BOB IKE'S SANTA ANITA SELECTIONS THURSDAY, MAR. 15

THURSDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

Wednesday Results: Hit 4 top choice winners and small trifecta in 8th race.

Today's Best Plays: Races 4, 6, 7 and a \$72 Pick 4 ticket.

1st race--

1. BEYOND BOUNDRIES (5) 2. CALIFORNIA SKY (4) 3. BLUE MIDNIGHT (1)

2nd race--

1. BARYNYA (7) 2. VELVET MOONLITE (2) 3. SWEET AMBITION (6)

3rd race--

1. UNUSUAL BEAUTY (3) 2. CALIFORNIA CLASSIC (2) 3. NEUTRALITY (1)

***4th race--

1. PAT THE COOL CAT (7) 2. PROMISE OF SPRING (6) 3. LUCKY STAB (1) 4. IN MY LIFE (2)

PAT THE COOL CAT (5-1) ran way too bad to believe last time when making her Southern California debut vs. similar starter allowance runners on the main track. She had trained well into the race and has continued to do well over the Cushion Track, so let's give the Sadler-trained runner another chance as she switches to the hillside turf course. Make a Win Bet on 'CAT and key her in the trifecta over LUCKY STAB (5-2), IN MY LIFE (3-1) and PROMISE OF SPRING (7-2) for second, then use ALL for third. Play a second ticket using those three on top, with 'CAT for second, then ALL for third.

Trifecta numbers: 7/1,2,6/ALL=\$18 and 1,2,6/7/ALL=\$18

5th race--

1. NATURAL PHENOMENON (1) 2. MEN ONLY (6) 3. GET OFF THE SUGAR (5) 4. NORWAY HOUSE (8)

***6th race--

1. DEED OF MERIT (7) 2. RIVER FOX (10) 3. CANTBEATWHATUCANTC (3)

I will play the trifecta keying my top three choices in the first and second spots, then using ALL for third. In post position order, use speedy CANTBEATWHATUCANTC (5-1), who surrendered a huge lead last time but his kind of speed is always dangerous; DEED OF MERIT (2-1), who takes a steep class plunge for O'Neill but the barn has been winning with this type lately; and RIVER FOX (9-2), who ran past slightly softer last time has to be a big threat if he repeats that effort in here.

Trifecta numbers: 3,7,10/3,7,10/ALL=\$48 plus, trifecta box 3-7-10

***7th race--

1. FETE (3) 2. SPECIALIST MORGEN J (2) 3. BARBER (6) 4. ELLWOOD AND JAKE (9)

FETE has become one of my favorite horses on the circuit, having won four straight and six of his last seven, including a pair over this layout. He runs his race everytime and actually takes a class drop off his last win over optional claimers/NW3 types. He'll get a great trip behind the speed and there's no reason he won't win again. I will play the trifecta keying FETE over five horses in the second and third spots: DOPPIO (12-1), SPECIALIST MORGEN J (10-1), HEADACHE (6-1), BARBER (9-2) and ELLWOOD AND JAKE (6-1). Also, play a second ticket using those five in the first and third spots, with FETE in the middle.

Trifecta numbers: 3/1,2,5,6,9/1,2,5,6,9=\$20 and 1,2,5,6,9/3/1,2,5,6,9=\$20

8th race--

1. SKIP'S CHARM (3) 2. CAMPIN' GIRL (11) 3. VICTORY'S LADY (10) 4. CAN DO CAN DO (6)

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

5th race--NATURAL PHENOMENON, GET OFF THE SUGAR, MEN ONLY, NORWAY HOUSE

6th race--CANTBEATWHATUCANTC, DEED OF MERIT, RIVER FOX

7th race--FETE

8th race--SKIP'S CHARM, CAN DO CAN DO, VICTORY'S LADY, CAMPIN' GIRL, PARINAZ. SILLYBUSTER

Pick 4 numbers: 1,5,6,8/3,7,10/3/3,6,10,11,12,14=\$72

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