

BOB IKE'S SANTA ANITA SELECTIONS

THURSDAY, FEB. 22

THURSDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

Monday Results: Hit 3 top choice winners; and 6th race trifecta for \$82 (on a \$24 investment after scratches) and small trifecta in 10th race.

Today's Best Plays: Races 3, 7, 8 and a \$72 Pick 4 ticket.

NOTE: We got a small amount of overnight rain in the Arcadia area last night but I expect the 3rd race to remain on turf.

1st race--

1. MADERA ROYAL (8) 2. NEWWYN (5) 3. PRINCESS INTEGRITY (7)

2nd race--

1. BEYONDCOMPREHENSION (4) 2. CURIOUS CODY (3) 3. OUTSIDE LOOKING IN (2)

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

1. TRICK A CAT (7) 2. KEY ROSE (9) 3. BLUE CAY (4)

In the first leg of the Pick Six, I will play the trifecta keying my top three horses in the first and second spots, then using ALL for third. In post position order, use BLUE CAY (9-2), who did not run her best race last time on the main track but goes back to turf and hits hard at this level; TRICK A CAT (5-2), who comes off a runner-up try down the hill and now drops a couple levels to face older as she stretches out again; and KEY ROSE (4-1), who is not a win type but drops two notches, switches to Gomez and should be formidable with these.

Trifecta numbers: 4,7,9/4,7,9/ALL=\$60 plus, trifecta box 4-7-9

4th race--

1. LEESIDER (8) 2. PEACE ACCORD (3) 3. STEAMY STORY (4)

5th race--

1. AMAZIN BLUE (3) 2. DART RIVER (2) 3. EL FALCON (7)

6th race--

1. CELTIC FABLE (2) 2. GLITTERNMEMPORRIDGE (8) 3. FORTUNATE PROPHET (1) 4. DIXIE'S RULER (6)

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

1. KALOOKAN DANCER (2) 2. PERFECT RHYME (5) 3. CELTIC WAY (9)

I will try to get out of this optional claimer by using just two horses and taking a stand against a couple of the shorter prices in the race. Preference to KALOOKAN DANCER (7-2), who followed up her good maiden win with a solid try (finishing second before getting DQ'd) coming down the hill. She goes back to dirt and is worth a Win Bet at 3/1 or better. Also use sharp PERFECT RHYME (3-1), who got burned up on a hot pace last time but shortens up a half-furlong and should be hard to collar. I will key these two on a pair of trifecta tickets.

Trifecta numbers: 2,5/2,5/ALL=\$14 and 2,5/ALL/2,5=\$14

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

1. ONENINTEYEIGHT LAKE (7) 2. YOUAREMYLUCKYSTAR (11) 3. ANY AFTERNOON (4) 4. HAPPYHOUR ATHEBRIG (9)

I will end the card by making a Win Bet on my top choice and playing the trifecta by keying my top three runners. ONENINTEYEIGHT LAKE (6-1) returns in a maiden claimer after being away since June. She showed speed that day, chasing the early pace before tiring badly. She has trained well for Marlow and gets Lasix for her return, so tab in front-running style. In the trifecta, use ANY AFTERNOON (10-1), who ran okay first time out but has room to improve with the barn switch to O'Neill; ONENINTEYEIGHT LAKE (6-1); and YOUAREMYLUCKYSTAR (9-2), who broke slowly first time out before making up ground and adds blinkers for Matlow, who is excellent with second-time starters.

Trifecta numbers: 4,7,11/4,7,11/ALL=\$72 plus, trifecta box 4-7-11

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

5th race--DART RIVER, AMAZIN BLUE, EL FALCON

6th race--FORTUNATE PROPHET, CELTIC FABLE, DIXIE'S RULER,
GLITTERNMEPORRIDGE

7th race--KALOOKAN DANCER, PERFECT RHYME

8th race--ANY AFTERNOON, ONENINTEYEIGHT LAKE, YOUAREMYLUCKYSTAR

Pick 4 numbers: 2,3,7/1,2,6,8/2,5/4,7,11=\$72

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