

# BOB IKE'S SANTA ANITA SELECTIONS

## FRIDAY, FEB. 23

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

*Thursday Results: Huge day on Thursday! Hit 6 top choice winners, including Best Play winner ONENINTEYEIGHT LAKE (\$14.00); and crushed 8th race trifecta for \$496 (hitting each trifecta combination twice due to dead-heat for second) on a \$66 (after scratches) investment.*

**Today's Best Plays: Races 2, 6, 8 and a \$48 Pick 4 ticket.**

**NOTE: Rain fell during the late races yesterday but it looks all clear for today. The status of the 2nd race (scheduled for turf) was not known as of 7:00 a.m. this morning.**

1st race--

1. MS ZENNA'S ROYAL (6) 2. COMMON TRUTH (5) 3. PROUD OF MY CURLS (2)

**\*\*\*2nd race-- (scheduled for turf)**

**1. LANG FIELD (2) 2. STYLIN CAT (1) 3. OUT OF CONTROL (5) 4. MILLTOWN ROAD (4)**

This race is scheduled for turf, but on either surface I like the chances of LANG FIELD (10-1). The Sherman-trained gelding ran well in his only start on grass at Arlington Park but handles dirt just fine, too. He looks like the speed of the field and will be my play on either surface. Primary play is a Win Bet on 'FIELD. If the race stays on turf, I will play the trifecta keying 'FIELD over STYLIN CAT (3-1), MILLTOWN ROAD (12-1) and OUT OF CONTROL (7-2) for second, then use ALL for third. On a second ticket, use those three on top, with 'FIELD for second, then ALL for third. If the race goes to the main track, just stick with the Win Bet on 'FIELD.

**Trifecta numbers (turf only): 2/1,4,5/ALL=\$30 and 1,4,5/2/ALL=\$30**

3rd race--

1. MADE IN CALIFORNIA (1) 2. BRIT N PLEASING (8) 3. WAIVE LIABILITY (4)

4th race--

1. CRYPTORIA RIDGE (6) 2. FORGIVABLE BOB (4) 3. MARITIME COMMANDER (2)

5th race--

1. YES MASTER (5) 2. TREVITE (1) 3. TRICKY DAY (4)

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

**1. HALFWAY THERE (6) 2. ROAR BUCKS (7) 3. LITTLE G MAN (5) 4. POWER BLEND (4)**

In a modest looking field of maiden claimers, I will try first-time starter HALFWAY THERE (7-2), who debuts for Kitchingman. This barn does well with debut runners and 'THERE has trained in good style over the strip, including a recent :47 bullet move. Make a Win Bet on 'THERE and key him in the trifecta over POWER BLEND (3-1), LITTLE G MAN (6-1) and ROAR BUCKS (5-2) for second, then use ALL for third. Play a second ticket using those three on top, with 'THERE for second, then ALL for third.

**Trifecta numbers: 6/4,5,8/ALL=\$21            and            4,5,8/6/ALL=\$21**

7th race--

1. ARGENTINISIMA (2) 2. FLETCHERS COVE (6) 3. GETBACK TIME (1)

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

**1. ONE WILD ONE (7) 2. SOUL WORK (6) 3. EXACTLY (9) 4. EVIDENT (3)**

In the finale I will go with comebacker ONE WILD ONE (8-1), who faced stronger in his debut back in May. The Sal Gonzalez-trainee chased the pace that day before tiring badly but returns in a claimer and has trained well over Cushion Track for his return. Make a Win Bet on 'ONE and key him in the trifecta over EVIDENT (7-2), SOUL WORK (4-1) and EXACTLY (2-1) for second, then use ALL for third. Play a second ticket using those three on top, with 'ONE for second, then ALL.

**Trifecta numbers: 7/3,6,9/ALL=\$21            and            3,6,9/7/ALL=\$21**

**\*\*\*\$48 PICK 4 TICKET (races 5-8):**

5th race--TREVITE, TRICKY DAY, YES MASTER

6th race--POWER BLEND, LITTLE G MAN, HALFWAY THERE, ROAR BUCKS

7th race--ARGENTINISIMA

8th race--EVIDENT, SOUL WORK, ONE WILD ONE, EXACTLY

**Pick 4 numbers: 1,4,5/4,5,6,8/2/3,6,7,9=\$48**

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