BOB IKE'S SANTA ANITA SELECTIONS WEDNESDAY, MAR. 28

WEDNESDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 PLAY

Sunday Results: Hit 5 top choice winners and late Pick 4 for \$350 on a \$72 ticket.

Today's Best Plays: Races 4, 7, 8 and a \$48 Pick 4 ticket.

1st race--

1. DESTINY DREAMER (8) 2. CHATTY GAL (7) 3. DOLLY VARTEN (3)

2nd race--

1. KIN TO A KITTY (3) 2. CHOSEN ROYALTY (1) 3. HONKY TONK BABY (4)

3rd race--

1. PLAY THE VIG (4) 2. ICANMAKEITRAIN (1A) 3. HEADED FOR HOME (5)

***4th race--

1. JAKE SKATE (4) 2. HE'S THE RAGE (1) 3. PRIMERICA (7)

Only seven go postward but this is a wide-open betting race. I like the chances of JAKE SKATE (4-1), who ran very well off nearly a two-year absence. 'SKATE turned in a fine runner-up try sprinting down the hill and now stretches out and switches back to dirt. I will make a Win Bet on 'SKATE and play the trifecta keying my top three horses in the first and second spots, then using ALL for third. In post position order, use HE'S THE RAGE (3-1), who broke slowly before finishing second last time to slightly lesser; JAKE SKATE (4-1); and PRIMERICA (6-1), who was re-claimed by Mitchell (who had good success with him in the past) and gets a confident two-level class boost.

Trifecta numbers: 1,4,7/1,4,7/ALL=\$30 plus, trifecta box 1-4-7

5th race--

1. RUNS IN THE FAMILY (7) 2. GOLD RUSH TRAIL (6) 3. PLAN FOR FUN (8)

6th race--

1. MEMORIES OF SUE (5) 2. T'S ICECOLDBEER (8) 3. PARINAZ (3) 4. NOBODYWANTSMUD (9)

***7th race--

1. HONNETE (7) 2. SETAFIRE (5) 3. SEVEN STEPS (3)

Another short field in which to try to turn a profit. I loved the way HONNETE (5-2) broke her maiden first time out, overcoming some traffic trouble at the 1/4-pole, angling out late, then proving best late in impressive style. I'm going to take her right back in this modest allowance

spot by making a Win Bet at 2/1 or better, and boxing her in exactas with main contenders SEVEN STEPS (4-1) and SETAFIRE (3-1).

Exacta Boxes: 3-7 and 5-7

***8th race--

1. MYSTERIOUS CAT (6) 2. EPIC COMMANDER (3) 3. SMOKE'N BLOKE (5) 4. DARK PAST (1)

Bottom level Cal-bred to close out the card. I will play a pair of trifecta tickets keying around consistent MYSTERIOUS CAT (3-1). The late-running 9-year-old has two wins and a second from his last three starts and only needs some pace in front of him to set up his late run. First ticket, key 'CAT over five horses in the second and third spots: DARK PAST (5-1), EPIC COMMANDER (4-1), MAMMOTH POWER (8-1), SMOKE'N BLOKE (9-2) and COMMANDER GARY (8-1). Play a second ticket using those five in the first and third spots, with 'CAT in the middle.

Trifecta numbers: 6/1,3,4,5,8/1,3,4,5,8=\$20 and 1,3,4,5,8/6/1,3,4,5,8=\$20

***\$48 PICK 4 TICKET (races 5-8):

5th race--GOLD RUSH TRAIL, RUNS IN THE FAMILY

6th race--SOARING LAUREN, PARINAZ, MEMORIES OF SUE, NOBODYWANTSMUD 7th race--HONNETE

8th race--DARK PAST, EPIC COMMANDER, MAMMOTH POWER, SMOKE'N BLOKE, MYSTERIOUS CAT, COMMANDER GARY

Pick 4 numbers: 6,7/2,3,5,9/7/1,3,4,5,6,8=\$48

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