

BOB IKE'S SANTA ANITA SELECTIONS

THURSDAY, MAR. 8

THURSDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

Wednesday Results: Hit 2 top choice winners but went 0-for-3 on my Best Plays.

Today's Best Plays: Races 3, 4, 8 and a \$72 Pick 4 ticket.

1st race--

1. PLAGIARIST (4) 2. CLARENCE BEEKS (1) 3. DETERMINATOR (3)

2nd race--

1. POWER SHIFT (1) 2. DR. SINATRA (2) 3. YENISEY RIVER (4)

*****3rd race--**

1. SARARAH JR. (7) 2. SOUTH AFRICAN BABY (3) 3. LERICI (8) 4. POLO LOUNGE (6)

I will take a flyer here in the first leg of the Pick Six. Since I don't really like any of these 3-year-old fillies, let's try first-time turf runner SARARAH JR. (20-1). The Abrams-trained filly has shown zero on three previous dirt sprints but the daughter of exceptional turf sire Unusual Heat will be stretching out and trying turf for the first time today. She's worth a play at a big price. Make a Win Bet on SARARAH JR. and key her in the trifecta over SOUTH AFRICAN BABY (2-1), POLO LOUNGE (7-2) and LERICI (4-1) for second, then use ALL for third. Also, play a second ticket using those three on top, with SARARAH JR. for second, then ALL for third.

Trifecta numbers: 7/3,6,8/ALL=\$21 and 3,6,8/7/ALL=\$21

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

1. BESTDRESSED (1) 2. HOIST THE SAIL (5) 3. DOMORON DOMORON (3)

I will play the trifecta by keying my top three choices in the first and second spots, then use ALL for third. In post position order, use BESTDRESSED (8-5), part of an entry, who comes off a solid runner-up try at this level after the addition of blinkers; DOMORON DOMORON (10-1), who drops in class for new trainer Aguirre and returns a gelding, so improvement is likely; and HOIST THE SAIL (4-1), who set the pace going long before tiring badly but should like the return to one turn.

Trifecta numbers: 1,3,5/1,3,5/ALL=\$36 plus, trifecta box 1-3-5

5th race--

1. SILK KERCHIEF (6) 2. SPY ALY (2) 3. SAGITTA RA (5) 4. FEEL RIDGE (4)

6th race--

1. WATCH ME WIN (4) 2. PRIVATE HALL (6) 3. ROMANESQUE (7)

7th race--

1. GHURRA (3) 2. MAKE MINE MINNIE (6) 3. CHRISTMAS STOCKING (1)

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

1. DAKOTA LASS (10) 2. LOVE MY ROSE (11) 3. THE CAT DID IT (6)

I will end the card by playing the trifecta in this full field of maiden claimers. I will key my top three selections in the first and second spots, then use ALL for third. In post position order, use THE CAT DID IT (2-1), who is an 11-start maiden but has been second in two straight and figures close once again; DAKOTA LASS (7-2), who has been away since exiting a productive race at Del Mar and comes back in the Gallagher barn off after drilling :59.4 in her most recent; and LOVE MY ROSE (10-1), who has not run to her works in two previous starts but has speed and gets one more chance off the freshening for the hot Periban stable.

Trifecta numbers: 6,10,11/6,10,11/ALL=\$60 plus, trifecta box 6-10-11

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

5th race--SPY ALY, FEEL RIDGE, SAGITTA RA, SILK KERCHIEF

6th race--WATCH ME WIN, PRIVATE HALL, ROMANESQUE

7th race--GHURRA

8th race--CAMBRIA BREEZE, THE CAT DID IT, REALLY WILL, DAKOTA LASS, LOVE MY ROSE, JANZIG CAT

Pick 4 numbers: 2,4,5,6/4,6,7/3/1,6,8,10,11,12=\$72

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