

BOB IKE'S SANTA ANITA SELECTIONS

FRIDAY, APR. 13

FRIDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

Thursday Results: Hit 3 top choice winners; also small trifecta in 5th race and 7th race trifecta for \$111 on a \$40 investment.

Today's Best Plays: Races 4, 5, 8 and a \$72 Pick 4 ticket.

1st race--

1. FANTASTIC SPRING (3) 2. KAITLY'S LIGHT (6) 3. SAINTLY BRIDE

2nd race--

1. KOKOPELI TRAIL (8) 2. DAKOTA LASS (2) 3. SILVER AGAIN (7) 4. SAIL ON SUNSHINE (3)

3rd race--

1. PEACE CHANT (5) 2. GRAY BLACK N WHITE (4) 3. GRINDING IT OUT (2)

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

1. PROMISE OF SPRING (4) 2. TRIBAL PRINCESS (6) 3. LUCKY STAB (5) 4. CROCETTA (3)

In what looks to be the best gambling race on the card, I will play a pair of trifecta tickets keying around top choice PROMISE OF SPRING (3-1). The Spawr-trained mare comes off a runner-up try behind over this course and looks like the one to beat with a repeat effort. Play the trifecta keying 'SPRING over CROCETTA (9-2), LUCKY STAB (4-1), TRIBAL PRINCESS (15-1) and PRINCESS INTEGRITY (6-1) for second, then use ALL for third. Second ticket, use those four on top, with 'SPRING for second, then ALL for third.

Trifecta numbers: 4/3,5,6,10/ALL=\$36 and 3,5,6,10/4/ALL=\$36

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

1. RUSH AHEAD (7) 2. CARIBBEAN'S HERD (6) 3. NATIONHOOD (10) 4. AXE FACTOR (9)

Maiden claimers to kick off the first leg of the Pick 4. I will try RUSH AHEAD (4-1), who returned from a six-month layoff to run okay vs. stronger. He showed speed vs. MC\$50,00 types before getting tired at the top of the stretch but should hold on much better with that race under his belt and the drop to MC\$25,000. Make a Win Bet on 'AHEAD and key him in the trifecta over CARIBBEAN'S HERD (9-5), AXE FACTOR (8-1) and NATIONHOOD (7-2) for second, then use ALL for third. Second ticket, use those three on top, with 'AHEAD for second, then ALL for third.

Trifecta numbers: 7/6,9,10/ALL=\$24 and 6,9,10/7/ALL=\$24

6th race--

1. CAPTAIN SACTO (5) 2. HOOT (3) 3. AWAY DOWN SOUTH (2)

7th race--

1. TRUE DANCER (5) 2. GEM PROOF (6) 3. ARTIST'S TALE (3)

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

1. FLOWER HILL (2) 2. ANNIE OAKLEAF (9) 3. LATE DATE (4)

I will play the finale by keying my top two runners on a pair of trifecta tickets. FLOWER HILL (5-2) bucked a severe speed bias last time to run a good second vs. slightly better. She is going in good form right now and figures to catch a more fair track today with underrated Atkinson aboard. Main threat is ANNIE OAKLEAF (7-2), who will get first jump on the top pick while having speed to overcome the outside post. She's won six races in her career and the barn is having a solid meet.

Trifecta numbers: 2,9/2,9/ALL=\$14 and 2,9/ALL/2,9=\$14

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

5th race--CARIBBEAN'S HERD, RUSH AHEAD, AXE FACTOR, NATIONHOOD

6th race--AWAY DOWN SOUTH, HOOT, CAPTAIN SACTO

7th race--ARTIST'S TALE, TRUE DANCER, GEM PROOF

8th race--FLOWER HILL, ANNIE OAKLEAF

Pick 4 numbers: 6,7,9,10/2,3,5/3,5,6/2,9=\$72

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