

BOB IKE'S SANTA ANITA SELECTIONS

FRIDAY, MAR. 9

FRIDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

Thursday Results: Giant day on Thursday! Hit 5 top choice winners and late Pick 4 for \$1,338 on a \$72 ticket.

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

1st race--

1. ROOSEVELT (6) 2. HOT WIRED (4) 3. CONCLAVE (5)

2nd race--

1. PICK VIC (4) 2. CON JUAN (1) 3. ICANMAKEITRAIN (2)

3rd race--

1. TOLL ROAD (1) 2. SHORT SENTENCE (2) 3. SARACINA (6)

***4th race--

**1. QUEEN'S SONG (6) 2. RAINHA DA BATERIA (1) 3. KISSTHESTARGOODBY (9)
4. MUSIC AND MAGIC (8)**

I will play this maiden turf event by boxing my top four choices in the exacta and trifecta. In post position order, use RAINHA DA BATERIA (5-2), who ran a promising third when debuting in a turf route and has every right to beat these with only slight improvement; QUEEN'S SONG (7-2), who has been close in her last two starts on dirt and adds blinkers today as she goes back to the sod; MUSIC AND MAGIC (20-1), who has been stopping in sprints but might get braver if she makes a clear lead on the stretch out; and KISSTHESTARGOODBY (8-1), who has found a home on turf, finishing second in her last two starts when switched to grass.

Exacta/Trifecta Box: 1-6-8-9

5th race--

1. WARREN'S GRINDSTONE (1) 2. SARAH'S COOL DUDE (4) 3. TORIKINS (7) 4. TEE DEE (2)

6th race--

1. VICE ADMIRAL (8) 2. VICTORY JOE (1) 3. SCANDALOUS (3)

***7th race--

1. BLUE CAY (6) 2. VALLEY STORM (4) 3. MAMITA CHULA (3)

I will play the trifecta keying around my top two selections on a pair of tri tickets. BLUE CAY (5-2) is the one to beat as she drops back into the Cal-bred optional claiming condition. She won

at this level back on Dec. 14, so make her the one to beat. VALLEY STORM (6-1) returns to turf (the surface on which she broke her maiden on Nov. 15) after two sub par efforts on the main track. She reunites with Espinoza and has more tactical speed than the top one. Key these two.

Trifecta numbers: 4,6/4,6/ALL=\$16 and 4,6/ALL/4,6=\$16

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

1. MERITSNDEMERTS (3) 2. RACE WARRIOR (12) 3. BEACHNUT (11)

I will end the card by playing the trifecta keying my top three choices in the first and second spots, then using ALL for third. In post position order, use MERITSNDEMERTS (5-2), who looks like the one to catch as he drops back to his claim level and adds blinkers for the high-percentage Sherman barn; BEACHNUT (6-1), who is a first-timer from the Hendricks barn that has trained in good style and lands Nakatani; and RACE WARRIOR (12-1), who looks very interesting making his SoCal debut for Koriner. He faced the likes of Circular Quay and Street Sense last year, and has been gelded for this.

Trifecta numbers: 3,11,12/3,11,12/ALL=\$60 plus, trifecta box 3-11-12

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

5th race--WARREN'S GRINDSTONE/WARREN'S SUMMER (entry), TEE DEE, BROUGHT IT, SARAH'S COOL DUDE, TORIKINS, STEVE'S LIL GIRL

6th race--VICTORY JOE/SWING OUT (entry), VICE ADMIRAL

7th race--VALLEY STORM, BLUE CAY

8th race--MERITSNDEMERTS, BEACHNUT, RACE WARRIOR

Pick 4 numbers: 1,2,3,4,7,8/1,8/4,6/3,11,12=\$72

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