

BOB IKE'S SANTA ANITA SELECTIONS

SATURDAY, FEB. 17

SATURDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

Friday Results: Hit 3 top choice winners, including all three of my suggested Pick 6 "singles" but went 0-for-3 on my Best Plays.

Today's Best Plays: Races 4, 5, 8 and a \$72 Pick 4 ticket.

1st race--

1. CHIPS DEL ORO (4) 2. SLEW N YODEL (12) 3. BESTDRESSED (13) 4. EL GATO FAMOSO (10)

2nd race--

1. COMOROS (7) 2. BYE NOW (1) 3. KONA WIND (3)

3rd race--

1. SOUVENIR SLEW (5) 2. I'M ALL OUT (2) 3. SAINTLY SON (1) 4. IN THE WOODS (3)

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

1. LAHUNA (6) 2. NUMBER JUAN (2) 3. SIXTH STREET JOE (9) 4. LITE MAN (11)

In a very good gambling race, I like the chances of LAHUNA (10-1), who seems like a giant price on the morning line. The Monteleone-trained gelding didn't fire when sent long last time but shortens back up to 7 furlongs and reunites with Espinoza. His win one back at the distance was awesome as he made a huge wide run on the turn before blowing by his competition. Make a Win Bet on LAHUNA and key him in the trifecta over five horses in the second and third spots: TAKE A CHANCE/OLYMPIC MILER (8-1 entry), NUMBER JUAN (7-2), SIXTH STREET JOE (5-1), RODEO SHOPPER (6-1) and LITE MAN (6-1). Also, play a second ticket using those five in the first and third spots, with LAHUNA in the middle.

Trifecta numbers: 6/1,2,9,10,11/1,2,9,10,11=\$20 and 1,2,9,10,11/6/1,2,9,10,11=\$20

*****5th race--**

1. FIDDLERS CAT (7) 2. GOLDEN ARROW (9) 3. REEL 'EM IN (2) 4. LAZZERI (5)

In a typically wide-open downhill turf event, I will give the edge to FIDDLERS CAT (6-1). Recently joining the Frankel barn, 'CAT was defeated across town as the 3/2 favorite in his most recent start but he should fall into a good trip behind the speed and might be in the right spot turning for home. If he takes to this layout, he can score at a decent price. Make a Win Bet on 'CAT and key him in the trifecta over REEL 'EM IN (6-1), LAZZERI (3-1) and GOLDEN ARROW (7-2) for second, then use ALL for third. Play a second ticket using those three on top, with 'CAT for second, then ALL.

Trifecta numbers: 7/2,5,9/ALL=\$30 and 2,5,9/7/ALL=\$30

6th race--

1. YOU ARE THE ANSWER (4) 2. SALAH MRS. D (10) 3. CHANEL MY BELLE (12)

7th race--

1. TAIKUN (6) 2. ROI CHARMANT (5) 3. UNION AVENUE (7)

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

1. VICTIM OF LOVE (7) 2. FANASTMIN (4) 3. LONE PRAIRIE (11)

VICTIM OF LOVE (8-1) might be my best gamble on the card if he stays anywhere near his morning line price. 'LOVE broke very slowly from the rail last time before rushing up to show his usual blazing speed. After opening a clear lead he understandably tired in the late going over a track that was not real kind to speed horses. With a clean start he can wire this field at a solid price. Make a Win Bet on 'LOVE and play the trifecta keying around my top two horses. FANTASMIN (3-1) just nosed out similar on opening day, likes this track and does well with time between races.

Trifecta numbers: 4,7/4,7/ALL=\$16 and 4,7/ALL/4,7=\$16

9th race--

1. PROUD TOWER TOO (6) 2. LATENT HEAT (4) 3. SIREN LURE (8) 4. RAMSGATE (9)

10th race--

1. TIME TO HONOR (3) 2. CUT TRAIL (8) 3. SENTIMENTAL DAZE (6)

*****\$72 PICK 4 TICKET (races 7-10):**

7th race--ROI CHARMANT, TAIKUN, UNION AVENUE

8th race--FANTASMIN, VICTIM OF LOVE

9th race--LATENT HEAT, PROUD TOWER TOO, SIREN LURE, RAMSGATE

10th race--TIME TO HONOR, SENTIMENTAL DAZE, CUT TRAIL

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

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