

## **Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, May 23**

**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

5 OBLITERATE 7-2  
9 STINGMAN 1-1  
6 PERFECT SKY 8-1  
7 PERFECT CABERNET 8-1

OBLITERATE has only raced 6 times so there's potential upside, adds lasix, draws inside of main rival...STINGMAN comes off a solid placing against tougher and won easily over this track two back.

#### RACE 2

5 WISHUPONASTAR DEO 1-1  
7 LADY ON THE HILL 7-2  
6 ADIOS MY LINDY 8-1  
4 JULA PRICELESS 10-1

WISHUPONASTAR DEO won her first two starts this year but didn't race as well against tougher in Kentucky...LADY ON THE HILL has a shot if top one doesn't bring her best.

#### RACE 3

2 WARRAWEE MICHELLE 7-5  
1 BRAVO ANGEL S 2-1  
5 ELISTA HANOVER 4-1  
4 NELSONBRITTEEAGLE NO 8-1

WARRAWEE MICHELLE Breeders Crown winner qualified back well for Svanstedt...BRAVO ANGEL S is undefeated in four starts this year...ELISTA HANOVER was short in return but could benefit from that race and has plenty of class.

#### RACE 4

3 CUSTOM 4-1  
1 LEADING LADY 8-5  
2 EMMAS MYSTERY CCL 5-2  
7 ISABELLA BI 4-1

CUSTOM made a break trying to leave in a \$300,000 early season stakes race in Kentucky, got back on stride and trotted a quick middle-half before flattening out...LEADING LADY came back to the races sharp for Nancy Takter...EMMAS MYSTERY CCL just missed in her first start this year...ISABELLA BI made the lead and lost by a neck to LEADING LADY in her first start of the year.

#### RACE 5

1 MADAM CHEVAL 8-5  
7 R CANDY 2-1  
8 SPARKS 6-1  
2 WHATARACE HANOVER 6-1

MADAM CHEVAL is another trotter that returned sharp for the Takter barn...R CANDY raced gamely against MADAM CHEVAL and has a shot...SPARKS may need this...WHATARACE HANOVER finished willingly in return, gets Dunn, could improve sharply here.

#### RACE 6

2 SONOFANUTCRACKER\*\* 8-5  
9 AZRAEL BLUE CHIP 7-2  
5 BOOKIE J 2-1  
3 ROCKNACIOUS 8-1

SONOFANUTCRACKER was impressive winning his 3yo return from post 9...AZRAEL BLUE CHIP is in solid form and Andy McCarthy will probably leave this time since he drew outside in a stakes Final...BOOKIE J is undefeated in 3 starts this year and has won 5 in a row; faces a tougher field but can take another.

#### RACE 7

4 NIX NACKEN 8-5  
5 GABES LUCK 5-2  
1 MEGA SHARK 3-1  
2 SOUTHWIND ALAMO 5-1

NIX NACKEN made a break in a \$500,000 stakes race at Oak Grove in Kentucky; this is a softer spot and a return to two turns...GABES LUCK raced well in return...MAGA SHARK steps up in class but improved sharply to win last...SOUTHWIND ALAMO best needed.

#### RACE 8

1 WHOA BLACK BETTY 6-5  
2 LADYSASSIN 4-1  
4 STING GIRL 9-2  
7 PEFECT AND SWEET 7-1

WHOA BLACK BETTY shook off pressure nicely in last...LADYSASSIN went after Whoa Black Betty and weakened but moves into hot barn and can improve...STING GIRL finishes well.

#### RACE 9

7 KING OF THE WIND 8-5  
8 NEVER SAY DIE 5-2  
6 DAVID SEAMAN S 4-1  
4 MAGA HILL 9-2

KING OF THE WIND is developing nicely for Bongiorno. Last week he floated out and was parked the mile without cover forcing a fast pace. His final time of 1:53.2 was almost two seconds faster than his lifetime best which he earned four starts back. I'll give him a clear edge in a wide open trot...NEVER SAY DIE was short at 3/5 odds but fits well here...DAVID SEAMAN S improved in last and can move forward again...MAGA HILL best needed.

#### RACE 10

8 MARLBANK ROAD 5-2  
2 BLANK STARE 8-5  
5 RILKOFF 8-1  
9 CRUSH KILL DESTROY 4-1

#### RACE 11

7 KICKAN 5-2  
3 ABBEY BLUE CHIP 9-2

5 R GEM 9-2  
2 GRAND PRIX DEO 13-1

KICKAN has kept the best company, had little chance trying to gain in a stepped up last half against tougher last start. I expect to see improved effort here...ABBEY BLUE CHIP has also been facing faster...R GEM comes off a much-improved effort.

RACE 12  
6 CHAMPAGNE PROBLEMS 2-1  
5 MIRACLE MAVEN 5-2  
2 CONVERSANO 3-1  
3 DIAL SQUARE S 5-1

CHAMPAGNE PROBLEMS qualified well for Nancy Takter and her horses have been firing fresh...MIRACLE MAVEN raced well in her first start for Burke and her first start since November and could be tough to catch here...CONVERSANO looks well prepped for return...DIAL SQUARE S makes her seasonable debut and did her best racing fresh last year.

RACE 13  
1 BE PERFECT BG 1-9  
4 SHE STINGS 5-1  
2 PERFECT THOUGHT 8-1  
3 NAPALM 11-1

BE PERFECT BG is undefeated in 7 starts and I thought her last was her best yet as she rolled home in :26.1 over a sloppy track.

RACE 14  
2 DIABOLIC HILL 4-5  
3 AMERICAN POWER 4-1  
6 ARDONNE 9-2  
4 GUSTAV 6-1

DIABOLIC HILL finished 2<sup>nd</sup> to Spencer Hanover in the Breeders Crown then beat him in the Valley Victory to close out his 2yo campaign. He qualified sharply for trainer Anne Stoebe...AMERICAN POWER returned to the races with a sharp win; steps up...ARDONNE showed promise last year, while using hobbles. They take the hobbles off here, which is probably a good sign, but it's hard to say if he's ready or will be driven aggressively here...GUSTAV is improving, steps up.

RACE 15  
3 ICE FALL 2-1  
5 BEE POSITIGVE 5-2  
1 TRILLION TIMES 9-2  
4 CLASSIC PICKLE 9-2

ICE FALL showed some life closing in an improved effort in his fourth lifetime start last week.

BEST BET: SONOFANUTCRACKER 6<sup>th</sup> Race