

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, April 18

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

3 A LITTLE KICK 8-5
7 MOONWARDS HANOVER 5-2
1 THE BIG RAGOO 7-2
6 SERGEANT WALT 4-1

A LITTLE KICK left alertly, yielded and was shuffled with pace...MOONWARDS HANOVER held on gamely to beat a similar field in last and picks up Jason Bartlett, who continues to have a sensational UDRS of over 45% while winning over 30% of his drives...THE BIG RAGOO only has 1 win in 29 starts but his form at this level is good...SERGEANT WALT was 2/5 winning from post 9 in his last start at this level then backed up against better last start and had to qualify.

RACE 2

3 ROJAN'S WAY 7-5
2 SWIFTY LAZAR 5-2
8 LINCOLN BOULEVARD 6-1
9 SONO CONFUSO 7-1

ROJAN'S WAY steps up a bit off a game win from post 10 for a barn that's been going well...SWIFTY LAZAR seems better than last.

RACE 3

8 BET ON MAC** 4-1
4 COMPENSATE ME 4-1
9 MAD RIVER 4-1
1 ALWAYS B GIBBY 5-1

BET ON MAC has improved since dropped to this level...COMPENSATE ME drops and may show more...MAD RIVER rallied wide from a tough spot in return, can improve...ALWAYS B GIBBY showed some life in last at Pocono, gets Dunn in the bike...POMPEO HANOVER's pp line for the April 12th race at Philadelphia is incorrect. He was not leading at the three quarters, he was 5th.

RACE 4

1 MAMBA 8-5
7 MOMAS SON BYRNE 2-1
3 PACK A PUNCH 7-2
2 JILLIBY DYNAMITE A 6-1

RACE 5

6 HUNGRYHUNGRY HIPPO 2-1
2 GOOD DEAL 2-1
3 LOVENBURY 4-1
9 HALF PAST MIDNIGHT 5-1

RACE 6

8 GALLIE GETAWAY 2-1
6 BB LUCKY BOY 2-1
2 ALBAMAJAMMA 6-1
7 LOVERS TROUBLE 6-1

RACE 7

6 NUCLEAR 7-5
5 AMERICAN SON 9-5
3 BUILD THE WALL 8-1
2 MAJOR HOTHOOVES 8-1

NUCLEAR takes a key drop...AMERICAN SON showed promise as a two year old but only raced five times as a three year old last year. He hasn't raced since July but he qualified well for trainer Chris Ryder, who tends to have his horses ready and driver Dexter Dunn took this one over two other horses here...BUILD THE WALL is generally outclassed at this level but he's a hard trying grinder who always gives his all down the stretch...MAJOR HOTHOOVES N steeps up in good form.

RACE 8

6 TYPHOON BANNER N 2-1
7 SOUTHWIND GENDRY 2-1
8 ROCKIN JUKEBOX 9-2
4 WATER SPORTS TEEN 5-1

RACE 9

4 INVICTUS 5-2
2 BOOKIE J 7-5
3 ROCKNROLL GOLD 6-1
10 BIG EGO 7-1

INVICTUS didn't have the greatest trip on a windy night last week; edge...BOOKIE J is another one returning off a sharp qualifier for Ryder. He won the \$125,000 Kindergarten Final in his last start on November 1 but technically he's stepping up in class moving in with older horses. That being said, he's 5 months older now and most likely faster than he was in November, so he could be tough to deny.

RACE 10

1 OAKWOOD ARDAN IR 3-5
7 SWINGTOWN 5-1
8 CAPTAIN CRUSADER A 5-1
3 WISH YOU WELL 7-1

OAKWOOD ARDAN was making his first start of the year last week and he was 8th with another horse in the race parked-out to his flank for much of the first half while looking like he wasn't trying to advance, which could be viewed as a driver's violation. Oakwood Ardan had plenty of pace along the inside in the stretch then got rough gaited when he had to take up to avoid running up on horses late. Second off the bench, trainer Cleary switches to driver Tim Tetrick and we should see what this classy 7 year old has left tonight...SWINGTOWN made good money in Ohio last year and the million dollar earner makes his 4yo debut...CAPTAIN CRUSADER A finished off his 8 year old season with four straight wins but hasn't shown anything in two starts this year. He picks up Bartlett and he could be ready to go now...WISH YOU WELL has only raced 8 times over the last two years and loses Tetrick to top choice but he seems to be coming around.

RACE 11

2 BIG BAD BILL 5-1
1 LYLEGROUND 2-1

9 STONE COLD SAVAGE 6-1
4 ALWAYS A WAY 8-1

RACE 12

5 GOOD ROCKIN 3-5
4 BORN TO DANCE 6-1
1 CAMCO LUCAS 6-1
8 LEAVE AND ROLL 6-1

GOOD ROCKIN comes off two impressive wins from posts 8 and 10 and he looks tough to deny.

RACE 13

7 GALANTE A 8-5
3 TRICKY CAPTAIN N 2-1
5 XPERT 5-1
9 ARTIST BEST 8-1

RACE 14

8 HUNGRY FOR PROFITS 15-1
4 ROCKIN ROGER 5-1
2 BETTING MARKER 5-1
7 SAND SNIPER 8-1

HUNGRY FOR PROFITS makes his third start of the year and his first start at this lowly TR 68 level and I'll give him a try in an uninspiring field, although this may be a terrible pick.

BEST BET: BET ON MAC 3rd Race