

BOB IKE'S SANTA ANITA SELECTIONS

FRIDAY, FEB. 2

FRIDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

Thursday Results: Excellent Day! Hit 4 top choice winners, including suggested Win Bet on DIXIE'S RULER (\$53.40) in 6th race; and nailed late Pick 4 for \$370 on a \$72 ticket.

Today's Best Plays: Races 3, 7, 8 and a \$72 Pick 4 ticket

1st race--

1. MALLEY GIRL (8) 2. DIXIE COURAGE (9) 3. SUGAR DOLL (2)

2nd race--

1. BRITEN PLEASING (8) 2. MADE IN CALIFORNIA (1) 3. STORMIN ELI (10) 4. BYRNES (2)

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

1. PROMISE OF SPRING (8) 2. GOLDEN PLAYGIRL (3) 3. I WISH YOU LOVE (7)

In a difficult downhill race with a vulnerable favorite, 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 GOLDEN PLAYGIRL (5-1), who graduated in solid style last time and might be a strong factor if she stakes to the turf; I WISH YOU LOVE (12-1), who goes route-to-sprint for hot trainer Miller and might take to this layout; and PROMISE OF SPRING (9-2), who wired maiden claimers last time and should be a front-running threat right back if she handles the lawn.

Trifecta numbers: 3,7,8/3,7,8/ALL=\$48 plus, trifecta box 3-7-8

4th race--

1. IRON BUTTERFLY (2) 2. HEART SIX (6) 3. FLIGHT TO CASH (8) 4. ADORADORA (1)

5th race--

1. MARGENOT (2) 2. TENFOLD (8) 3. HEZA LEGEND (1A)

6th race--

1. SINISTER MINISTER (6) 2. NEKO BAY (9) 3. COUNTY (2)

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

1. OLD THUNDER (3) 2. COURTNALL (1) 3. STORM MATE (8) 4. HOCKEY THE GENERAL (5)

In an excellent allowance contest, I will try comebacker OLD THUNDER (8-1). The son of Fusaichi Pegasus was ultra impressive when breaking his maiden nearly a year ago when

switched to turf and looks like he has trained very well for his return. He will need luck, however, coming from far back over a course with the rails out 24 feet under an ice cold Solis. Make a Win Bet on 'THUNDER and key him in the trifecta over COURTNALL (5-2), HOCKEY THE GENERAL (7-2) and STORM MATE (5-1) for second, then use ALL for third. Also, play a second ticket using those three on top, with 'THUNDER for second, then ALL for third.

Trifecta numbers: 3/1,5,8/ALL=\$24 and 1,5,8/3/ALL=\$24

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

1. BELTLINE JACK (2) 2. STEVEN'S BEING (4) 3. BARCLAY DRIVE (7) 4. ELUSIVE NO MORE (1)

In the finale, I will play a pair of trifecta tickets keying around favorite BELTLINE JACK (2-1). The Cerin-trained gelding ran a good second off the bench and has shown the ability to route in the past. He should be up close from the start and looks very formidable if he does not "bounce" while coming back in less than two weeks. Key 'JACK over five horses in the second and third spots: ELUSIVE NO MORE (10-1), STEVEN'S BEING (12-1), REDSTONE ARSENAL (10-1), BIG GULCH (5-1) and BARCLAY DRIVE (4-1). Also, play a second ticket using those five in the first and third spots, with 'JACK in the middle.

Trifecta numbers: 2/1,4,5,6,7/1,4,5,6,7=\$20 and 1,4,5,6,7/2/1,4,5,6,7=\$20

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

5th race--MARGENOT

6th race--RACKETEER, SINISTER MINISTER, NEKO BAY

7th race--COURTNALL, OLD THUNDER, HOCKEY THE GENERAL, STORM MATE

8th race--ELUSIVE NO MORE, BELTLINE JACK, STEVEN'S BEING, REDSTONE ARSENAL, BIG GULCH, BARCLAY DRIVE

Pick 4 numbers: 2/3,6,9/1,3,5,8/1,2,4,5,6,7=\$72

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