

BOB IKE'S SANTA ANITA SELECTIONS

FRIDAY, APR. 20

FRIDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

Thursday Results: Hit 3 top choice winners and small trifecta in 6th race.

Today's Best Plays: Races 5, 6, 8 and a \$48 Pick 4 ticket.

NOTE: Due to overnight rain (and more expected today), it is very likely that races 1 and 4 will come off the hillside turf course.

1st race--

1. UDRIGA (8) 2. RED OPAL (2) 3. TIGHT CIRCLE (3) 4. BUTTERFLY BELLE (4)

2nd race--

1. GIMME S'MOR (3) 2. WHERE'S MY HALO (4) 3. FIGHTING CITY HALL (5)

3rd race--

1. GANDOLF (1) 2. IDAHO JOE (7) 3. BEYOND THE RIM (3)

4th race--

1. SABIO (6) 2. RAPID SILVER (7) 3. TAYLOR'S ROUTE (4) 4. UNUSUAL MEN (3)

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

1. AVVENIMENTO (4) 2. PEACEFUL FLIGHT (7) 3. SAN MIGUEL KING (5) 4. ONE LAST GRAF (6)

In the first leg of the Pick 4, I will key around dropper AVVENIMENTO (7-2). The Saavedra-trained gelding drops a peg, stretches out again and gets blinkers for the first time. He figures to be on or near the lead while catching a very modest bunch. Make a Win Bet on AVVENIMENTO and key him in the trifecta over SAN MIGUEL KING (8-1), ONE LAST GRAF (5-2) and PEACEFUL FLIGHT (3-1) for second, then use ALL for third. Also, play a second ticket using those three on top, with AVVENIMENTO for second, then ALL for third.

Trifecta numbers: 4/5,6,7/ALL=\$18 and 5,6,7/4/ALL=\$18

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

1. HELLO FAME (7) 2. SLIDE HOME (9) 3. FOUNTAIN GROVE (3)

I will play the trifecta keying my top three runners in the first and second spots, then using ALL for third. In post position order, use FOUNTAIN GROVE (6-1), who drops back in with his friends after being overmatched on turf. He is trying to end a long losing streak in this spot; HELLO FAME (5-2), who finished second to sharp Quietly Go last time and nosed out similar

\$10,000 Cal-breds one race back; and SLIDE HOME (9-5), who set a blazing pace before tiring in the same race as 'FAME. He is strictly the one to catch in here.

Trifecta numbers: 3,7,9/3,7,9/ALL=\$42 plus, trifecta box 3-7-9

7th race--

1. KELADORA (1) 2. VELVET MOONLITE (4) 3. SWEET DEE'S 4. RED STATE RULES

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

1. MARIN COUNTY (11) 2. KING FORBES (1) 3. CURRENCY TRADER (6) 4. SHOREBREAK (12)

I will end the card by boxing my top four choices in the exacta and trifecta. In post position order, use KING FORBES (5-1), who has trained in solid style and hails from the always-cagey Matlow barn; CURRENCY TRADER (3-1), who chased a hot pace before tiring when making his first start in nearly two years; MARIN COUNTY (4-1), who shows a steady string of solid works for Sadler over the Cushion Track and is drawn well outside; and SHOREBREAK (12-1), who is a debuting 5-year-old who worked twice for Machowsky across town. The fact that he gets red-hot M.Baze might mean he's live in this spot.

Exacta/Trifecta Box: 1-6-11-12

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

5th race--AVVENIMENTO, SAN MIGUEL KING, ONE LAST GRAF, PEACEFUL FLIGHT

6th race--FOUNTAIN GROVE, HELLO FAME, SLIDE HOME

7th race--KELADORA

8th race--KING FORBES, CURRENCY TRADER, MARIN COUNTY, SHOREBREAK

Pick 4 numbers: 4,5,6,7/3,7,9/1/1,6,11,12=\$48

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