

BOB IKE'S SANTA ANITA SELECTIONS

THURSDAY, MAR. 22

THURSDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

Wednesday Results: Excellent day on Wednesday! Hit 5 top choice winners, including Best Play winners DO IT TOPPER STYLE (\$6.20) and SMELLING SALTS (\$8.40); 6th race trifecta for \$110 on a \$54 ticket; and nailed Pick 4 for \$178 on a \$54 play (after scratch).

Today's Best Plays: Races 4, 5, 6 and a \$72 Pick 4 ticket.

1st race--

1. YOUNG JOE (9) 2. NEVADA WORRIER (6) 3. TIME FOR NINE (2) 4.,
DOUBLESWEETACT (4)

2nd race--

1. VIRGINIA CITY (2) 2. THE CASE QUEEN (6) 3. LUPITA'SLUCKYANGEL (7)

3rd race--

1. KAILEE RUSH (1) 2. PHIL THE USHER (5) 3. KING PALM (6)

*****4th race--**

1. USK POPPY (3) 2. FUN LOGIC (6) 3. DEL MAR TICKET (1) 4. ROYAL CHEER (5)

In a very interesting turf event, I will try stretch-out filly USK POPPY (5-1). The Cecil-trained import ran evenly coming down the hill last time and now stretches out to nine furlongs against a very paceless field. She's never gone this far before but the price is right for a gamble. Make a Win Bet on 'POPPY and key her in the trifecta over DEL MAR TICKET (5-2), ROYAL CHEER (6-1) and FUN LOGIC (3-1) for second, then use ALL for third. Also, play a second ticket using those three on top, with 'POPPY for second, then ALL for third.

Trifecta numbers: 3/1,5,6/ALL=\$18 and 1,5,6/3/ALL=\$18

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

1. LIL RED FLYER (7) 2. SLIDE HOME (3) 3. PT'S GREY EAGLE (6)

In the first leg of the late Pick 4, I will make a Win Bet on top choice LIL RED FLYER (6-1) and play the trifecta keying my top three selections in the first and second spots, then using ALL for third. 'FLYER got burned up in a speed duel last time when making his local debut goes for new connections today and might not have to go so fast early. He has won 10 off 33 lifetime starts while showing the ability to stalk early and run well, which should be the case today. In the trifecta, use SLIDE HOME (9-2), who was claimed by Mullins last time and certainly would be dangerous on his best day; PT'S GREY EAGLE (3-1), who is a suspicious dropper but has back class and has a look at this level; and LIL RED FLYER (6-1).

Trifecta numbers: 3,6,7/3,6,7/ALL=\$42 plus, trifecta box 3-6-7

*****6th race--**

1. LEGATE (5) 2. SOLICITOUS (1) 3. MILLER'S TURBO (6)

In a wide-open maiden race on turf, I will make a Win Bet on top choice LEGATE (5-1) and play the trifecta keying my top three runners. LEGATE stretched out to try turf in his second start and flew home to just miss at 29-1. He had trained well into that race and subsequently, so there's no reason he won't run well again as he gets some pace at which to run. In the trifecta, use SOLICITOUS (7-2), who ran well in his only turf start (son of Dynaformer) but does have a big gap (Jan. 30- Mar. 9) in his work pattern; LEGATE (5-1); and MILLER'S TURBO (6-1), who stretched out on turf in his second start and nearly pulled off a huge upset on the front end. He again looks like the one to catch.

Trifecta numbers: 1,5,6/1,5,6/ALL=\$60

plus, trifecta box 1-5-6

7th race--

1. GETBACK TIME (5) 2. FREAKIN STREAKIN (1) 3. NOSSA CANCAO (7) 4. PRESS CAMP (8)

8th race--

1. BRITE SHADOW (1) 2. RAPID SILVER (11) 3. LOST IN LEXINGTON (6)

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

5th race--SLIDE HOME, PT'S GREY EAGLE, LIL RED FLYER

6th race--SOLICITOUS, LEGATE, MILLER'S TURBO

7th race--FREAKIN STREAKIN, GETBACK TIME, NOSSA CANCAO, PRESS CAMP

8th race--BRITE SHADOW, RAPID SILVER

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

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