.

RACE 12

6 MIKI AND MINNIE 1-9

11 RODEO DRIVE DEO 9-2

1 WORKLIFEBALANCE 6-1

4 THREE TIMES BETTOR 8-1

MIKI AND MINNIE is 4 for 5 so far this year with her one loss a narrow defeat to RODEO DRIVE DEO but she left that rival in the dust winning the Silverman in 1:48.4 last start.

RACE 13

9 SECURITY PROTECTED 4-5

5 RESOLVE TO WIN 6-1

8 AMAZING CATCH 9-2

1 CELEBRITY BAMBINO 6-1

SECURITY PROTECTED has been racing well against tougher and should be able to leave here.

RACE 14

3 FENDI HANOVER 8-5

6 HAGGARD 7-2

10 LITE N SWEET 5-1

7 MIDNIGHT NATION 7-1

FENDI HANOVER had tough posts in his last two starts at Yonkers but his form over this track is sharp and he gets a better spot and a key drop in class to the level of his last win...HAGGARD made two moves and held okay. Hershberger took the 3 over this horse but Zeron gets in the bike and he has a shot...LITE N SWEET doesn't win that often but he had traffic problems in his last two starts and his form has been on the improve; may go well at a price...MIDNIGHT NATION steps up off a nice win.

BEST BET: LADY LANDIA 7th Race