

BOB IKE'S SANTA ANITA SELECTIONS

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7

WEDNESDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 PLAY

Sunday Results: Hit 6 top choice winners; and 6th race trifecta for \$76 on a \$60 total investment.

Today's Best Plays: Races 5, 7, 8 and a \$48 Pick 4 ticket.

1st race--

1. NASHOBA'S KEY (4) 2. LADIES BET (5) 3. SILBER (8)

2nd race--

1. CRAFTY ROLE (6) 2. SPORTIE'S SQUEEZE (3) 3. LITTLEJO'S SPECIAL (2)

3rd race--

1. MR. ATTRACTION (1) 2. FRENCH SOUVENIR (3) 3. TWICE UNBRIDLED (2)

4th race--

1. MY PERFECT PATTI (2) 2. LARRY'S GIRL (5) 3. SAIL ON SUNSHINE (6)

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

1. BITTER BILL (7) 2. VICTORIAN PRINCE (5) 3. STEADY DEMAND (3) 4. FAST CORREDOR (6)

In what looks to be a competitive optional claimer, I will go with four-time sprint winner BITTER BILL (5-2). The Mullins-trained gelding has already won twice at this level (in for the claiming option) but has never gone two turns. If he can avoid an early speed duel and handle the distance, he is the one to beat. I will play the trifecta keying 'BILL over five horses in the second and third spots: TAP IT LIGHT (3-1), STEADY DEMAND (6-1), DEADSHOT KEEN (8-1), VICTORIAN PRINCE (5-1) and FAST CORREDOR (8-1). Also, play a second ticket using those five in the first and third spots, with 'BILL for second.

Trifecta numbers: 7/2,3,4,5,6/2,3,4,5,6=\$20 and 2,3,4,5,6/7/2,3,4,5,6=\$20

6th race--

1. VOULEZ VOUS (5) 2. UNDERCOVER ANGEL (2) 3. STORMY (3)

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

1. VANGUARDA (2) 2. BOSSET (6) 3. SILK KERCHIEF (1) 4. RAPID TRANSACTION (4)

I will play the trifecta keying favorite VANGUARDA (8-5) on a pair of tickets. VANGUARDA ran okay coming down the hill in the Monrovia last time and ran a good second on the main

track prior to that. She has won routing on turf in her native Argentina and switches to red-hot Gomez. First ticket, use VANGUARDA over SILK KERCHIEF (8-1), RAPID TRANSACTION (15-1) and BOSSET (5-2) for second, then ALL for third. Second ticket, use those three on top, with VANGUARDA for second, then ALL for third.

Trifecta numbers: 2/1,4,6/ALL=\$18 and 1,4,6/2/ALL=\$18

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

1. IDE TAKEACHANCE (12) 2. SHUDAKNOWN (11) 3. SIDEPOCKET CAT (2) 4. EXCESS DIXIE (4)

With a full field of maiden claimers to close out the card, I would love to dive into the trifectas. However, I only think one horse is worth gambling on, so I will make an old school Win Bet on IDE TAKEACHANCE (5-1). The recent gelding chased a hot pace coming down the hill before tiring vs. better in his debut. He drops in for MC\$32,000, has been gelded and hails from the hot Miller barn, which does very well with second-time starters.

Win Bet: 12

*****\$48 PICK 4 TICKET (races 5-8):**

5th race--TAP IT LIGHT, STEADY DEMAND, DEADSHOT KEEN, VICTORIAN PRINCE, FAST CORREDOR, BITTER BILL

6th race--UNDERCOVER ANGEL, VOULEZ VOUS

7th race--SILK KERCHIEF, VANGUARDA, RAPID TRANSACTION, BOSSET

8th race--IDE TAKEACHANCE

Pick 4 numbers: 2,3,4,5,6,7/2,5/1,2,4,6/12=\$48

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