

BOB IKE'S SANTA ANITA SELECTIONS

THURSDAY, JAN. 18

THURSDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

Monday Results: Hit 4 top choice winners, including Best Play winner BEYOND LOADED (\$21.80) and scored big nailing 9th race trifecta for \$1,169 on a \$60 investment.

Today's Best Plays: Races 3, 7, 8 and a \$64 Pick 4 ticket.

1st race--

1. OUTSIDE LOOKING IN (3) 2. HOT WIRED (4) 3. EVERWISE (2)

2nd race--

1. KEY LIME TIME (1) 2. TIZZY'S TUNE (4) 3. BLUE CAY (2)

*****3rd race--**

1. CIMARRON FOREST (1) 2. SILVER AGAIN (3) 3. FLYING SPY (9) 4. THEVERYTHOUGHTOF U (2)

Maidens coming down the hill here and I like the chances of favorite CIMARRON FOREST (2-1). The 4-year-old filly had a tough trip first time out, breaking slowly and then encountering trouble in the lane before being beaten less than four lengths for all the money. She should get a good trip from outside, and the Mandella barn is way overdue to heat up. I will play the trifecta keying 'FOREST over five horses in the second and third spots: THEVERYTHOUGHTOF U (5-1), SILVER AGAIN (8-1), LEMON CHIFFON (15-1), FLYING SPY (4-1) and UNBRIDLED TROUBLE (5-1). Also, play a second ticket using those five in the first and third spots, with 'FOREST in the middle.

Trifecta numbers: 1/2,3,8,9,10/2,3,8,9,10=\$20 and 2,3,8,9,10/1/2,3,8,9,10=\$20

4th race--

1. DEED OF MERIT (1) 2. MESA MAGIC (5) 3. WHERE'S MY HALO (3)

5th race--

1. IT'S ANOTHER STORY (1) 2. PUFFBALL (2) 3. ALYSLEW (14) 4. TWILIGHTSPIRIT (12)

6th race--

1. RAZEN HAZEN (6) 2. IZA GENERAL (7) 3. MOM IS READY (4)

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

1. FOREST CODE (8) 2. NO GREATER LOVE (2) 3. BOSSET (9) 4. SEASONS (3)

In a typically competitive downhill event, I will key FOREST CODE (7-2). Coming off a tough nose loss across town, CODE should be a very stout contender in here if she takes to the downhill layout. Play the trifecta keying 'CODE over NO GREATER LOVE (5-1), SEASONS (8-1) and BOSSET (5-1) for second, then use ALL for third. Also, play a second ticket using those three on top, with 'CODE for second, then ALL for third.

Trifecta numbers: 8/2,3,9/ALL=\$24 and 2,3,9/8/ALL=\$24

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

1. TWODOLLARSTOWIN (4) 2. REBECCA'S BABY (1) 3. BLINGTOWN (6) 4. LAUNCH OUR STAR (3)

To close out the card I like the chances of TWODOLLARSTOWIN (9-2). The Mitchell-trainee lost all chance when walking out of the gate first time out, then closed solidly in the lane to wind up a distant third. Horses from this barn do exceptionally well second-time out (40% strike rate), so take her on the raise. Make a Win Bet on TWODOLLARSTOWIN and key her in the trifecta over REBECCA'S BABY (7-2), LAUNCH OUR STAR (15-1) and BLINGTOWN (5-1). Also, play a second ticket using those three on top, with 'WIN for second, then ALL for third.

Trifecta numbers: 4/1,3,6/ALL=\$30 and 1,3,6/4/ALL=\$30

*****\$64 PICK 4 TICKET (races 5-8):**

5th race--IT'S ANOTHER STORY, PUFFBALL, TWILIGHTSPIRIT, ALYSLEW

6th race--RAZEN HAZEN

7th race--NO GREATER LOVE, SEASONS, FOREST CODE, BOSSET

8th race--REBECCA'S BABY, LAUNCH OUR STAR, TWODOLLARSTOWIN, BLINGTOWN

Pick 4 numbers: 1,2,12,14/6/2,3,8,9/1,3,4,6=\$64

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