

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, August 1

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 JAILBIRD JOG 6-5
7 MADAM CHEVAL 4-1
2 LAINEY W 4-1
5 CARVE 8-1

Tonight we get the Hambletonian Day elimination races, this one for the fillies (Oaks). The first 3 finishers in the three elimination races race in the Final, the filly that finishes 4th that has the highest lifetime earnings also gets in. The winner of the elimination races get to choose its post position between posts 1-6. These races are good to watch as a handicapping factor for next week's Final, but generally speaking, they're bad betting races.

RACE 2

4 DARLIN'S ANGEL 1-5
1 SUNNY STATION 9-2
2 CAR KEYS 5-1
6 GRACIOUS 12-1

DARLIN'S ANGEL hasn't raced in three weeks but her last race was clearly the best race of her career as she left and was used hard to the lead in :26.1, yielded, was shuffled back to 5th, and came on gamely to finish a solid third beaten only 1.5 lengths behind two of the top fillies in North America.

RACE 3

8 JUDDY DOUGLAS A 2-1
10 ROCKNROLL GOLD 2-1
4 LOU ON THE BEACH 6-1
2 IDIOTYNCRATIC 8-1

JUDDY DOUGLAS A has been racing well, picks up Dunn, and draws inside of main rival...ROCKNROLL GOLD drops and returns to the Meadowlands, has speed.

RACE 4

5 NEZUKO KAMADO S 4-5
2 FRATTINA DIABLO S 3-1
7 EMMAS MYSTERY CCL 4-1
6 R RO 6-1

Here's another Hambletonian Oaks elimination race.

RACE 5

3 BET ON MAC 5-2
1 LMC PEANUTS WATCHN 3-1

7 EUPHORIA N 7-2
6 CAVE MAN A 4-1

RACE 6
6 CUSTOM 4-1
2 VICTORIANAS SECRET 8-5
5 LEADING LADY 4-1
1 SET YOURSIGHTS HIGH 4-1

The third Hambletonian Oaks elimination and this one leads off the Early Pick 4. CUSTOM looked good winning last and has a shot at a price in what could be a wide open race. I guess some will single VICTORIANAS SECRET but she's done her best racing around three turns.

RACE 7
3 INEXPRESSABLE 7-2
7 APEX 7-5
8 AMERICAN POWER 5-2
9 ENDURANCE 4-1

The first Hambletonian Elimination. I thought INEXPRESSABLE raced gamely in the Dancer, came home in :25.4 and really had no shot closing off a modest pace...APEX controlled the pace in the Dancer but he's been the type that doesn't normally leave the gate...AMERICAN POWER and ENDURANCE round out a good field. On my Pick 4 plays, I used 3-7 in this leg.

RACE 8
2 BRANDON BLVD 1-5
7 UBRUTE 6-1
6 SEA BISTRO HANOVER 8-1
1 TOAST OF THE TOWN 8-1

BRANDON BLVD showed gameness hanging on to win the Meadowlands Pace. When I was watching the race my first thought was that he didn't look quite as sharp as he did in his four prior races, but in retrospect, when you consider the track variants and speed figures, he's actually produced virtually the same mile in all five starts. His last 5 speed figures are 94-93-93-92-93. Consistency is very important in these major stakes races. That being said, he'll be racing for a lot more money next week, which is why I'm including UBRUTE in the Pick 4. UBRUTE had no shot from post 10 in last.

RACE 9
5 NIX NACKEN 4-1
9 DIABLOIC HILL 4-1
8 BIG RANGER 6-5
3 SPENCER HANOVER 5-1

This could be an interesting Hambletonian elimination race. NIX NACKEN draws nicely in this Hambletonian elimination and he's been sharpening...DIABLOIC HILL has to leave here and his form is solid...BIG RANGER Ohio star has been racing with lasix and on 5/8's tracks and has been impressive, especially his track record performance at Scioto Downs two back, although he does face better company over a different size track here...SPENCER HANOVER looked like he was going to be the favorite in the Hambo but he broke stride in his last two starts. He looked fine winning his qualifier and he could bounce back here.

RACE 10
8 WARRAWEE MICHELLE 5-2
4 YO TILLIE 5-2

2 CONVERSANO 4-1

3 WALSPEA 6-1

WARRAWEE MICHELLE raced well in the Six Pack and can leave here...YO TILLIE hasn't been a sharp so far this year but that can change quickly...CONVERSANO just missed in a similar race....WALSPEA broke in the Hambo Maturity but her overall form this year is solid.

RACE 11

3 FALLOUT 3-5

8 FIFTH AND FIVE 4-1

7 DOWNBYTHEWATER 8-1

9 NEVERSTOPDREAMIN N 13-1

FALLOUT takes a key drop and may be too quick for these...FIFTY AND FIVE hasn't gotten going yet this year but also takes a key drop...DOWNBYTHEWATER was a solid third against similar the last time he was here...NEVERTOPDREAMIN N was set to make his U.S. debut in March but had to scratch. He was a classy horse down under.

RACE 12

7 AROLNDAYAHBLUECHIP 8-5

6 ALWAYS B GIBBY 2-1

8 SEEN HERE 4-1

5 HUNTINGFORCHROME 11-1

RACE 13

3 DREAMLANDCAPPUCINO 2-1

8 HUNGRYHUNGR HIPPO 3-1

4 ROCKIN THE ACES 6-1

6 ROCKS NOBLE ARTIST 10-1

RACE 14

9 WARRAWEE YANKEE** 8-5

5 GOOD ROCKIN 5-2

4 MANALOU 8-1

7 LOVETHEWAYOURLIE 8-1

WARRAWEE YANKEE gets a big driver change to Beckwith and the last time this gelding had a catch driver, he was facing tougher...GOOD ROCKIN was at Vernon Downs in last but he raced well against similar over this track two back...MANALOU had a tough trip in last; picks up Bartlett.

BEST BETS: WARRAWEE YANKEE 14th Race