

BOB IKE'S SANTA ANITA SELECTIONS

SUNDAY, DEC. 31

SUNDAY SELECTIONS AND BETTING STRATEGY:

Saturday Results: Hit 3 top choice winners, including Best Play winners LEVEL RED (\$8.60) and INDIAN CHANT (\$12.20--bet down from 15-1 ML).

Today's Best Plays: Races 4, 6, 7 and a \$72 Pick 4 ticket. Also, with the Pick Six carryover of more than \$160,000, I will give out two P6 "singles".

1st race--

1. TIZ ELEMENTAL (4) 2. STOP THE HUMOR (1) 3. SHESALITTLEPISTOL (7)

2nd race--

1. EASY MILLION (6) 2. ROYAL CLASSIC (3) 3. NORWAY HOUSE (1A)

3rd race--

1. BRAHMS FASHION (9) 2. BESTDRESSED (5) 3. JAKE LA GOLD (6)

*****4th race--**

1. WILD NEKIA (9)--P6 SINGLE 2. MEL'S SWELL (10) 3. HEMET (7) 4. POWERFUL SUMMER (8)

In a race where I think the two morning line favorites are very vulnerable, I will make a Win Bet on my top pick and play the exacta/trifecta by boxing my top four horses. 'NEKIA (6-1) ships down from the Bay Area after being claimed by Koriner off some sharp races. She can beat these at a decent price. In the exacta/trifecta, use HEMET (12-1), who was claimed by Montelone, who is very dangerous first off the claim and gets Espinoza; POWERFUL SISTER (12-1), who has won two straight in the minor leagues and now gets a two level class boost; WILD NEKIA (6-1); and MEL'S SWELL (6-1), who raced very wide on the turn last time and now jumps up off the Carava claim.

Exacta/Trifecta Box: 7-8-9-10

5th race--

1. SORCERERS SPELL (7) 2. BULLISH YIELD (4) 3. LANG FIELD (5)

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

1. VALBENNY (2) 2. GOOD MOOD (4) 3. COURTWOOD (9) 4. COSMOPOLITAN LADY (10)

After her impressive U.S. debut win, it's hard not to like VALBENNY (3-1) in this spot. Despite a very slow pace in front of her, she stormed home to get the money at 9-1. She is the one to beat

if she repeats that effort, so let's key her in the trifecta over European invaders GOOD MOOD (7-2), COURTWOOD (9-2) and COSMOPOLITAN LADY (5-1) for second, then use ALL for third. Play a second ticket using those three on top, with VALBENNY for second, then ALL for third.

Trifecta numbers: 2/4,9,10/ALL=\$27 and 4,9,10/2/ALL=\$27

*****7th race--**

1. GETBACK TIME (2) 2. CALLMELUCKYLUCY (1) 3. DANCING GENERAL (10)

I will play the trifecta using my top three choices in the first and second spots, then using ALL for third. In post position order, use CALLMELUCKYLUCY (5-1), who ran extremely well when last seen at Oak Tree and is capable of firing fresh; GETBACK TIME (3-1), who ducked yesterday's La Brea to go in this softer allowance spot; and DANCING GENERAL (5-1), who has been away for a year but showed ability last year and has trained forwardly for her return.

Trifecta numbers: 1,2,10/1,2,10/ALL=\$48 plus, trifecta box 1-2-10

8th race--

1. KING'S DRAMA (5)--P6 SINGLE 2. HENDRIX (4) 3. RAILROAD (1)

9th race--

1. GOLDEN ROYAL (2) 2. EWARTON (3) 3. PAPAGO ROAD (13)

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

6th race--VALBENNY, GOOD MOOD, COURTWOOD, COSMOPOLITAN LADY

7th race--CALLMELUCKYLUCY, GETBACK TIME, DANCING GENERAL

8th race--HENDRIX, KING'S DRAMA

9th race--GOLDEN ROYAL, EWARTON, PAPAGO ROAD

Pick 4 numbers: 2,4,9,10/1,2,10/4,5/2,3,13