

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, January 17

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 SONO CONFUSO 8-5
6 SELECT FRIDAY 2-1
3 MEET THE CREEPER 6-1
5 LOU ON THE BEACH 8-1

RACE 2

2 RILKOFF 2-1
3 BET A BUNDLE 4-1
7 BEAT COP 6-1
6 EUPHORIA 6-1

RILKOFF only won 2 races last year but he's raced well over this track with 2 wins and 2 placings in 6 starts; qualified well for his first start since November and I'll give him the edge.

RACE 3

9 BUILD THE WALL 2-1
3 CAPTAIN BAZINGA 2-1
4 FULSOME 9-2
7 RYDINGTOWHETHEWIRE 5-1

BUILD THE WALL finished well in his second start off a layoff in last, drops, can leave...CAPTAIN BAZINGA drops, moves inside, gets Beckwith and looks like the main rival.

RACE 4

4 AMERICAN HISTORY 2-1
2 HALF PAST MIDNIGHT 3-1
6 MIKI LEAKS 9-1
5 WARRAWEE XCEED 10-1

RACE 5

3 TONTO RETURNS 5-2
1 BLUE COLLAR MAN 7-2
5 GABE HANOVER 4-1
8 LETSMAKELOTSAMONEY 8-1

TONTO RETURNS showed improvement winning four races in a row for new barn and fits well here if ready off a near four week layoff...BLUE COLLAR MAN gets a better spot...GABE HANOVER comes off an improved effort...LETSMAKELOTSAMONEY has raced well since shipping in.

RACE 6

5 ROCKME ROLLME 2-1
9 DIAMONDBEACH 2-1

4 PETER PETRIFY N 9-2
2 ACAPULCO SUNBURN 6-1

ROCKME ROLLME looks for this third straight and seems likely to get a good pace to close off of...DIAMONDBEACH is fast and fit and can go all the way again...PETER PETRIFY N has a chance with a trip...ACAPULCO SUNBURN seems better than last and could threaten with a good trip.

RACE 7
2 BEACH CLUB MONTY 7-2
3 DA DELIGHTFUL 8-5
8 MOMAS SON BYRNE 5-2
1 BONDI SHAKE N 8-1

BEACH CLUB MONTY didn't get much pace help but rallied in his first start off the bench...DA DELIGHTFUL has the fastest recent races and Beckwith stays here over MOMAS SON BYRNE, who steps up sharp.

RACE 8
7 AMERICAN DEALER N** 7-5
5 MASTER CHARLES N 6-1
8 SOUTH BEACH STAR 7-2
3 STAY GROUNDED 6-1

AMERICAN DEALER N finished well against better and classy sort rates top call...MASTER CHARLES N closed well from post 9 in his last two starts...SOUTH BEACH STAR steps up but he was 2nd against a good field in last and he's a competitive sort...STAY GROUNDED scored gamely as my \$13.20 Best Bet last start, steps up for hot barn.

RACE 9
8 BOSTON BOUND 6-5
2 JUST ENUFF STUFF 4-1
4 OVERTHINKING 8-1
5 SUN OF A SHOW 8-1

The race goes through BOSTON BOUND, who has four wins in five starts over this track including three in a row...JUST ENUFF STUFF went first over against BOSTON BOUND and held gamely for the place...OVERTHINKING has been sharp for the Engblom barn and may keep improving...SUN OF A SHOW is fast and fit.

RACE 10
8 BIG BANG BANG 8-5
3 BLACK EDITION N 5-2
7 SAULSBROOK RAPTOR 6-1
10 DONTLIKEITLEAVE 12-1

BIG BANG BANG chased the sharp Boston Bound two back, then wired similar in last.

RACE 11
7 FASTING 8-5
3 DANCE PARTNER 5-2
6 HAGGARD 9-2
9 ROCKIN THE ACES 8-1

RACE 12
7 T H TYSON 7-1
2 CAVIART LOTUS 5-2

5 BLAZE ON 3-1

4 THONG CONTROL 7-1

T H TYSON steps up off a win and has speed to be dangerous here...CAVIART LOTUS only has 1 win in 18 starts over this track but he's been showing good pace while hampered by outside posts...BLAZE ON controlled the pace and finished 2nd last week. In a way I thought he had no excuse last week, but, the sloppy track wasn't carrying speed that well...THONG CONTROL was shuffled with pace in his first try over this track and should fit well at this level.

RACE 13

5 OLLIE'S Z TAM 5-2

7 CAPTAIN CONAN 5-1

2 URBAN RENEWAL 7-2

8 SEW MUCH SWAG 10-1

OLLIE'S Z TAM showed good speed in last, which was a month ago. The last time he came off a month's layoff, he won...CAPTAIN CONAN raced well in his first start over the track then tried leaving and was parked forcing a fast pace against tougher; drops with a driver change...URBAN RENEWAL left and chased a fast pace, held the place...SEW MUCH SWAG chased better in his first start over this track; drops.

RACE 14

1 FENDI HANOVER 8-5

2 SOHO SKYFALL A 6-1

10 TRICKY MIKI A 3-1

8 TOTO HANOVER 6-1

FENDI HANOVER broke before the start in last but his prior two races make him the one to beat off the drop here...SOHO SKYFALL had a tough trip off a layoff in his first start over the track; drops...TRICKY MIKI A has only hit the board once in ten starts over this track but some of those were pretty good tries against tougher; drops...TOTO HANOVER showed some late pace in last and may be ready for a top effort.

BEST BET: AMERICAN DEALER N 8th Race