

BOB IKE'S SANTA ANITA SELECTIONS

SUNDAY, FEB. 4

SUNDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

Saturday's Results: Hit 3 top choice winners, including Best Play winner DON'TBEATATTLETALE (\$14.60) and 6th race trifecta for \$73 on an \$18 investment (after scratch); also nailed 2nd race trifecta for \$90 on a \$40 total investment.

Today's Best Plays: Races 5, 6, 7 and a \$72 Pick 4 ticket.

1st race--

1. BELLA BANISSA (3) 2. UNUSUAL SPRING (2) 3. BABY MELODY (1)

2nd race--

1. YMUSTICHASETHECAT (6) 2. DIXIE MUSIC ROLL (2) 3. ARE YOU POSITIVE (3)

3rd race--

1. CHRISTMAS STOCKING (5) 2. STRONG FAITH (6) 3. BRAG (8)

4th race--

1. AIR COMMANDER (5) 2. AMAZIN BLUE (2) 3. PAVAROTTI (1)

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

1. C'MON TIGER (7) 2. NONSENSICAL (4) 3. PHAR TO WIN (2)

In this competitive allowance event, I will play the trifecta keying my top three horses in the first and second spots, then use ALL for third. In post position order, use PHAR TO WIN (4-1), who is a hard-hitting gelding from the Bell barn that has won four of six starts while winning on turf or dirt; NONSENSICAL (6-1), who has been away since being overmatched in the Del Mar Derby but his maiden win last summer was outstanding; and C'MON TIGER (5-2), who was a handy maiden winner in his U.S. debut and might develop into a decent colt for Baffert.

Trifecta numbers: 2,4,7/2,4,7/ALL=\$42 plus, trifecta box 2-4-7

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

1. BLUES STREET (2) 2. MIND THE MINISTER (10) 3. MOSTACOLLI MORT (6) 4. FLAWLESS FINISH (8)

Maidens going on turf here. Favorite BLUES STREET (5-2) is the one to beat after his nose loss here earlier in the meet. The Pletcher/McCarthy trainee raced very wide on the far turn before coming up just short at this distance. He switches to hot-riding Gomez and is strictly the one to beat today. Play the trifecta keying 'STREET over MOSTACOLLI MORT (9-2), FLAWLESS FINISH (8-1) and MIND THE MINISTER (7-2) for second, then use ALL for third. Also, play a second ticket using those three on top, with 'STREET for second, then ALL for third.

Trifecta numbers: 2/6,8,10/ALL=\$30 and 6,8,10/2/ALL=\$30

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

1. LAHUNA (1) 2. KEY MAKER (6) 3. DEPUTY LAD (10)

In a very competitive claimer, I like the chances of LAHUNA (6-1) to win right back. He made a sweeping, wide move on the turn last time before blowing away his competition and seems just as effective going long. He is raised two levels by a hot barn, so take him right back. Make a Win Bet on LAHUNA and play the trifecta using my top three choices in the first and second spots, then ALL for third. In post position order, use LAHUNA (6-1); KEY MAKER (6-1), who stretched out and won gamely last time despite getting pressure every step of the way; and DEPUTY LADY (5-1), who drops way down for Mitchell and goes to dirt, where he has won four times in the past.

Trifecta numbers: 1,6,10/1,6,10/ALL=\$48

plus, trifecta box 1-6-10

8th race--

1. PREACHINATTHEBAR (2) 2. BALL FOUR (4) 3. EL ROBLAR (5)

9th race--

1. CHAMP OF GOLD (10) 2. RAPID SILVER (13) 3. GLACKEN POWER (7)

*****\$72 PICK 4 TICKET (races 6-9):**

6th race--BLUES STREET, MOSTACOLLI MORT, FLAWLESS FINISH, MIND THE MINISTER

7th race--LAHUNA, KEY MAKER, DEPUTY LAD

8th race--PREACHINATTHEBAR, BALL FOUR, EL ROBLAR

9th race--CHAMP OF GOLD, RAPID SILVER

Pick 4 numbers: 2,6,8,10/1,6,10/2,4,5/10,13=\$72

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