

BOB IKE'S SANTA ANITA SELECTIONS

SATURDAY, DEC. 30

SATURDAY SELECTIONS AND BETTING STRATEGY:

Friday Results: Hit 2 top choice winners but went 0-for-3 on my Best Plays.

Today's Best Plays: Races 5, 6, 8 and a \$72 Pick 4 ticket.

1st race--

1. UP THE LIMIT (7) 2. TURN TO SKY (13) 3. PHANTOM GRAY (8)

2nd race--

1. PRIVATE HALL (8) 2. LUPITA'SLUCKYANGEL (9) 3. SARAH'S HART (6)

3rd race--

1. TALKIN TO MOM ROO (4) 2. BUTCH (6) 3. KAILEE RUSH (8)

4th race--

1. PHAR TO WIN (11) 2. GEM PROOF (10) 3. SEISMIC THUNDER (2) 4. COUSIN JOE (1)

*****5th race--**

1. LEVEL RED (4) 2. SILVER LIGHT (11) 3. FORWARD COMMITMENT (10) 4. GAME OF SKILL (12)

LEVEL RED (7-2) stretched out around two turns and ran very well to finish second at 16-1. The son of Aptitude has continued to do well in the morning and is strictly the one to beat if he transfers that race over to Santa Anita. Make a Win Bet on 'RED at 3/1 or better, and key him in the trifecta over five horses in the second and third spots: SOUTHERNMOSTPOINT (8-1), TIME SQUARED (5-1), FORWARD COMMITMENT (8-1), SILVER LIGHT (9-2) and GAME OF SKILL (8-1). Play a second ticket using 'RED in the middle.

Trifecta numbers: 4/1,7,10,11,12/1,7,10,11,12=\$20 and 1,7,10,11,12/4/1,7,10,11,12=\$20

*****6th race--**

1. INDIAN CHANT (7) 2. CASE STUDY (11) 3. CRANK CALLER (4) 4. VALIANT EFFORT (3)

INDIAN CHANT (15-1) looks like a great gamble if he stays anywhere close to his morning line price. Re-claimed by West last time, 'CHANT won two races for this barn earlier in the year and has trained well since his freshening. He should be very dangerous on the front end. Make a Win Bet on 'CHANT and key him in the trifecta over VALIANT EFFORT (4-1), CRANK CALLER

(9-2) and CASE STUDY (20-1) for second, then use ALL for third. Also, play a second ticket using those three on top, with 'CHANT for second, then ALL for third.

Trifecta numbers: 7/3,4,11/ALL=\$24 and 3,4,11/7/ALL=\$24

7th race--

1. UNUSUAL SUSPECT (6) 2. SEVENGOLDENMISSILES (1) 3. OPTARI (2) 4. KOLO (4)

*****8th race--**

1. BALANCE (3) 2. DOWNTHE DUSTY ROAD (10) 3. RIVER'S PRAYER (8)

In the Grade I La Brea, I will play the trifecta keying my top three choices in the first and second spots, then use ALL for third. In post position order, use favorite BALANCE (3-1), who has trained well in her first start since the Kentucky Oaks debacle and looks cranked up; RIVER'S PRAYER (15-1), who was overmatched in the Matriarch last time but looks like the speed of the race and she can get brave on the lead; and DOWNTHE DUSTY ROAD (8-1), who has fired in three straight, finishing second vs. older each time.

Trifecta numbers: 3,8,10/3,8,10/ALL=\$54 plus, trifecta box 3-8-10

9th race--

1. GRAFTON (8) 2. SEEKING ANSWERS (2) 3. RUN TO THE BORDER (7)

*****\$72 PICK 4 TICKET (races 6-9):**

6th race--INDIAN CHANT, CASE STUDY

7th race--SEVENGOLDENMISSILES, OPTARI, KOLO, UNUSUAL SUSPECT, FREESGOOD, LAW BREAKER

8th race--BALANCE, RIVER'S PRAYER, DOWNTHE DUSTY ROAD

9th race--SEEKING ANSWERS, GRAFTON

Pick 4 numbers: 7,11/1,2,4,6,7,8/3,8,10/2,8=\$72