

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Friday, August 15

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

3 MY WISH CAME TRUE 5-2
10 FRAZIER HANOVER 5-1
8 RONA MAE 5-1
6 KNOCKIN OUT 6-1

MY WISH CAME TRUE left alertly in last, yielded, pulled the pocket and regained the lead passing the half, set the pace from there under heavy pressure and didn't tire that badly...FRAZIER HANOVER set the pace in last and appeared to be tiring on the lead when he hooked wheels while drifting out. Inconsistent 4yo could prove the one to catch in this field...RONA MAE is a mare facing males, which, in a pacing race, is not ideal. She was heavily bet in her first start over the track and had no shot trying to close from far back off a slow pace...KNOCKIN OUT gets a better post this week.

RACE 2

2 EMMAS MYSTERY CCL 4-5
3 LIPSTICK 4-1
5 ABBEY BLUE CHIP 6-1
4 ROYAL PATTIE 8-1

EMMAS MYSTERY CCL just won the NJSS Final with a solid off the pace rally from post 9. These are 2yo's so improvement by some of the others is possible, but this filly deserves to be odds-on here.

RACE 3

9 BIG BAD BILL 8-1
7 DRILL 4-1
1 PACK YOUR BAGS 4-1
2 URBAN RENEWAL 8-1

RACE 4

5 SELECT FRIDAY 3-1
6 ARTIST BEST 5-1
7 BIONIC 6-1
8 BLOODHOUND 3-1

SELECT FRIDAY rallied willingly from 8th and was Yogi's choice of three here...ARTIST BEST lacked a rally in a better field; fits well here...BIONIC was used hard leaving in :26.4 last week....BLOODHOUND brushed to the lead and held on for the win in last; threat right back.

RACE 5

1 SPARKS 8-5
5 DIAMOND BAY 5-2

6 NO PROMISES 7-2
2 R CANDY 6-1

SPARKS left and was shuffled with pace in her second start; may be ready to roll for Ake...DIAMOND BAY raced well in her prep and could be ready at first asking for sharp barn...NO PROMISES raced well in debut then was used hard in her second start and broke...R CANDY needs more.

RACE 6
6 DONT DROP THE BALL** 5-2
9 TWIN FURY 7-5
3 ROCKNACIOUS 4-1
1 REINCARNATED 6-1

DONT DROP THE BALL raced okay and finished in :26.1 in his first start as a 3yo. He could be ready for a breakout mile...TWIN FURY set the pace and was 2nd best at 2-5 odds in last; one to catch...ROCKNACIOUS is one of four two year olds in this race. He's raced okay in all three of his starts but he has sat on the pylons in every start...REINCARNATED had a tough trip in last.

RACE 7
9 I'M KRONOS S 4-1
1 RAMBO HANOVER 4-1
3 GUSTAV 4-1
7 NIX NACKEN 10-1

I'M KRONOS S was too far back in the NJSS Final last start but is a threat in this weaker field...RAMBO HANOVER was also too far back, now goes from post 10 to the rail...GUSTAV raced well in his debut for good barn...NIX NACKEN lacked a rally against tougher.

RACE 8
5 ARDEN MESSI N 8-5
7 BOBCAT BAY 5-2
2 TEN TO THE DOZEN A 7-2
6 SAULSBROOK HERO 9-1

ARDEN MESSI N ships back in from Tioga with four wins in a row including a win over this track and a sharp off the pace win from a tough spot in last...BOBCAT BAY never got into the race behind dull cover last time but has a touch of class and will probably leave here...TEN TO THE DOZEN A was heavily bet off a layoff in last and had to brush wide around dull cover; should improve off that.

RACE 9
9 QUEEN OF AMERICA S 8-5
6 SUPER DUPER COOPER 2-1
5 IMMIGRANT AM S 5-2
3 ROCKET MAN HILL 8-1

QUEEN OF AMERICA looked sharp winning her first two U.S. starts for Burke then was scratched lame and took over six months off. She finished well in a tougher field last start and may be ready for best...SUPER DUPER COOPER left and yielded and was 2nd best behind a solid dropdown favorite in last and finished on even terms with Queen Of America; key rival...IMMIGRANT AM shipped in to try an amateur driver race two weeks ago and looked sharp drawing off to beat that field in his first start over this track; faces tougher but is a threat.

RACE 10
9 RILKOFF 2-1
6 LOUIS LITT N 5-2

3 HAGGARD 4-1
1 SAVE MA A DANCE 6-1

RACE 11

3 C KAN TROT 6-5
2 BANK BOX TREASURE 9-2
5 YOU ME AND WHISKEY 5-1
7 JUST BE IAN 8-1

C KAN TROT was off a sick scratch in last, tired on the lead; double-drops and she won her two prior starts including an easy win at this level...BANK BOX TREASURE is in form now and has a shot if top one falters...YOU ME AND WHISKEY only raced here once and that was against tougher...JUST BE IAN is 0 for 17 this year but recent form is okay; tries two turns.

RACE 12

8 SPRINGSTEEN 4-1
1 STRAIGHT TALK 5-2
5 SAULSBROOK RAPTOR 6-1
9 ALBERT ALPHA 6-1

SPRINGSTEEN had no excuse when he finished 2nd in his last start at Tioga Downs, which was on June 1, but he is capable of beating this field off the bench...STRAIGHT TALK comes off two seconds to sharp horses and may be the one to beat despite stepping up...SAULSBROOK RAPTOR is better than last...ALBERT ALPHA tries a change of scenery for Burke.

RACE 13

10 ODDS ON SARA SARA 3-1
8 COUNTRY DANCING 4-1
3 DARLIN'S DREAM 4-1
2 HOLD MY TIARA 6-1

RACE 14

8 AYR PIONEER GB 7-2
3 CAPTAIN CARTER 2-1
7 ROCKABILLY CHARM 7-2
4 SPIRIT OF TRUTH 6-1

RACE 15

1 THANEEYA 2-1
4 CHEDDAR SHREDDER 5-2
8 SHIAN DELIGHT 5-1
2 VINTAGE GAL 6-1

BEST BET: DONT DROP THE BALL 6th Race