

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, July 11

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 MANOLETE 7-2
2 BEST CHIP 8-5
1 FIFTH AND FIVE 9-2
6 CAPTAIN CRUSADER A 8-1

MANOLETE drops out of the Graduate series and has the class to upset here...BEST CHIP has improved sharply since the barn change; has already won at this level but this field seems considerably tougher...FIFTH AND FIVE has been overmatched so the drop helps...CAPTAIN CRUSADER ships back in while in good form.

RACE 2

2 LEADING LADY 5-2
6 LAINEY W 7-2
1 NEZUKO KAMADO S 4-5
4 ALL TIME TROT S 7-1

LEADING LADY closed willingly off a modest pace in last...LAINEY W comes off a solid effort on the lead and there's not any obvious early speed inside of her here...NEZUKO KAMADO was able to rate the half then turned back a game effort to hang on last week giving her 3 wins in 3 starts this year...ALL TIME TROT S was Gingras' choice over the 6 and may be leaving.

RACE 3

5 SHE'S MONI** 9-2
7 JAILBIRD JOG 4-5
2 YGRITTE 5-2
6 ISABELLA BI 11-1

SHE'S MONI won her firsts two starts easily then took a considerable step up in class last start and raced well, floated out wide from post 8, was in and out gaining ground through the middle half, angled out behind horses in the stretch and was moving strongly at the wire. She may just be the best filly in this race...JAILBIRD JOG battled gamely first over in last and just missed to Nezuko Kamado. If that filly races big and wins race 2, that will make her look even tougher here...YGRITTE has been on a roll so far this year; like the 5, she's stepping up in class but I wouldn't be surprised if she proves best...ISABELLA BI only has 1 win but she's improved this year. In her last start, she left alertly and got a tuck but she was shuffled out of the race.

RACE 4

4 ENDURANCE 8-5
1 SPENCER HANOVER 9-5
7 IT COULD BE WORSE 3-1
8 NIX NACKEN 7-2

ENDURANCE has one loss this year and that was a big uncovered effort second behind Spencer Hanover, who had a much better trip, in the Oak Grove Trotting Derby...SPENCER HANOVER Breeders Crown winner broke from the second tier in Yonkers Trot but looks like the one to beat...IT COULD BE WORSE went to the lead and held off NIX NACKEN last week. They both fit well here depending on the trips.

RACE 5

9 BE PERFECT BG 8-5
6 LOU DIPA 8-5
7 DARLIN'S ANGEL 8-1
5 PERFECT THOUGHT 8-1

BE PERFECT BG has 9 wins in 10 start and is undefeated over this track; can go all the way...LOU DIPA Breeders Crown winner nailed the top pick from the pocket at Mohawk; key rival...DARLIN'S ANGEL has developed nicely for trainer Juan Cano...PERFECT THOUGHT raced gamely in the Fan Hanover.

RACE 6

7 INEXPRESSABLE 9-2
2 APEX 3-5
3 AMERICAN POWER 5-1
6 REQUIEM 9-1

INEXPRESSABLE has developed nicely for trainer Lucas Wallin. In his last start he barreled home strongly from third over to win the Yonkers Trot...APEX is clearly the one to beat based on his overall record...AMERICAN POWER was no match for Apex in the NJSS Platinum Final but raced well...REQUIEM best needed.

RACE 7

8 MIKI AND MINNIE 6-5
7 TWIN B JOE FRESH 2-1
1 LOUIES GIRL N 6-1
3 UNREASONABLE 11-1

MIKI AND MINNIE now has 17 wins in her last 20 starts...TWIN B JOE FRESH classy veteran mare battled MIKI AND MINNIE gamely to the wire in last and is a threat.

RACE 8

7 CAPTAIN OPTIMISTIC 8-5
2 ERVIN HANOVER 8-5
3 SWINGTOWN 9-1
5 HUNTINTHELASTDOLAR 14-1

CAPTAIN OPTIMISTIC and ERVIN HANOVER both come off impressive 1:46.3 wins over the track. I gave the edge to the 7 because he has 10 of his 15 career wins over this track, while ERVIN HANOVER's win last week was his first in 9 starts over this track. These races for the top Free For Allers are always fun to watch and this should be a good one with six millionaires in the race.

RACE 9

6 SUPER CHAPTER 7-5
8 ON TO NORWAY 2-1
2 WALSPEA 8-1
11 GO DOG GO 16-1

SUPER CHAPTER draws inside his main rival...ON TO NORWAY beat top pick gamely with a nifty drive by Gingras.....WALSPEA sharp mare put in a brave effort behind the top two in last...GO DOG GO is better than last.

RACE 10

2 BRANDON BLVD 1-9
7 SWEET LOVIN LOU 8-1
4 GENTLEMAN'S CLUB 9-1
8 AL PAPI 14-1

BRANDON BLVD looked strong winning his elimination over the track and he raced big behind the fleet Odds On Mr Mamba in the Pepsi North American Cup at Mohawk.

RACE 11

5 CAPTAIN ALBANO 8-5
4 KEN HANOVER 5-2
6 LOU HILL 4-1
2 COACHES CORNER 10-1

CAPTAIN ALBANO gets a much better spot...KEN HANOVER had a tough trip and held well considering...LOU HILL has sharp speed...COACHES CORNER comes off an improved effort.

RACE 12

9 BRAVO ANGEL S 4-1
1 ELISTA HANOVER 5-2
10 YO TILLIE 4-1
7 LASTING DREAM 6-1

BRAVO ANGEL S has been sharp this year. Last week she was used hard to get the lead, set a torrid pace, and didn't tire that badly considering...ELISTA HANOVER hasn't gotten going yet but this is only her 4th start of the year and without Bourbonista in the field, it's a softer field than the Six Pack...YO TILLIE never got into the race from post 10 but she should race better here...LASTING DREAM ships in for cagey barn and seems likely to leave.

RACE 13

8 GO GO GRASSHOPPER 2-5
1 HIRANYA N 5-1
5 EFFINGTHAM 10-1
6 WORLD OF WISHES 10-1

GO GO GRASSHOPPER had a tough parked-out trip in the Graduate Final.

RACE 14

1 CAVEMAN A 7-5
9 BEAT COP 8-1
2 DREAMLANDCAPPUCINO 4-1
7 CAPTAIN UP 4-1

CAVEMAN A raced well first over against similar in last, now gets a key driver change to Bartlett...BEAT COP dropped to this level and never got into the race from post 10; picks up double-digit Dube and may show speed...DREAMLANDCAPPUCINO comes off an improved effort...CAPTAIN UP beat similar here recently.

BEST BETS: SHE'S MONI 3rd Race