

BOB IKE'S SANTA ANITA SELECTIONS

SATURDAY, APR. 14

SATURDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

Friday Results: Hit 2 top choice winners; and trifectas in 4th race (\$86) and 8th race (\$106).

Today's Best Plays: Races 8, 9, 10 and a \$60 Pick 4 ticket.

1st race--

1. FLETCHERS COVE (3) 2. MIMOSA MIST (6) 3. NEWPORT TOPPER (5)

2nd race--

1. WINNIN N GRINNIN (9) 2. HER RED (7) 3. GOLDEN WAGER (8)

3rd race--

1. THE BIG ONE (6) 2. PHIL THE USHER (3) 3. PARTHENON CHARM (4) 4. TAVROS (2)

4th race--

1. KRIS' SIS (2) 2. NEUILLY (4) 3. BALLADO'S THUNDER (7) 4. POLITICAL WEB (3)

5th race--

1. THRILL AFTER DARK (1) 2. CHRISTMAS STOCKING (4) 3. I CAN SEE (3)

6th race--

1. KEY MAKER (6) 2. FANTASMIN (7) 3. SECRET RIDGE (8) 4. LONE PRAIRIE (5)

7th race--

1. DESERT CODE (7) 2. STAR INSIDE (5) 3. STREETS AHEAD (2) 4. GOLDEN BALLS (3)

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

1. INTO REALITY (5) 2. DISTORTED VIEW (2) 3. INGRID THE GAMBLER (9)

I will play the trifecta keying my top three choices in the first and second spots, then using ALL for third. In post position order, use DISTORTED VIEW (7-2), who is one of two Baffert-trained runners in the race. 'VIEW ran a decent second in her debut and has a right to improve in second start; INTO REALITY (2-1), the other Baffert entrant, was defeated at 3/5 odds last time in a disappointment but exits the best race and has been freshened for about seven weeks; and first-time starter INGRID THE GAMBLER (12-1), who has trained in good style over the Cushion Track for her debut. She's drawn well outside and might be live at first pop.

Trifecta numbers: 2,5,9/2,5,9/ALL=\$48 plus, trifecta box 2-5-9

*****9th race--**

1. EASTERN SAND (6) 2. BLUE STELLER (2) 3. GENERAL FOX (4) 4. SONIC TIGER (5)

In a competitive mid-grade claimer on turf, I will play the exacta and trifecta by boxing my top four selections. In post position order, use BLUE STELLER (3-1), who snapped back to top form last time when losing a brutal nose decision. The old-timer like the distance and course; GENERAL FOX (8-1), who has been away since June but the front-running gelding catches a fairly paceless field and is capable of firing fresh; SONIC TIGER (10-1), who ran okay last time in a race where the winner came back to win on the raise and he could be rounding up to his best effort; and EASTERN SAND (2-1), who returns in a claimer after facing much better throughout his career. The drop is suspicious but he has to be considered the horse to beat in here.

Exacta/Trifecta Box: 2-4-5-6

*****10th race--**

1. AFLEET ALOHA (5) 2. JORDAN AND JUSTIN (11) 3. HOME OF THE BOLD (10) 4. LUCKY WISE GUY (2)

In a very difficult finale, I will make a small Win Bet and trifecta keys around dropper AFLEET ALOHA (6-1). The Gallagher-trained colt showed little first time out but drops in for a tag and most horses from this barn improve second time out. He looks as good as any in a wide-open contest. In the trifecta I will key 'ALOHA in the first, second and third spots while using four other horses in the tri: LUCKY WISE GUY (8-1), HOME OF THE BOLD (6-1), JORDAN AND JUSTIN (7-2) and SKIMTHEEXCESS (12-1).

Trifecta numbers: 5/2,10,11,12/2,10,11,12=\$12 and 2,10,11,12/5/2,10,11,12=\$12 and 2,10,11,12/2,10,11,12/5=\$12

*****\$60 PICK 4 TICKET (races 7-10):**

7th race--DESERT CODE

8th race--DISTORTED VIEW, INTO REALITY, INGRID THE GAMBLER

9th race--BLUE STELLER, GENERAL FOX, SONIC TIGER, EASTERN SAND

10th race--LUCKY WISE GUY, AFLEET ALOHA, HOME OF THE BOLD, JORDAN AND JUSTIN, SKIMTHEEXCESS

Pick 4 numbers: 7/2,5,9/2,4,5,6/2,5,10,11,12=\$60

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