

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, January 24

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

7 BIG BAD BILL 9-1
8 SELECT FRIDAY 2-1
6 HALF PAST MIDNIGHT 3-1
5 WHERE'S DROGON 10-1

BIG BAD BILL had some late pace from post 9 in his last race over the track two back...SELECT FRIDAY finished 2nd at 3/5 last week but was used hard to clear the lead...HALF PAST MIDNIGHT stayed inside until the stretch but finished well in his last two starts...WHERE'S DROGON best needed.

RACE 2

6 BLUE COLLAR MAN** 7-5
5 LOVERS TROUBLE 5-2
2 SONO CONFUSO 4-1
4 YER SO BAD 8-1

BLUE COLLAR MAN takes a key drop...LOVERS TROUBLE is third off a layoff, drops, gets Beckwith...SONO CONFUSO has been racing well, steps up...YER SO BAD gets a better post and can finish.

RACE 3

1 GALLIE GETAWAY 5-2
9 STRAIGHT TALK 5-2
3 IT'S MAHOMES A 4-1
2 GOLD GLOVE HANOVER 4-1

GALLIE GETAWAY moves inside and gets a catchdriver...STRAIGHT TALK finished well against a better field and can leave....IT'S MAHOMES A and GOLD GLOVE HANOVER are factors on their best efforts.

RACE 4

6 NUCLEAR 2-1
3 RHYDS DUDE GB 2-1
1 CAPTAIN BANZINGA 7-2
7 AGEDCHEDAR HANOVER 8-1

NUCLEAR qualified okay for a good layoff barn, has some class...RHYDS DUDE GB qualified well twice for his U.S. debut for sharp barn and driver...AGEDCHEDAR HANOVER had no shot in last.

RACE 5

3 BUILD THE WALL 1-1
7 STORM THE COURT 7-1
1 DISMAS 7-2
4 RYDINGTOWEWIRE 6-1

BUILD THE WALL hard-trying sort comes off another game effort...STORM THE COURT drops and should improve...DIASMAS was used hard to get the lead in last, held the show...RYDINGTOTHEWIRE beaten choice in his last two starts, usually hits the board with a late kick.

RACE 6

3 BEAT COP 7-2
2 MYULTIMATEBAXTER N 8-1
9 PRIMARY COLORS 7-2
5 SPRINGSTEEN 8-1

BEAT COP crushed weaker with Kelly in the bike; changes barns and steps up but can repeat...MYULTIMATEBAXTER N was wide from a tough spot. I can see him tripping out from the inside...PRIMARY COLORS classy sort usually puts in a good effort...SPRINGSTEEN is third off the bench and gets a better post.

RACE 7

6 CATCH UP 7-2
4 MAYHEM HANOVER 7-2
2 SAULSBROOK RAPTOR 4-1
5 CAVIART CAMDEN 4-1

CATCH UP picks up Beckwith off a barn change and a good try over the track; edge in a wide open race...MAYHEM HANVOER comes off a game grinding win over similar.

RACE 8

7 MAMBA 4-1
4 OVERTHINKING 13-1
10 BOSTON BOUND 4-1
6 SUN OF A SHOW 6-1

MAMBA hasn't raced since December 13. He won his last two starts against similar from post 9, and trainer Joe Bongiorno doesn't send out short horses -- his win percentage off layoffs is the same as his regular win percentage...OVERTHINKING seems better than last, might go well at a price in a wide open race...BOSTON BOUND had a tough trip at short odds in last; dangerous on best...SUN OF A SHOW is in good form.

RACE 9

1 DONT DROP THE BALL 5-2
3 PINEAPPLE CRUNCH 3-1
8 MOMAS SON BYRNE 6-1
6 COMPENSATE ME 8-1

DONT DROP THE BALL drops and moves inside...PINEAPPLE CRUNCH beat favorite in last but raced okay...MOMAS SON BYRNE broke in last but his prior efforts over the track were solid...COMPENSATE ME rallied gamely from a tough spot in last.

RACE 10

7 FOUR BY FOUR 12-1
8 ROCKME ROLLME 8-5
2 ACAPULCO SUNBURN 6-1
3 MELTDOWN MONTE 12-1

FOUR BY FOUR picks up Colin Kelly and gets a better post...ROCKME ROLLME has been sharp and comes off a game try on the lead...ACAPULCO SUNBURN may be well placed for a trip...MELTDOWN MONTE best needed.

RACE 11
5 WASA HEAT SEEKER 8-5
4 SPIRIT OF STLOUIS N 5-2
3 JAHAN HANOVER 6-1
6 STOP THE SHOOTIN' 8-1

RACE 12
3 SEEYOU AT THEBEACH 5-2
2 NATIONAL SPORT 5-2
9 SHADOW CAT 4-1
1 FIZZING N 6-1

RACE 13
9 HURRIKANE JOHNNYBOY 5-2
6 ROCKIN THE ACES 4-1
3 WARRAWEE YANKEE 5-1
1 BET A BUNDLE 6-1

RACE 14
4 JONAH 5-2
10 BIONIC 3-1
3 CAPTAIN CARTER 5-1
6 THNDRFRMTHETHRON N 6-1

JONAH may pick up the pieces here...BIONIC gets a catch driver and may not stop...CAPTAIN CARTER comes off an improved effort...THNDRFRMTHETHRON N may have needed last, gets Beckwith.

BEST BET: BLUE COLLAR MAN 2nd Race