

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Friday, January 9

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

- 1 SPROUT 4-1
- 6 SWEET SANDY 4-1
- 5 GIOVONA BY THE SEA 4-1
- 2 NAVIGATRESS 5-1

SPROUT didn't have the best trip in last...SWEET SANDY looks like the one to catch...GIOVONA BY THE SEA is an off the pace threat...NAVIGATRESS had good form at The Meadows, changed barns and showed little in three starts at Saratoga, although she had bad posts in two of those races; might appreciate the change of venue and gets Beckwith in the bike.

RACE 2

- 7 EXQUISITE TASTE 9-2
- 6 NET WEIGHT 5-2
- 5 SUNBURNT SILVERADO 3-1
- 2 D'WOOD 9-2

EXQUISITE TASTE had an outside post off a layoff in last at Philadelphia; seems quick enough based on some of his Mohawk races last year...NET WEIGHT didn't beat much in last at Philadelphia but that was his first start since June and he's lightly raced for hot barn...SUNBURNT SILVERADO beat weaker at 2/5 and his overall record is solid...D'WOOD lacked a rally in last but his best effort makes him a threat here.

RACE 3

- 1 MUSCLE FACTORY A 8-5
- 3 WARRAWEE YANKEE 9-5
- 7 THE OPENER 10-1
- 6 MARSHAKK ZHUKOV 12-1

MUSCLE FACTORY A finished well in last and looks set for a good effort...WARRAWEE YANKEE hasn't raced since May but had good late pace in his qualifier and is the one to beat if ready.

RACE 4

- 1 BANK ON ME 2-1
- 6 STAMPED BY LINDY 3-1
- 3 PISCES RISING 7-2
- 7 BLESS ME FATHER 11-1

RACE 5

- 1 TIE THE KNOT 2-1
- 4 TWIN B SUNKISSED 4-1
- 5 TENNIS QUEEEN 4-1
- 7 ABSOLUTE POWER 6-1

TIE THE KNOT ships in from Ohio where she was beaten at short odds over a very slow off track but she has some back races that would make her tough here...TWIN B SUNKISSED was empty in last on December 19 but she's a threat on one of her better efforts and she hails from the top barn...TENNIS QUEEN comes off a solid effort...ABSOLUTE POWER remains in good form.

RACE 6

4 ODDS ON SARA SARA 8-5
5 BOUT DAMN TIME 2-1
2 GRACEFUL GALA 5-1
8 IDEAL SKIES 8-1

RACE 7

2 ALTA MADEIRA N 4-1
1 TH RIZZO 5-2
3 CHANGE OF LIGHTNING 9-2
4 MANHATTAN PROJECT 6-1

ALTA MADEIRA N drops and should improve...TH RIZZO comes off a good first over effort.

RACE 8

9 PIT BOSS HANOVER 4-1
10 MS FRANCES ASSISI 4-1
6 SHANGRI LA HANOVER 5-1
2 LOOT 6-1

This is the most difficult race in the Pick 4 sequence and a tough race to assign an odds-line.

RACE 9

1 BE DIFFERENT 2-1
6 SUPER DUPER COOPER 5-2
7 FINITE 6-1
3 WHEELZABLAZIN 7-1

BE DIFFERENT finished gamely from post 10 in his first try over the track...SUPER DUPER COOPER has been racing well...FINITE broke again in his first start off a layoff but picks up Beckwith and is a threat if he can stay trotting...WHEELZABLAZIN has been racing okay at Yonkers and he does have a win over this track.

RACE 10

9 TICK A LOCH A 7-5
4 AMBUSHED 4-1
2 PRESSURE COOKER 5-1
5 LAURIE LEE 6-1

TICK A LOCH A qualified well for U.S. debut, adds lasix, barn does well with new stock and she'll probably be a heavy favorite from post 9.

RACE 11

1 IWON'T BACKDOWN AS 2-1
9 ENOLA 3-1
5 ROCKET MAN HILL 4-1
4 HAT TRICK MARLEAU 6-1

RACE 12

10 COVER THE CROWN** 4-5

2 HOUSE BLEND 3-1
5 HELEN BACK AGAIN 12-1
7 DREAM SHOT 18-1

COVER THE CROWN takes a key drop and I have to think that Chisholm will leave with her here...HOUSE BLEND finished willingly from post 10 in last. After these two, it's wide open.

RACE 13
9 PAIGE PERFECT 6-5
3 ROMA AMOR 5-2
10 TWIN B EMPRESS 6-1
2 SEVEN IT IS 6-1

PAIGE PERFECT only won one race last year but takes a key drop has gate speed...ROMA AMOR dropped to this level last week and rallied from 8th.

RACE 14
6 MISS YOU JOANN 3-1
5 TARGARYEN EMPRESS 7-2
4 GIRL ALMIGHTY 6-1
9 THANEEYA 6-1

BEST BET: COVER THE CROWN 12th Race