

BOB IKE'S SANTA ANITA SELECTIONS

SUNDAY, APR. 15

SUNDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

Saturday Results: Hit 3 top choice winners, including Best Play winner AFLEET ALOHA (\$11.60), which keyed 10th race trifecta for \$121 on a \$36 investment; also nailed 8th race trifecta for \$195 on a \$48 ticket.

Today's Best Plays: Races 3, 5, 9 and an \$81 Pick 4 ticket.

1st race--

1. GOLD RUSH TRAIL (5) 2. TAKE A CHANCE (1) 3. CHIEF STORM CLOUD (6)

2nd race--

1. DART RIVER (1) 2. LOTTA GAMBLE (5) 3. BIG MOTOR (3)

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

1. CELTIC WAY (6) 2. HOLLY'S GOLD (4) 3. LESLIE LILL (1) 4. GOTTA GO GAL (7)

Although only a field of seven go postward, I think there is value with top choice CELTIC WAY (6-1). Although she ran poorly in a route race at Bay Meadows last time, she was claimed out of the race by Monteleone, who is exceptional first off the claim. He uses "go-to" rider Espinoza (nearly 40% together), so this one must be live. Make a Win Bet on 'WAY and key her in the trifecta over LESLIE LILL (7-2), HOLLY'S GOLD (9-5) and GOTTA GO GAL (3-1) for second, then use ALL for third. Play a second ticket using those three on top, with 'WAY for second, then ALL for third.

Trifecta numbers: 6/1,4,7/ALL=\$15 and 1,4,7/6/ALL=\$15

4th race--

1. FLOWER FUSION (3) 2. ITSALLGREEKTOU (1) 3. AUNT PINK (5)

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

1. TIZ A BLEND (7) 2. UNUSUAL BEAUTY (6) 3. SUMMER NEWS (1)

In a tough call between my top pair, I will give the edge to TIZ A BLEND (9-2). The Gaines-trained filly overcame traffic trouble to break her maiden coming down the hill and acts like she will have no problem with the two-turn distance. Tab right back with a Win Bet on 'BLEND and key her on a pair of trifecta tickets with main threat UNUSUAL BEAUTY (7-2), who broke her maiden impressively on the main track and is bred to love the turf (by Unusual Heat).

Trifecta numbers: 6,7/6,7/ALL=\$14 and 6,7/ALL/6,7=\$14

6th race--

1. CLOSET TRADER (11) 2. TOPPERS DREAM (7) 3. ELUSIVE NO MORE (4)

7th race--

1. INDIAN FLARE (3) 2. RIVER'S PRAYER (1) 3. RED DIADEM (2)

8th race--

1. RATIBOR (3) 2. TICE (1) 3. MEN ONLY (6)

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

1. ASTERI (9) 2. SMART OF WAR (11) 3. PROTECTOROFALLEVIL (7)

In the best gambling race on the card, I will play the trifecta keying three middle-priced horses in the trifecta. In post position order, use PROTECTOROFALLEVIL (6-1), who didn't show much first time out but has been freshened for three months and gets Lasix as he switches to turf; ASTERI (5-1), who hails from a low-percentage barn but ran very well last time over this course, finishing third after dueling for the early lead; and SMART OF WAR (6-1), who turned in an improved effort to finish an even third when switching to the lawn and adds blinkers this time.

Trifecta numbers: 7,9,11/7,9,11/ALL=\$60 plus, trifecta box 7-9-11

*****\$81 PICK 4 TICKET (races 6-9):**

6th race--ELUSIVE NO MORE, TOPPERS DREAM, CLOSET TRADER

7th race--RIVER'S PRAYER, RED DIADEM, INDIAN FLARE

8th race--TICE, RATIBOR, MEN ONLY

9th race--PROTECTOROFALLEVIL, ASTERI, SMART OF WAR

Pick 4 numbers: 4,7,11/1,2,3/1,3,6/7,9,11=\$81

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