

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Friday, September 4

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 BUTTERFLY EFFECT 5-2
3 PERFECT BODY 3-5
3 PERFECTUM 8-1
9 ANA CAROLINA 8-1

BUTTERFLY EFFECT stepped up in class for her fourth start, had a tough wide trip and finished a game third in an improved effort...PERFECT BODY broke in last but she's clearly the one to beat here.

RACE 2

2 FREE AGENT 6-5
3 BC'S ODDS ON 2-1
5 WE WANT EAZY 8-1
6 KING OF STING 8-1

FREE AGENT ships in off a career best effort and gets Beckwith...BC'S ODDS ON finished 2nd in all three of his starts.

RACE 3

5 DANDELION WINE 4-5
2 RIO DE JANEIRO 7-2
7 GRANDIFLORA 9-2
4 OLBIA 6-1

RACE 4

6 WENDY J STINGS 2-1
5 PERFECT HOPE DEO 2-1
2 STERL THE PEARL 7-2

RACE 5

7 ORCHESTRA 6-5
6 SPECIAL ORCHID 7-2
3 ONEIROMANCER 8-1
1 EMOTICA 10-1

ORCHESTRA has been racing better. It's hard to be certain if she'll leave the gate, but I think she will.

RACE 6

2 TACTICAL MONI 5-2
3 WALSPEA 2-1
11 CONVERSANO 3-1
8 WOMAN OF PASSION 13-1

TACTICAL MONI finished quickly in her second start of the year and classy mare could be set now...WALSPEA game mare has been racing well...CONVERSANO draws the second tier but she has plenty of class.

RACE 7

5 DIABOLIC HILL 7-5
8 MAGIC PUNK 5-2
7 NIX NACKEN 7-2
6 SOUTHWIND FARGO 6-1

DIABOLIC HILL raced well in the Beal is in a good spot to use his speed...MAGIC PUNK finished well in the Beal...NIX NACKEN isn't that consistent so he needs his best....SOUTHWIND FARGO has improved for Svanstedt and could go well at a price.

RACE 8

3 APEX 1-9
8 KING OF THE WIND 8-1
6 ARDONNE 8-1
2 PRACTICAL MAN 12-1

APEX held off a fast trotter to win the Hambletonian gamely as my top pick. He's the best 3yo trotter I've seen this year: he's fast, he's game, he doesn't need a trip to win, and he finishes his miles strong.

RACE 9

9 WALL OF FAME 1-9
5 LOVE'S PASSION 8-1
3 EMMA DEO 8-1
4 GABRIELLA BEATRIX 11-1

WALL OF FAME has raced 6 times with 6 wins and looks fastest here.

RACE 10

5 MAXMAN 6-1
4 BENTLEY BLUE CHIP 6-1
9 LIFETIME DREAMER 6-5
7 LINCOLN KRONOS 10-1

MAXMAN comes off an improved effort...BENTLEY BLUE CHIP is steadily improving for Svanstedt...LIFETIME DREAMER comes off a good figure win and may be tough to beat. One of the reasons why I didn't put him on top is that he raced in a stakes race during the day on Hambletonian Day and that means that he raced without shoes in faster conditions. This is an elimination race, and he'll probably have the shoes back on. Just for the record, I firmly believe that all shoe changes should be listed in the track program. I hope this is something that eventually gets addressed. We shouldn't have to handicap these races without knowing about an equipment change that can make a horse go a second faster (off), or a second slower (on). Announcing it at the track isn't good enough because this isn't a minor equipment change, it's huge. This race is in the Pick 4. Why would you want your advance off-track and online bettors to have to make wagers without this information? In my opinion, the Meadowlands and all tracks should put a stop to this. Simply tell the horseman that if you want to make a shoe change, you have to include it when the horse is entered. Lasix on goes in the program but shoes off doesn't. It doesn't make sense.

RACE 11

1 QUEEN SUN RYSER 5-2
6 SPROUT 5-2
7 PEARL HARBOUR N 7-2
9 THAT'SMYTYPE 10-1

RACE 12

7 PERFECT AND SWEET 8-5

4 KNOCK TWICE 5-2

5 PRINCESS ARONA 7-2

3 ROCKNROLL CAROLINE 4-1

RACE 13

7 TRILLION TIMES 5-2

3 SEVENATO 3-1

4 CHANT 4-1

6 NAACHTUN 4-1

RACE 14

4 WOODMERE LEAH 5-2

1 THANEEYA 4-1

10 COUNTRY DANCING 6-1

9 ALMOST KAREN 11-1

BEST BETS: QUEEN SUN RYSER 5th Race