

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, December 20

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 BOBBY G 8-5
7 GAITWAY PATRIOT 5-2
5 BARON CHANCEY 7-2
6 UNCLE TED 4-1

BOBBY G won two races in a row including one at this level then moved up in class; back down to Trackmaster 71...GAITWAY PATRIOT closed gamely in last two starts...BARON CHANCEY ships in with good recent form and gets the track's leading driver...UNCLE TED added lasix in last at Philadelphia, cut the mile and held the place.

RACE 2

7 EFFINGHAM** 8-5
6 STORM THE COURT 4-1
1 OURMATEMENKO N 9-2
5 DUDDIE'S LOR 8-1

EFFINGHAM chased faster in last and reportedly had broken equipment; accorded edge...STORM THE COURT loses catchdriver Braxten Boyd, who drives the ten horse here, but he has been facing faster horses and he can leave fast if Silva decides to gun...OURMATEMENKO N steps up off a win, has a shot here...DUDDIE'S LOR fits at this level on one of his better efforts.

RACE 3

8 POMPEO HANOVER 5-2
3 IN THE MOONLIGHT 3-1
4 SAN JOSE 4-1
7 INVICTUS 9-2

POMPEO HANOVER dropped to this level last week and had a tough trip...IN THE MOONLIGHT rallied wide with a solid kick and has a shot here...SAN JOSE left, yielded, was shuffled last week; he loves this track...INVICTUS ships in from Saratoga and picks up Beckwith.

RACE 4

5 GOOD ROCKIN 9-2
9 SON OF A TIGER 6-1
2 NEYREIT 11-1
8 BELMONT MAJOR N 4-1

GOOD ROCKIN was claimed by a good claiming trainer while back in form and may be charging off a disputed pace in a race that looks wide open...SON OF A TIGER lacked a rally against a considerably tougher field last start...NEYREIT ships in from Yonkers off some tough trips and may go well at a

price....BELMONT MAJOR N comes off a game effort from post 9 and all of his recent starts were good.

RACE 5

10 MOMAS SON BYRNE 7-5
1 AGEDCHEDAR HANOVER 5-2
7 CAVEMAN A 6-1
2 FUNATTHEBEACH N 6-1

MOMAS SON BYRNE shipped in from Mohawk/Woodbine with a barn change, left, tucked, pulled first over, was pushed three wide when a horse pulled out in front of him, and drew off to a handy win in his first start in over a month; steps up but two years ago this horse paced in 1:49, so he's plenty fast when right and he looked sharp last week...AGEDCHEDAR HANOVER was shuffled to 10th on the outside, rallied three wide and finished sharply in last; drops and could be the main rival...CAVEMAN left and was shuffled back in last; third off the bench, won at this level in August, may go well at a price...FUNATTHEBEACH N ships in off a sick scratch 18 days ago but this \$1.4 million dollar earner has 57 career wins including 6 this year and he takes a key drop.

RACE 6

9 CAVIART LOTUS 7-2
6 CAVIART CAMDEN 4-1
8 BOSTON BOUND 9-2
7 LUPA 5-1

CAVIART LOTUS stacked wide from 4th over and finished full of pace in his first start off the claim, losing by a half length to razor sharp repeat winner, Mamba, who would be a clear favorite in this field; edge...CAVIART CAMDEN was scratched sick last week so he'll make his first start for new barn tonight; he's plenty fast when fit and he's a good two turn pacer...BOSTON BOUND was in with tougher horses the last time he raced here in September, then was scratched injured, now returns for a tag off a decent qualifier where he was driven out...LUPA ships in off a win in the Open at Monticello. In his two prior starts he finished 2nd to Johnny Chip, and that horse wasn't a major factor in weaker claiming races here recently. However, he makes his first start for a trainer who's done well with new acquisitions here this year and he picks up hot driver.

RACE 7

2 MARCUS SEELSTER 8-5
5 HUNGRYHUNGRY HIPPO 3-1
7 FENDI HANOVER 6-1
1 LIKE A SHADOW 6-1

MARCUS SEELSTER drops back to winning level and gets a better post...HUNGRYHUNGRY HIPPO steps up off two straight wins and gets a key driver change...FENDI HANOVER gets a better spot, has pretty good recent form and does his best racing over this track...LIKE A SHADOW moves inside and has a shot with the right kind of trip.

RACE 8

9 BUILD THE WALL 7-5
2 SOUTH BEACH STAR 5-2
4 CHEVRON ART N 4-1
8 SOLID CHARACTER 5-1

BUILD THE WALL is 2nd off the bench with a key drop and may have a class edge here...SOUTH BEACH STAR comes off a nice effort against similar...CHEVRON ART N looked good in his qualifier on December 6 and in his last two starts in Australia he had no shot chasing a fast and game horse named Max Delight, who's earned around \$1.5 million and is one of the best horses over there; adds lasix for U.S. debut...SOLID CHARACTER set the pace and held the show in a good field last week.

RACE 9

3 DELE ROW A 5-2
2 BLAZE ON 2-1
7 SOHO SPECTRE A 3-1
5 CAPTAIN CRUSADER A 7-2
4 MASTER CHARLES 8-1

This is an interesting race with 6 down-under bred pacers, and all six of them have ability. DELE ROW hasn't raced since July where he finished a solid 4th despite a tough trip in a GR1 race. He looked solid in his qualifier, he adds lasix and lures Herschberger away...BLAZE ON qualified sharply over this track on November 29, then went off at 1-2 odds at Yonkers and broke on the second turn. He qualified back in the same race as DELE ROW and he also looked good. My guess is that he'll be the favorite here because of that sharp qualifier three weeks ago...SOHO SPECTRE A has raced well in all three of his U.S. starts while in some tough fields; he drops a notch for this, loses Herschberger to the 3, but he seems to class up well with these pacers...CAPTAIN CRUSADER A climbs the ladder off two easy wins and this 8 year old has proven class over the track....MASTER CHARLES is another Aussie making his U.S. debut; he rolled past them in hand in his qualifier, adds lasix, and would have been spotted higher with a catch driver. Trainer/driver Keith Torro only has 4 wins in 127 starts over the last five years, but he has a nice looking horse here.

RACE 10

9 CHRISTOPHER DANCE N 2-1
6 G GO GRASSHOPPER 5-2
7 PINNY TIGER A 5-1
1 MAD MAX HANOVER 6-1

RACE 11

8 PACK A PUNCH 4-1
7 SEASIDEESCAPE 4-1
2 DA DELIGHTFUL 4-1
4 TEN TOTHE DOZEN A 6-1

RACE 12

8 LMC PEANUTS WATCHN 4-1
7 FOUR BY FOUR 4-1
2 SKYWAY MASTERPIECE 4-1
4 OVER THE HORIZON 6-1

RACE 13

7 BARON MICHAEL 4-1
4 SONO CONFUSO 4-1
8 HASHTAG MONEY 10-1
1 MANSERTIVE 6-1

RACE 14

5 SPINDOCTOR HANOVER 7-5
3 BLACK EDITION N 7-2
9 THE BIGBOSS A 6-1
10 JAHAN HANOVER 6-1

SPINDOCTOR HANOVER lacked a rally in last but faces weaker and retains Beckwith...BLACK EDITION N had a tough parked-out trip here two starts back; key drop...THE BIGBOSS A JAHAN HANOVER dropped to this level last week and raced evenly from post 9...JAHAN HANOVER dropped to this level, set the pace and held the place.

BEST BET: EFFINGHAM 2nd Race