

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, August 8

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 EMMAS MYSTERY CCL 9-5
4 SOUTHWIND CHASKA 2-1
5 NUANCE 9-2
1 DENARIOUS 9-1

EMMAS MYSTERY CCL takes a key drop...SOUTHWIND CHASKA also drops down and could be best here...NUANCE qualified back well after breaking in her last two starts...DENARIOUS needs a strip.

RACE 2

3 WRONG SOUNDS RIGHT 4-5
1 PRESIDENTE 3-1
5 LIFETIME DREAMER 8-1
2 FREE SCOTTIE 20-1

WRONG SOUNDS RIGHT improved sharply every time he's stepped onto the track and I wouldn't be surprised to see him improve again and trot in under 1:52 here...PRESIDENTE was a solid second behind the top pick in last; key rival.

RACE 3

5 ODDS ON MR MAMBA 1-1
2 BRANDON BLVD 9-5
3 GENTLEMAN'S CLUB 8-1
4 SWEET LOVIN LOU 11-1

ODDS ON MR MAMBA looked strong winning the North America Cup then went a big mile in defeat in the Adios at The Meadows. Driver James McDonald decided not to leave in that race and that was a miscalculation, in my opinion, because he let the favorite, Al Papi, get an easy lead, and then he had to go first over into a :26 flat third quarter. He missed by a neck and paced his last half in :53 flat, a big effort. In this race, leaving isn't as important since the Cane Pace only drew a 5 horse field, and it's on a one mile track. This colt really digs in down the stretch...BRANDON BLVD was a solid 2nd behind ODDS ON MR MAMBA in the NA Cup, then won the Meadowlands Pace (which Mr Mamba skipped). He also won the Tompkins over this track last week. Even though it's only a 5 horse field, these are the two top 3yo pacers in the sport right now and it could be fun to watch them duke it out.

RACE 4

2 NIX NACKEN 8-5
6 INEXPRESSABLE 2-1
4 KINGMEN 6-1
8 JIM BEAM 6-1

NIX NACKEN was first over against a buzzsaw last week. He should bounce back against this field...INEXPRESSABLE also fell short against a tough rival but he's a threat here.

RACE 5

7 BEST CHIP 4-5
4 GO GO GRASSHOPPER 7-2

5 CAPTINHAMMERHEAD A 5-1
8 NEVERSTOPDREAMIN N 7-1

BEST CHIP has been on a roll and should gun to the lead again...GO GO GRASSHOPPER has speed to get a trip...CAPTINHAMMERHEAD A picks up Dunn and his form is fine...NEVERSTOPDREAMIN N raced gamely in his first start off the bench and first in the U.S. Classy sort is in good hands.

RACE 6
3 NEVIS PEAK 5-2
7 WALL OF FAME 6-5
4 DANDELION WINE 9-2
8 GRANDIFLORA 8-1

NEVIS PEAK toyed with her rivals in her first two starts, looking like she could go faster; edge in a good Jersey Sire Stakes Final...WALL OF FAME is undefeated in 3 starts and showed something different last week as Andy Miller let her rate behind horses instead of busting to the lead at the half. She was pushed three wide at the three quarters but handled it effortlessly. She's the fastest coming in but my gut feeling is that NEVIS PEAK is ready to go with her...DANDELION WINE has ability and trainer Ake Svanstedt is a master at getting a horse ready for a big effort when big money is on the line.

RACE 7
4 MR MOUTON** 8-1
2 BOURBONISTA S 8-5
8 ANTOGNONI S 2-1
9 NORDIC CATCHER S 5-2

MR MOUTON has been racing well, and he has a consistency pattern that I like to see for longshots. He can finish and he draws well in a race that figures to have a lively pace...BOURBONISTA A sharp mare is facing tougher here but she's been impressive in her last two starts...ANTOGNONI S has won 22 of his last 31 starts and he'll be charging out to the lead...NORDIC CATCHER S went a big mile to win the Hambletonian last year but tore a ligament and had to be shut down. He returned to the track at Pocono last month and looked no worse for the wear. He can leave fast and rounds out another very good field of trotters.

RACE 8
1 SUPER CHAPTER 5-2
6 LEXUS KODY 4-5
7 UP YOUR DEO 4-1
2 AETOS KRONOS S 7-1

The 50 cent Pick 4 starts here, with a \$125,000 Guaranteed Pool and 15% Takeout. SUPER CHAPTER raced gamely behind the tough On To Norway in the Hambo Maturity and the Graduate Final; edge...LEXUS KODY now has 40 career wins and he's clearly the one to beat in another terrific trotting race...UP YOU DEO raced gamely in his last two stats, missing by less than a length...AETOS KRONOS S has been a few lengths behind the top trotters but holding his form. Dunn took off to drive Super Chapter, but he gets Zeron, who excels at working out trips in stakes races.

RACE 9
2 NEZUKO KAMADO S 6-5
7 LEADING LADY 5-1
6 CARVE 5-1
4 SETYOURSIGHTSHIGH 5-1

NEZUKO KAMADO S accorded edge based on the fillies she's beaten...LEADING LADY broke at the start and was far back behind a slow pace, flew home to just miss...CARVE handles this track well and can leave...SETYOURSIGHTSHIGH is hard to knock.

RACE 10
2 TACTICAL MONI 9-1
4 WALSPEA 5-2

5 YO TILLIE 9-5

11 WARRAWEE MICHELLE 9-2

TACTICAL MONI had a solid 3yo season with 10 wins in 13 starts. She made a break in her first start this year and comes back off a freshening with a trainer change to the Marcus Melander barn. The qualifier was solid and she may go well at a price...WALSPEA has trotted some strong miles this year; one to catch...YO TILLIE has been a bit inconsistent so far this year but she won last week and she's the class of the field...WARRAWEE MICHELLE throw out last, she's very capable if Ake can work out a trip from the second tier.

RACE 11 – THE HAMBLETONIAN

3 APEX 2-1

4 BIG RANGER 6-5

7 ENDURANCE 5-1

2 IT COULD BE WORSE 9-1

APEX floated out from post 7 and tucked 5th, gradually made his way into contention mostly uncovered, surged to command and held on gamely. I had his last half in :53 flat without cover, which is very strong for a 3yo trotter, or any trotter; edge...BIG RANGER shipped in with high expectations after dominating on the 5/8's ovals. He was clearly stepping up in class but he apparently didn't notice as he worked his way to the lead and drew off impressively. I think he'll be the clear cut favorite and maybe even 2-5 but I wouldn't be surprised if the top two are close at the finish...ENDURANCE followed cover and finished sharply to finish a nose behind APEX in last; hard to knock...IT COULD BE WORSE was no match for Big Ranger in last but he's in good hands with Zeron.

RACE 12

9 LOU HILL 5-2

5 KEN HANOVER 3-1

3 ERVIN HANOVER 7-2

4 CAPTAIN OPTIMISTIC 4-1

LOU HILL is sharp and should gun for position; edge in a good field of older Free For All type pacers.

RACE 13

7 PRINCE HAL HANOVER 8-5

8 CAPTAIN ALBANO 2-1

3 BYTHEMISSAL 4-1

1 SWINGTOWN 6-1

RACE 14

2 MIKI AND MINNIE 4-5

7 TWIN B JOE FRESH 5-2

4 UNREASONABLE 7-2

1 LOUIES GIRL N 7-1

RACE 15

5 BE PERFECT BG 2-5

7 SANGRIA SUMMER 4-1

1 DARLIN'S ANGEL 4-1

3 CAR KLEYS 9-2

RACE 16

8 AVANTI 5-2

1 APOCALYPSEBLUECHIP 2-1

9 CAPTAIN CRUSADER A 4-1

2 HANDSOME STRANGER 8-1

BEST BETS: MR MOUTON 7th Race