

BOB IKE'S SANTA ANITA SELECTIONS

MONDAY, FEB. 19

MONDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

Sunday Results: Hit 2 top choice winners but went 0-for-3 on my Best Plays.

Today's Best Plays: Races 6, 7, 10 and a \$64 Pick 4 ticket.

NOTE: Due to overnight rain, races 1 and 5 will be taken off the turf and run on the main track. As of 8:00 this morning, the featured Buena Vista (9th race) was still on the turf.

1st race-- (Main Track)

1. KABAMBA (10) 2. VICE ADMIRAL (11) 3. GOT A QUESTION (5) 4. GAME A. P. (3)

2nd race--

1. TIZ ELEMENTAL (4) 2. DOUBLE MAJOR (5) 3. SWISS BLEND (6)

3rd race--

1. KAILEE RUSH (2) 2. RATIBOR (6) 3. TELEPATHIC (3)

4th race--

1. TAULIN (7) 2. TOPPERS MOMENT (6) 3. SWINGER DOLL (3)

5th race-- (Main Track)

1. STRUT YOUR STUFF (12) 2. MOOGIE (9) 3. SENECA SONG (3) 4. RED OPAL (5)

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

1. SWISS LAD (8) 2. ONLY ONE WAY (4) 3. CAT OF FIFTY SEVEN (3) 4. IZA GENERAL (7)

In one of the better \$40,000 claimers we've seen in a long time, I will give the edge to Mullins-trained comebacker SWISS LAD (9-2). The hard-knocking sprinter has been freshened, comes back in an easier spot and has trained very well over the Cushion Track. Make a Win Bet on 'LAD and key him in the trifecta over six horses in the second and third spots: HELLO FAME (8-1), CAT OF FIFTY SEVEN (7-2), ONLY ONE WAY (5-1), GONE CATTIN (8-1), IZA GENERAL (4-1) and SMOKIN FOREST (8-1). Also, play a second ticket using those six in the first and third spots, with 'LAD in the middle.

Trifecta numbers: 8/2,3,4,5,7,9/2,3,4,5,7,9=\$30 and 2,3,4,5,7,9/8/2,3,4,5,7,9=\$30

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

1. GO RAY RAY (9) 2. CHEYENNE QUEEN (5) 3. BLINGTOWN (11) 4. JUMP ROPE GIRL (10)

Here's another very competitive race to kick off the late Pick 4. I will make a Win Bet on top choice GO RAY RAY (10-1) and play the exacta and trifecta by boxing my top four runners. 'RAY was overmatched on Sunshine Millions Day but drops into a much more realistic spot now and might be the "speed of the speed". In the exacta/trifecta, use CHEYENNE QUEEN (7-2), who steps up a level off a win and will be the late threat; GO RAY RAY (10-1); JUMP ROPE GIRL (6-1), who gets back in with her friends after being overmatched lately; and BLINGTOWN (5-1), who broke her maiden in good style and should fit well at this level.

Exacta/Trifecta Box: 5-9-10-11

8th race--

1. MR. SEKIGUCHI (7) 2. INDIAN CHANT (2) 3. FRANKELSTEIN (5) 4. BLOWOUT (3)

9th race--

1. ATTIMA (8) 2. MEA DOMINA (2) 3. GRANDE MELODY (6) 4. FLIP FLOP (7)

*****10th race--**

1. HIGHLY GALLANT/SOUTH COAST (1 entry) 2. GOLDEN ROYAL (6) 3. BIG GULCH (7) 4. RAPID SILVER (10)

A full field of maiden claimers to close out the week. On paper HIGHLY GALLANT is the one to beat based on his third-place effort over the layoff. That was a very fast race for the level that has already produced next-out winner Voracious, who romped in his next race. To add strength to the entry, first-time starter SOUTH COAST has trained in very sharp style for Marty Jones. I will play the trifecta keying the ENTRY over six horses in the second and third spots: KERN (8-1), GOLDEN ROYAL (6-1), BIG GULCH (8-1), CHAMP OF GOLD (8-1), RAPID SILVER (4-1) and GORBY (8-1). Play a second ticket using those six in the first and third spots, with ENTRY in the two-hole.

Trifecta numbers: 1/2,6,7,8,10,13/2,6,7,8,10,13=\$30 and 2,6,7,8,10,13/1/2,6,7,8,10,13=\$30

*****\$64 PICK 4 TICKET (races 7-10):**

7th race--CHEYENNE QUEEN, GO RAY RAY, JUMP ROPE GIRL, BLINGTOWN

8th race--INDIAN CHANT, BLOWOUT, FRANKELSTEIN, MR. SEKIGUCHI

9th race--MEA DOMINA, GRANDE MELODY, FLIP FLOP, ATTIMA

10th race--HIGHLY GALLANT/SOUTH COAST (entry)

Pick 4 numbers: 5,9,10,11/2,3,5,7/2,6,7,8/1=\$64

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