

BOB IKE'S SANTA ANITA SELECTIONS

THURSDAY, JAN. 4

THURSDAY SELECTIONS AND BETTING STRATEGY:

Monday Results: Hit 2 top choice winners and 8th race trifecta for \$130.

Today's Best Plays: Races 4, 6, 7 and a \$72 Pick 4 ticket.

1st race--

1. ANTIFREEZETTE (11) 2. LAZYJENANDTINYTIM (6) 3. GEE HONEY (5)

2nd race--

1. POINTE BIRDS (6) 2. HE'S A ROCKET (5) 3. CARELESS CANDIDATE (1)

3rd race--

1. CHOCOLATE HEAVEN (4) 2. BEYOND THE MARK (2) 3. FIGURATIVELY (8)

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

1. LADIES BET (2) 2. JAZZERIN (4) 3. FILM EDITOR (6) 4. MAMSELLE ARIES (8)

In an exceptionally difficult Cal-bred turf event, I will take a shot with LADIES BET (5-1). The Bell-trained filly stretched out on turf and responded with a good maiden win at Oak Tree and might be able to step up and compete with these. If she gets an honest pace in front of her, she should run her race under top turf rider Nakatani. Make a Win Bet on 'BET and key her in the trifecta over five horses in the second and third spots: JAZZERIN (7-2), UNCHANGED MELODY (8-1), FILM EDITOR (6-1), MAMSELLE ARIES (9-2) and FORTHEWRONGREASON (6-1). Also, play a second ticket using those five in the first and third spots, with 'BET in the middle.

Trifecta numbers: 2/4,5,6,8,10/4,5,6,8,10=\$20 and 4,5,6,8,10/2/4,5,6,8,10=\$20

5th race--

1. ROCKINSTOMPER (11) 2. ONE SOCK WONDER (5) 3. DENNYBUCK (9)

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

1. NIFTY ZIPPER (7) 2. HOLLY'S GOLD (2) 3. QUIPPI (5) 4. GOTTA GO GAL (10)

Here's another good gambling race. I will take my top four horses and box them in the exacta and trifecta. In post position order, use HOLLY'S GOLD (4-1), who has been second in three straight; QUIPPI (12-1), who finished full of run last time and was tagged by Green, who has hit with a couple longshots first off the claim; NIFTY ZIPPER (3-1), who has been away since Del Mar but looks like the speed of the speed; and GOTTA GO GAL (20-1), who has a longshot chance stepping up two levels after being claimed by very underrated trainer Periban.

Exacta/Trifecta Box: 2-5-7-10

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

1. NAUGHTYLILHOTTIE (8) 2. VISIT (5) 3. REY LAKE (4)

I will try to beat the two morning line favorites and make a score in this difficult contest. Preference to comebacker NAUGHTYLILHOTTIE (5-1), who has been away since Nov.'05 but has shown the ability to fire fresh and win at Santa Anita. She has trained well for hot trainer Baffert, so make a Win Bet on 'HOTTIE and play the trifecta keying my top three choices in the first and second spots, then using ALL for third. In post position order, use REY LAKE (15-1), who has trained in very swift fashion over this track as she makes her first start since March; VISIT (6-1), who ran poorly on turf last time but that race has produced three next-out winners and she's worked bullets since; and NAUGHTYLILHOTTIE (5-1).

Trifecta numbers: 4,5,8/4,5,8/ALL=\$42 plus, trifecta box 4-5-8

8th race--

1. GARY'S GOT RHYTHM (8) 2. SON OF DIONISI (7) 3. BRITE BOBBY (9)

*****\$72 PICK 4 TICKET (races 5-8):**

5th race--ONE SOCK WONDER, ROCKINSTOMPER

6th race--HOLLY'S GOLD, QUIPPI, NIFTY ZIPPER, GOTTA GO GAL

7th race--REY LAKE, VISIT, NAUGHTYLILHOTTIE

8th race--SON OF DIONISI, GARY'S GOT RHYTHM, BRITE BOBBY

Pick 4 numbers: 5,11/2,5,7,10/4,5,8/7,8,9=\$72