

# BOB IKE'S SANTA ANITA SELECTIONS

## THURSDAY, FEB. 15

### THURSDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

*Wednesday Results: Hit 3 top choice winners; and 3rd race trifecta for \$90 (\$48 investment) and 5th race trifecta for \$232 (\$72 investment).*

**Today's Best Plays: Races 3, 5, 7 and a \$72 Pick 4 ticket.**

1st race--

1. JOHN HENNESSY (2) 2. SEVEN NATION ARMY (6) 3. WINNIN N GRINNIN (1)

2nd race--

1. JITTERBUG BALL (4) 2. DINNER MAGIC (1) 3. FOREST DANZ (8)

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

**1. VICTORY JOE (8) 2. CINDER CONE (5) 3. CON JUAN (9) 4. AUSTIE (10)**

In a very competitive Cal-bred maiden event, I will key around lukeward favorite VICTORY JOE (7-2). 'JOE showed speed and ran well last time but was beaten two noses in a very tight finish. Although the extra furlong may be stretching him a bit, the other main contenders either broke slowly or lacked speed in their last starts. Play the trifecta keying 'JOE over six horses in the second and third spots: LIGHT OF THE WORLD (6-1), CINDER CONE (9-2), DESERT RAIN (20-1), CON JUAN (8-1), AUSTIE (5-1) and SWIFT DEMAND (6-1). Also, play a second ticket using those six in the first and third spots, with 'JOE in the middle.

**Trifecta numbers: 8/4,5,6,9,10,12/4,5,6,9,10,12=\$30 and 4,5,6,9,10,12/8/4,5,6,9,10,12=\$30**

4th race--

1. PRIMERICA (10) 2. SKIPASLEW (1) 3. EASY MILLION (8) 4. HE'S THE RAGE (5)

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

**1. MERITSNDEMERITS (13) 2. AMERICAN OFFICER (14) 3. SHAME ON CHARLIE (4) 4. PICK VIC (6)**

The late Pick 4 kicks off with another extremely difficult race. I will give the edge to second-time starter MERITSNDEMERITS (6-1), who showed ability in his debut when facing softer. He ran a good second for \$32,000 and gets a confident class boost after being claimed by high-percentage trainer Sherman. Make a Win Bet on 'MERITS and key him in the trifecta over five horses in the second and third spots: SHAME ON CHARLIE (4-1), PICK VIC (10-1), OSHINSKY (8-1), SNARK (15-1) and AMERICAN OFFICER (5-1). Also, play a second ticket using those five in the first and third spots, with 'MERITS in the two-hole.

**Trifecta numbers: 13/4,6,9,10,14/4,6,9,10,14=\$20 and 4,6,9,10,14/13/4,6,9,10,14=\$20**

6th race--

1. VELVET MOONLITE (6) 2. MORE ANGELS (7) 3. KARLEE'S KITTEN (1)

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

**1. CATEGORIZE (6) 2. KELADORA (9) 3. SQUEEZE ME TIGHT (3) 4. NO GREATER LOVE (10)**

I will try to get out of a very tough race by using just two horses. I will take a shot with price horse CATEGORIZE (10-1), who shortens up in distance after joining the Frankel barn (assuming this actually was a barn switch from good friend Dutrow). In either case, CATEGORIZE has the same route-to-sprint pattern that often works so well over the downhill course. Make a Win Bet on CATEGORIZE and play trifectas with Frankel import KELADORA (6-1), who shows decent French form and has drilled well for this.

**Trifecta numbers: 6,9/6,9/ALL=\$16                      and                      6,9/ALL/6,9=\$16**

8th race--

1. OUR PARTNER (9) 2. ONE SOCK WONDER (1) 3. EVIDENT (8)

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

5th race--SHAME ON CHARLIE, PICK VIC, OSHINSKY, SNARK, MERITSNDEMERITS, AMERICAN OFFICER

6th race--KARLEE'S KITTEN, VELVET MOONLITE, MORE ANGELS

7th race--CATEGORIZE, KELADORA

8th race--ONE SOCK WONDER, OUR PARTNER

**Pick 4 numbers: 4,6,9,10,13,14/1,6,7/6,9/1,9=\$72**

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