

BOB IKE'S SANTA ANITA SELECTIONS

THURSDAY, FEB. 1

THURSDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

Wednesday Results: Hit 2 top choice winners but went 0-for-2 (one scratch) on my Best Plays; and my Pick 4 ticket was nullified by the scratch of my single in 7th race.

Today's Best Plays: Races 3, 6, 8 and a \$72 Pick 4 ticket.

NOTE: Today's turf races will remain on the grass. All of the also-eligibles in 8th race will scratch.

1st race--

1. BRITE BOBBY (4) 2. GENERAL BUENO (5) 3. SON OF DIONISI

2nd race--

1. NAUGHTY RAFAELA (4) 2. BIG PROMISE (1A) 3. LASIKA (2)

*****3rd race--**

1. TOMCAT ROW (8) 2. C. T. ZEE (5) 3. DENNYBUCK (6)

I will take a shot with speed horse TOMCAT ROW (15-1), who stretches out in distance for the hot Carava barn. Although he's stopped in both sprints, perhaps he will get brave if he can make a clear early lead. Make a Win Bet on 'ROW and play the trifecta keying around my top three choices. In post position order, use C. T. ZEE (2-1), who didn't show too much sprinting but was well-bet first time out, has come back to work well and should like two turns; DENNYBUCK (3-1), who finished a distant third to similar in a race that has produced two next-out winners; and TOMCAT ROW (15-1).

Trifecta numbers: 5,6,8/5,6,8/ALL=\$42

plus, trifecta box 5-6-8

4th race--

1. MY PAL BEN (4) 2. WONDERLAND (8) 3. CHOCOLATE HEAVEN (9)

5th race--

1. COURTWOOD (3) 2. MISS JOSIEY WALES (2) 3. HIT SHOW (7)

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

1. MEL'S SWELL (5) 2. DIXIE'S RULER (9) 3. TOP ONE (10) 4. FORGIVABLE BOB (11)

In by far the most difficult race on the card, I will make a pair of Win Bet on my top two selections and key those two on a pair of trifecta tickets. MEL'S SWELL (9-2) drops a level and switches to Gomez. He had an extremely wide trip one back and figures strongly in here.

DIXIE'S RULER (20-1) had a brutal trip routing last time, blocked badly at the 1/4-pole to lose all momentum, then tried to finish when clear. Make Win Bets on both and key around them on a pair of tri tickets.

Trifecta numbers: 5,9/5,9/ALL=\$20 and 5,9/ALL/5,9=\$20

7th race--

1. COCO BELLE (3) 2. COM EASY (4) 3. OMI'S BACK (1)

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

1. FRENCH TRANSITION (6) 2. JUPITER'S STONE (1) 3. GRECIAN SPUR (8)

I will play the trifecta keying around my top three horses. In post position order, use JUPITER'S STONE (6-1), who finished full of run last time before galloping out strongly past the wire. He is improving and will like the distance; FRENCH TRANSITION (2-1), who was last seen in a Grade I at Keeneland but gets back in with maidens now for top connections; and GRECIAN SPUR (8-1), who made some late headway and seems sure to improve with experience and added distance.

Trifecta numbers: 1,6,8/1,6,8/ALL=\$42 plus, trifecta box 1-6-8

*****\$72 PICK 4 TICKET (races 5-8):**

5th race--COURTWOOD

6th race--ALL

7th race--COCO BELLE, COM EASY

8th race--JUPITER'S STONE, FRENCH TRANSITION, GRECIAN SPUR

Pick 4 numbers: 3/ALL/3,4/1,6,8=\$72

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