Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, November 8

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
6 SPIRIT OF TRUTH** 6-1
3 LOU ON THE BEACH 7-2
2 PARKLANE TERROR 7-2
10 VANDALISM 9-1

SPIRIT OF TRUTH had a tough parked-out trip from post 9 in last and was in a tough spot from post 9 two back; picks up Zeron and gets a better post...LOU ON THE BEACH gets a better post and should show more...PARKLANE TERROR beat weaker nicely in last...VANDALISM takes a key drop.

RACE 2
7 DONT DROP THE BALL 5-2
6 PACK A PUNCH 3-1
3 GENTLEMAN'S CLUB 7-2
2 BARTERTOWN 6-1

DONT DROP THE BALL finished willingly for the show behind winning favorite, Tom Horn last week, and that one would be a prohibitive favorite in this field...PACK A PUNCH has improved since the last time he raced here, although I have to wonder if that's because he prefers 5/8's tracks...GENTLEMAN'S CLUB is a 2yo facing 3yo's but he finished in front of DONT DROP THE BALL in last...BARTERTOWN gets a better spot.

RACE 3
5 EVERLAST STING DEO 8-5
3 AZRAEL BLUE CHIP 2-1
4 MIGHTY MATT 5-1
2 GEORGE'S WISH 8-1

RACE 4
8 TRAVOLTA HANOVER 3-1
3 MEDLEY SEELSTER 7-2
9 GLOBAL ACTION S 8-1
7 FIRST CLASS RULE 4-1

TRAVOLTA HANOVER broke early in two of his last three starts. He wasn't pushed in his qualifier and he goes for new connections here. If he's ready for one of his best efforts he can be tough to beat. Provisional driver Jeremy Morrison is an assistant trainer in the Anne Stoebe barn and even though he doesn't drive that often, he's done well with 16% winners in his career including 3 wins in 10 starts this year...MEDLEY SEELSTER shipped in sharp from Canada but broke before the start last week; may be the one to beat if she can stay flat...GLOBAL ACTION comes in from Sweden and makes his U.S. debut for a sharp barn. He set the pace and was tiring late in his qualifier but he went to the three quarters in 1:24.2 in that race and that's pretty quick for these horses...FIRST CLASS RULE raced okay in his first start over

the track and first start for the Burke barn, then went to Yonkers and broke. Gets Gingras in the bike tonight and that could be the key.

RACE 5
7 SABA ROCK 8-5
5 BOOKEM DANNO 2-1
4 MAYHEM HANOVER 6-1
6 CENTURY HEINEKEN 6-1

SABA ROCK ships in with some good lines from Indiana, hasn't raced since October 10 and is a 3yo facing older horses, but picks up red-hot driver Jason Bartlett...BOOKEM DANNO is 0 for 11 over this track but he's faced faster horses several times and he was 4^{th} in a better field last start.

RACE 6
7 BOBCAT BAY 2-1
10 ARDEN MESSI N 9-2
8 LITE N SWEET 5-2
6 STEELY KNIFE 5-1

BOBCAT BAY drops to level of narrow miss two back, has quick gate speed...ARDEN MESSI N takes a key drop and picks up Bartlett...LITE N SWEET doesn't win that often, he's 0 for 19 this year, and 1 for 32 over this track, but his recent form is solid and he comes off a game front-end try from post 10...STEELY KNIFE was in too tough last start.

RACE 7
3 DUKE OF CORNWALL N 7-5
6 T H TYSON 6-1
5 CAPTAIN BAZINGA 3-1
8 IT'S IN THE STARS 5-1

DUKE OF CORNWALL N beat a similar field with a good last quarter to make it three wins in a row. Classy sort is making up for lost time after missing all of 2024. If the Duke doesn't come through, it's wide open. T H TYSON gets a better post and may be closing off a disputed pace...CAPTAIN BAZINGA just missed against a tougher field...IT'S IN THE STARS was a game second behind the Duke Of Cornwall.

RACE 8
5 VOUKEFALAS 2-1
6 SEVEN COLORS 2-1
4 CHRISTOPHER DANCE N 7-2
2 MAC'S DELIGHT 6-1

VOUKEFALAS is 0 for 15 this year but he takes a key drop after facing the fastest horses in the sport; 10 of his 11 career wins are over this track...SEVEN COLORS steps up off a nice win over a field he figured to beat and he's sharp now...CHRISTOPHER DANCE N has won 5 in a row but hasn't raced since September 28th and is stepping up in class...MAC'S DELIGHT finished gamely behind Seven Colors in last.

RACE 9
3 WHOA BLACK BETTY 2-1
2 WAVE DANCER 5-2
7 IMAGINE HEAVEN 6-1
8 CAR KEYS 9-1

RACE 10 2 STELLAR YANKEE 2-1 1 JK BLACK GOLD 5-2

6 PINEAPPLE CRUNCH 4-1 4 BET ON MAC 9-1

STELLAR YANKEE has been overmatched in recent efforts at Yonkers but drops and this is more in his wheelhouse...JK BLACK GOLD gamely defeated weaker at short odds in last; steps back up but maybe that will give him some confidence...PINEAPPLE CRUNCH drops, adds lasix, and has a shot if he can get one of those patented Scotty Z dream trips.

RACE 11
5 MARCUS SEELSTER 7-2
10 NATIONAL SPORT 4-1
1 JACK'S LEGEND N 5-1
9 THE REGULATOR 9-1

RACE 12 5 SONO CONFUSO 2-1 4 OUR CORELLI N 5-2 1 GOOD INVESTMENT 6-1 3 MEET THE CREEPER 8-1

BEST BET: SPIRIT OF TRUTH 1st Race