

BOB IKE'S SANTA ANITA SELECTIONS

FRIDAY, JAN. 5

FRIDAY SELECTIONS AND BETTING STRATEGY:

Thursday Results: Hit 1 top choice winner but went 0-for-3 on my Best Plays.

Today's Best Plays: Races 5, 6, 8 and a \$54 Pick 4 ticket. Also, with the Pick Six carryover of nearly \$100,000, I will give out two suggested P6 "singles".

NOTE: We had some rain after the races last night, so be sure to check for surface switches (races 4 and 7 scheduled for turf) and changes.

1st race--

1. INTENSIFY (4) 2. QUICKANDQUIETQUEEN (1) 3. FILM LEGEND (6)

2nd race--

1. LADY LE BELLE (3) 2. MORE ANGELS (1) 3. SORORITY BID (7)

3rd race--

1. ANGEL CRAFT (2)--P6 SINGLE 2. QUEEN'S SONG (4) 3. BARYNYA (6)

4th race--

1. FULL IN (8) 2. FREEDOMS CAT (4) 3. ARCHON STAR (7)

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

1. PRINCELY GIFT (3) 2. DEREGULATION (1) 3. EIGHT BELOW (7)

Dropping to this level and stretching out in distance, PRINCELY GIFT (5-1) ran a big race last time. Despite stumbling badly at the start, 'GIFT made a decent run to move within striking distance before understandably flattened out. He was vanned off after the race but came back with two works and might be the right horse at a decent price. Make a Win Bet on 'GIFT and key him on three trifecta tickets with main contenders DEREGULATION (5-2) and EIGHT BELOW (3-1).

Trifecta numbers: 3/1,7/ALL=\$16 and 3/ALL/1,7=\$16 and 1,7/3/ALL=\$16

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

1. COTORRA (8) 2. ADANCE (6) 3. EVER SO NICE (5)

I will play the trifecta keying my top three choices in the first and second spots, then using ALL for third. In post position order, use EVER SO NICE (6-1), who didn't fire on turf last time but goes back to the main track and hits hard with these on her best day; ADANCE (5-2), who chased a hot pace last time before finishing third and drops back to her claim level; and

COTORRA (7-2), who is lowered two notches by O'Neill as she tries to get back on the winning track.

Trifecta numbers: 5,6,8/5,6,8/ALL=\$36 plus, trifecta box 5-6-8

7th race--

1. NAUGHTY RAFAELA (6) 2. BIG PROMISE (7) 3. CATEGORIZE (2)

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

1. AMERICAN INFLUENCE (13)--P6 SINGLE 2. SCOTCH TALK (2) 3. LEAD STEALER (6)

In the finale, I will play a pair of trifecta keying around my top two runners. Preference to AMERICAN INFLUENCE (5-2), who returns at the bottom level after being away since November. The first-time has speed and is drawn outside, which makes him double tough in here. Main threat is SCOTCH TALK (7-2), who drops two more notches and also figures to be a pace factor from the start. Key these two and hope for some chaos to complete the trifecta.

Trifecta numbers: 2,13/2,13/ALL=\$20 and 2,13/ALL/2,13=\$20

*****\$54 PICK 4 TICKET (races 5-8):**

5th race--DEREGULATION, PRINCELY GIFT, EIGHT BELOW

6th race--EVER SO NICE, ADANCE, COTORRA

7th race--CATEGORIZE, NAUGHTY RAFAELA, BIG PROMISE

8th race--SCOTCH TALK, AMERICAN INFLUENCE

Pick 4 numbers: 1,3,7/5,6,8/2,6,7/2,13=\$54