

# BOB IKE'S SANTA ANITA SELECTIONS

## SATURDAY, JAN. 20

### SATURDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

*Friday Results: Hit 3 top choice winners but went 0-for-3 on my Best Plays. I missed the first leg on my Pick 4 ticket but had the last three legs, so if you came back in the late Pick 3 (\$8 ticket) the return was \$167.*

**Today's Best Plays: Races 4, 6, 9 and a \$96 Pick 4 ticket.**

**NOTE: My Pick 4 ticket is larger than normal but I used many price horses and the bet offers great value today.**

1st race--

1. ROOSEVELT (1) 2. ONE SOCK WONDER (7) 3. EVIDENT (3)

2nd race--

1. FEEL RIDGE (4) 2. BRAG (5) 3. CHRISTMAS STOCKING (7)

3rd race--

1. FRIENDLY ISLAND (4) 2. LIMITED CREOLE (1) 3. HARVARD AVENUE (2)

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

**1. SEVEN STEPS (7) 2. MONTARA (9) 3. YOU ARE THE ANSWER (4) 4. PRIMAL CAT (12)**

Maidens coming down the hill and I like the chances of favorite SEVEN STEPS (7-2). 'STEPS turned in a good second in her U.S. debut when finishing second going long. She showed sprint ability overseas and seems like the type that will shorten up and like the downhill layout. Make a Win Bet at 7/2 or better, and play the trifecta keying 'STEPS over YOU ARE THE ANSWER (5-1), MONTARA (9-2) and PRIMAL CAT (6-1) for second, then use ALL for third. Play a second ticket using those three on top, with 'STEPS for second, then ALL for third.

**Trifecta numbers: 7/4,9,12/ALL=\$30                      and                      4,9,12/7/ALL=\$30**

5th race--

1. VICTIM OF LOVE (1) 2. EL SEVILLANO (4) 3. TOP ONE (8) 4. TWICE AS BAD (5)

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

**1. CON JUAN (11) 2. VICTORY JOE (2) 3. STORMY GRANT (12) 4. MILLER'S TURBO (4)**

With a full field of Cal-bred maidens going 5 1/2 furlongs, I will make a four-horse exacta and trifecta box. In post position order, use VICTORY JOE (7-2), who showed ability first time out

and could move forward in his second start; MILLER'S TURBO (12-1), who has trained in good style for O'Neill, including a :34.3 gate blowout; CON JUAN (6-1), who is another O'Neill trainee that has worked well for his return and gets blinkers for this; and STORMY GRANT (10-1), who hails from a barn that doesn't win often with first-timers but has trained in very good fashion.

**Exacta/Trifecta Box: 2-4-11-12**

7th race--

1. SEMINOLE NATIVE (7) 2. OUT OF CONTROL (8) 3. RUSH RUSH (3) 4. TENT (6)

8th race--

1. COTTON KING (7) 2. INDIAN CHANT (1) 3. SAVE (6)

**\*\*\*9th race--**

**1. LUIS'S ESPECIAL (8) 2. CHIPS DEL ORO (13) 3. LEGENDARY MUD (12)**

I will end the card by aggressively playing the trifecta, keying my top three horses in the first and second spots, then using ALL for third. In post position order, use LUIS'S ESPECIAL (7-2), who disappointed last time but drops back into a claimer and would beat these off his race one back; LEGENDARY MUD (8-1), who returns to sprinting for Ellis and drops back down a notch; and CHIPS DEL ORO (10-1), who has trained well for a barn (Zucker) that has been sending out live runners all meet long.

**Trifecta numbers: 8,12,13/8,12,13/ALL=\$66                      plus, trifecta box 8-12-13**

**\*\*\*\$96 PICK 4 TICKET (races 6-9):**

6th race--VICTORY JOE, MILLER'S TURBO, CON JUAN, STORMY GRANT

7th race--RUSH RUSH, TENT, SEMINOLE NATIVE, OUT OF CONTROL

8th race--INDIAN CHANT, COTTON KING

9th race--LUIS'S ESPECIAL, LEGENDARY MUD, CHIPS DEL ORO

**Pick 4 numbers: 2,4,11,12/3,6,7,8/1,7/8,12,13=\$96**

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