BOB IKE'S SANTA ANITA SELECTIONS FRIDAY, MAR. 23

FRIDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

Thursday Results: Hit 3 top choice winners but went 0-for-3 on my Best Plays.

Today's Best Plays: Races 4, 5, 6 and a \$36 Pick 4 ticket. Also, with the Pick Six carryover of more than \$113,000, I will give out a \$144 Pick 6 ticket.

1st race--

1. EUROGLIDE (6) 2. SQUIRES WINGMAN (3) 3. TIME TO GET EVEN (1)

2nd race--

1. VICTORY'S REWARD (5) 2. NOTTINGHILL GIRL (3) 3. ANGELS IN EXCESS (4)

3rd race--

1. WICKERSHAM (2) 2. SUMMER NEWS (1) 3. SILBER (4)

***4th race--

1. TOMCAT ROW (1) 2. DOMORON DOMORON (2) 3. EVIDENT (6)

Modest maiden claimers go in here but there might be some value in the trifecta. First, I will make a small Win Bet on top choice TOMCAT ROW (4-1), who has been showing speed and stopping to better. The drop in class and soft pace scenario might be enough to get this one home. In the trifecta I will key my top three choices in the first and second spots, then use ALL for third. In post position order, use TOMCAT ROW (4-1); DOMORON DOMORON (6-1), who has been freshened and gelded by new trainer Aguirre, who drops this one way down in class; and EVIDENT (7-2), who has had eight previous chances but blinkers go back on and he might be good for a share.

Trifecta numbers: 1,2,6/1,2,6/ALL=\$36 plus, trifecta box 1-2-6

***5th race--

1. HIT IT SKIP (1) (P6 SINGLE) 2. REDSTONE ARSENAL (6) 3. GIMME S'MOR (8)

4. OUTLAW JONES (10)

In what might be the best gambling race on the card, I will play trifecta keying around HIT IT SKIP (3-1). The Mullins-trained colt exits much stronger races and today drops in for \$50,000. He gets plenty of pace to run at and should get a ground-saving trip with the rider switch to Nakatani. First ticket, key 'SKIP over REDSTONE ARSENAL (5-1), GIMME S'MOR (7-2), CITY STORMER (5-1) and OUTLAW JONES (8-1) for second, then use ALL for third. Second ticket, use those four on top, with 'SKIP for second, then ALL for third.

Trifecta numbers: 1/6,8,9,10/ALL=\$32 and 6,8,9,10/1/ALL=\$32

***6th race--

1. HOLLY'S GOLD (8) 2. LESLIE LILL (4) 3. LADY TARA (5)

I will play the trifecta keying my top three selections in the first and second spots, then using ALL for third. In post position order, use LESLIE LILL (3-1), who has been away since Del Mar but has trained well for new trainer Sadler (had been a Knapp). Look for her to run much better off bench; LADY TARA (5-1), who disappointed last time but has had some time off and is capable of much better. She might get a good stalking trip behind the leaders; and HOLLY'S GOLD (2-1), who takes a suspicious two-level drop after handling stronger but is the one to beat if she holds together.

Trifecta numbers: 4,5,8/4,5,8/ALL=\$42 plus, trifecta box 4-5-8

7th race--

1. CERVELO (2) (P6 SINGLE) 2. GEM PROOF (5) 3. STORM MATE (8)

8th race--

1. SWING OUT (1) 2. TIZNOW'S VINEYARD (5) 3. LIFE DIRECTIONS (7) 4. I'M A SHOE IN (3)

***\$36 PICK 4 TICKET (races 5-8):

5th race--HIT IT SKIP

6th race--LESLIE LILL, LADY TARA, HOLLY'S GOLD

7th race--CERVELO, GEM PROOF

8th race--SWING OUT, I'M A SHOE IN, TIZNOW'S VINEYARD, LIFE DIRECTIONS, UP

IN THE GODS, TOPPERS DREAM

Pick 4 numbers: 1/4,5,8/2,5/1,3,5,7,9,10=\$36

***\$144 PICK 6 TICKET (races 3-8):

3rd race--SUMMER NEWS, WICKERSHAM

4th race--TOMCAT ROW, DOMORON DOMORON, EVIDENT

5th race--HIT IT SKIP

6th race--LESLIE LILL, LADY TARA, HOLLY'S GOLD

7th race--CERVELO

8th race--SWING OUT, I'M A SHOE IN, TIZNOW'S VINEYARD, LIFE DIRECTIONS

Pick 6 numbers: 1,2/1,2,6/1/4,5,8/2/1,3,5,7=\$144

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