Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Friday, January 2, 2026

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
2 PIT BOSS HANOVER 2-1
3 ODDS ON SARA SARA 5-2
5 GRACEFUL GALA 9-2
7 ROMA AMOR 8-1

PIT BOSS HANOVER has done most of her racing on the smaller ovals but she should fit well here and Beckwith took her over ODDS ON SARA SARA, who won her last race by almost 8 lengths...GRACEFUL GALA raced well against similar in her last two starts...ROMA AMOR only has 12 career wins but 8 were over this track; she was in too tough last start and may show more here.

RACE 2
2 BARBELLA 5-2
4 PERRON 7-2
3 POKER PLAY 4-1
1 KNICKKNACK HANOVER 4-1

BARBELLA is the new face coming in after a being the top 3yo filly trotter in Maine. She's was Beckwith's choice over the 3 and 8, but is facing older trotters, including geldings, for the first time. She hasn't raced since October. The qualifier was hard to read but she wasn't really asked for much in the stretch and it was a cold morning and an off track. Her final time in the qualifier was 1:58.1 which is fast enough to win this race, and most horses race faster than they did in their qualifier; edge...PERRON only won 1 race last year, and it was at Monticello, but he missed by a nose in last...POKER PLAY was wide and trotted evenly to finish 5th as the 3/5 favorite in last...KNICKKNACK HANOVER was in too tough last start but rallied to beat similar two starts back.

RACE 3
10 HOUSE BLEND 4-1
1 SUNBURNT 4-1
5 SUMMER DREAMS 6-1
7 SUNTAIN CITY 6-1

RACE 4
7 IKON VANG DK 2-1
9 CACTUSTOTHECLOUDS 3-1
10 MAHONE SEELSTER 4-1
2 BEACON BEACH 6-1

RACE 5
6 SPROUT 2-1
3 DREAM PILLAR 5-2

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4 PULL ME THROUGH 7-2
2 SWEET SANDY 9-2
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RACE 6

2 NILA MAREE N 6-5

5 ITEHADTOBEYOU 5-2

8 YOULLFINDOUT 5-1

4 ARSENAL'S LADYBUG 9-1

NILA MAREE N qualified nicely for her U.S. debut, hot barn, leading driver....ITHADTOBEYOU has been racing well over the Mohawk track, qualified well over this track and may be the main rival...YOULLFINDOUT showed early speed at Philadelphia...ARSENAL'S LADYBUG seems better than last.

RACE 7

6 MASSIVE MATTER 7-5

2 PARODY 7-2

5 AARDIES PEAK 4-1

9 HOOFBEATS DE VIE

MASSIVE MATTER comes off a game grinding narrow miss against tougher. He has been racing off the pace but he is capable of showing early speed and that strategy would seem to make sense in this field.

RACE 8

9 BULLY BOY HILL 4-1

1 AARDIEBYTHEHILL N 2-1

3 SATURDAY 4-1

4 EYES OF JUSTICE 6-1

BULLY BOY HILL hasn't raced since October but qualified well over the track, drops, gets live hands in the bike...AARDIEBYTHEHILL N missed time since his last start on November 28 but hails from a hot barn and has the best recent form and figures...SATURDAY shisp in sharp and lands Beckwith...EYES OF JUSTICE best needed

RACE 9

5 BIG BOX HANOVER 6-5

2 SUPER DUPER COOPER 7-2

8 BESTFRIEND VOLO 4-1

3 TACTICAL STRIKE 8-1

BIG BOX HANOVER ships in for good barn. This trotter has earned over \$900,000 but hasn't raced here at the Big M...SUPER DUPER COOOPER was 2^{nd} to the class-edge favorite in last; key rival...BESTFRIEND VOLO ships in from Yonkers, handles this track well...TACTICAL STRIKE had the lead and looked like he was tiring when he broke in last.

RACE 10

8 PERFIDIIOUS CROWN 2-1

6 AVF CLAIRE 5-2

2 MORE GOODA N 3-1

3 BLOOD MOON A 6

RACE 11

9 AARDIE B MIKI N** 4-5

3 PRESSURE COOKER 4-1

1 INTOTHEMYSTICMOON 8-1

7 LAURIE LEE 10-1 2 MY SWEET LILY 6-1

AARDIE B MIKI had post 8 in return at Yonkers; class edge....PRESSURE COOKER had post 7 in last at Yonkers; recent form is solid.

RACE 12

9 BANK BOX TREASURE 10-1 7 OURMOMENTINTIME 5-2

4 IN THE MUSCLE 7-2

2 CANDY BOMBER 4-1

RACE 13

3 MISS DOTTIE MAE 3-1 1 GOING AWAY 7-2 2 TH RIZZO 4-1

5 DELITFULCATHERIN 6-1

RACE 14

4 CLEVELAND ROYALTY 2-1

9 JULA TACTICALSON 4-1

6 CHASING CRYSTALS 5-1

1 MR INSTIGATOR 10-1

RACE 15

10 LEAR SEELSTER 6-1

1 DROWNS THE WHISKEY 6-1

9 DANCING LEW 4-1

2 BORN TO DANCE 6-1

BEST BET: AARDIE B MIKI 11th Race