

BOB IKE'S SANTA ANITA SELECTIONS

SATURDAY, FEB. 24

SATURDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

Friday Results: Went 0-for-3 on my Best Plays.

Today's Best Plays: Races 5, 7, 9 and a \$72 Pick 4 ticket.

1st race--

1. THUNDER GODDESS (4) 2. LEMON FLOWER (3) 3. BRANCA COMO NEVE (7)

2nd race--

1. ISLAND IN THE SKY (2) 2. LUIS'S ESPECIAL (5) 3. IDAHO JOE (4)

3rd race--

1. BOUND TO GET EVEN (1) 2. CAPT. SPARROW (2) 3. SIDEPOCKET CAT (6)

4th race--

1. LEGS THATDON'TQUIT (4) 2. SUMMER JADE (7) 3. WAILEA GIRL (1)

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

1. FETE (3) 2. FLYING PEGASUS (2) 3. WORCHESTER (4) 4. CAT AND A HALF (5)

The first leg of the Pick Six kicks off with a good field coming down the hill. I will stick with professional racehorse FETE (7-2), who loves to win races and showed last time that he could handle this layout. He moves up a level off the Becerra purchase (31% first off the claim) and retains leading rider Gomez. I will make a Win Bet at 3/1 or better and key FETE in the trifecta over FLYING PEGASUS (9-2), WORCHESTER (5-2) and CAT AND A HALF (6-1) in the second spot, then use ALL for third. On a second ticket, use those three on top, with FETE for second, then ALL for third.

Trifecta numbers: 3/2,4,5/ALL=\$18 and 2,4,5/3/ALL=\$18

6th race--

1. CARIBBEAN'S HERD (3) 2. STORMIN ELI (4) 3. SMOKE'N BLOKE (13) 4. WALL STREET WES (6)

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

1. SELVATICA (11) 2. HYSERICALADY (6) 3. SECRET SCHEME (5)

In a competitive edition of the Las Flores, 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 SECRET SCHEME (6-1), who finished a solid third after being part of a five-way pace battle in the Grade I Santa Monica last time; HYSTERICALADY (7-2), who has been away since a poor try at

Delaware last July but had won four of her previous six starts and has trained in very good style up north for Hollendorfer; and SELVATICA (5-2), who goes for new connections after being sold at auction. She had won five straight before her poor try last time, so expect her to snap back to top form here.

Trifecta numbers: 5,6,11/5,6,11/ALL=\$60 plus, trifecta box 5-6-11

8th race--

1. CAMMIES FUTURE (7) 2. MINISTER BLAIR (9) 3. MISTER ACPEN (10)

*****9th race--**

1. LIL RED FLYER (8) 2. QUIETLY GO (3) 3. OLYMPIC MILER (9)

I will play the trifecta by keying my top three choices in the first and second spots, then hope for chaos by using ALL for third. In post position order, use QUIETLY GO (5-2), who drops suspiciously after a good runner-up try for \$25,000 but is a definite contender if 75% right; LIL RED FLYER (7-2), who is a 10-for-32 win machine that ships into the Hofmans barn and should fit very well with these; and OLYMPIC MILER (4-1), who is wheeled back in a week but ran very well considering the blistering pace in his last start.

Trifecta numbers: 3,8,9/3,8,9/ALL=\$48 plus, trifecta box 3-8-9

10th race--

1. KAMBAMBA (7) 2. TENACIOUS STAR (4) 3. YANKEE BAY (6) 4. LEGATE (1)

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

7th race--SECRET SCHEME, HYSTERICALADY, SELVATICA

8th race--CAMMIES FUTURE

9th race--QUIETLY GO, LIL RED FLYER, OLYMPIC MILER

10th race--LEGATE, MOTEADO, TENACIOUS STAR, YANKEE BAY, KAMBAMBA,

LUCKY WILL, BAD BOY, CADEAUX DE MONDE

Pick 4 numbers: 5,6,11/7/3,8,9/1,3,4,6,7,9,10,11=\$72

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