

BOB IKE'S SANTA ANITA SELECTIONS

SUNDAY, APR. 8

SUNDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

Saturday Results: Hit 2 top choice winners but went 0-for-3 on my Best Plays.

Today's Best Plays: Races 5, 8, 9 and a \$60 Pick 4 ticket. Also, with the huge Pick Six carryover of more than \$570,000, I will give out a \$96 P6 ticket.

1st race--

1. SCHAGHTICOKE HILL (3) 2. SIDEPOCKET WIN (8) 3. JANZIG CAT (6)

2nd race--

1. BRILLIANT CUT (2) 2. DOPPIO (4) 3. WHEATON HALL (6) 4. HEATSEEKER (3)

3rd race--

1. CANTBEATWHATUCANTC (6) 2. RIVER FOX (5) 3. BULLET TRAIN (1)

4th race--

1. SQUIRES WIGWAM (1) 2. PICK VIC (7) 3. CARMAN (4) 4. CLASSY ARRANGEMENT (2)

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

1. LADDIES POKER (10) 2. BERKELEY CASTLE (7) 3. LONELY HIGHWAY (3) 4. FOLIO (2)

In what looks like the best gambling race on the card, I will make a Win Bet on top choice LADDIES POKER (8-1) and play the exacta and trifecta by boxing my top four horses. 'POKER is a European import who ran fifth in a 28-horse field last time (restricted race worth more than \$2 million). He gets Lasix and might come out firing for Cerin. In the exacta/trifecta, use FOLIO (8-1), who is an English invader that worked well over the Cushion at HP and gets Gomez for his U.S. bow; LONELY HIGHWAY (7-2), who has been second in two straight and seems best of the locals; BERKELEY CASTLE (8-1), a Frankel-trained import that finished third in a 16-horse field at Newmarket last time and gets Lasix for his U.S. debut; and LADDIES POKER (8-1).

Exacta/Trifecta Box: 2-3-7-10

6th race--

1. QUIETLY GO (8) (P6 SINGLE) 2. CLAN CHIEF (6) 3. BUDDYANDROWDY (3)

7th race--

1. DANCING GENERAL (6) (P6 SINGLE) 2. WICKERSHAM (5) 3. DEL MAR TICKET (8) 4. FORTUNATE EVENT (1A)

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

1. ABALANCHE (5) (P6 SINGLE) 2. IDIOT PROOF (2) 3. TEXAS VOYAGER (7) 4. TRY TO FLY (1)

In a race loaded with early speed, I think ABALANCHE (5-2) should get the perfect set-up. The improving Becerra-trained runner turned in a fine runner-up try at this level last time and should come rolling through the lane after what figures to be a wicked early pace duel. I will play the trifecta keying ABALANCHE over TRY TO FLY (6-1), IDIOT PROOF (9-2) and TEXAS VOYAGER (3-1) for second, then use ALL for third. Also, play a second ticket using those three on top, with ABALANCHE for second, then ALL for third.

Trifecta numbers: 5/1,2,7/ALL=\$21 and 1,2,7/5/ALL=\$21

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

1. PAPA BRUSCHI (6) 2. GOTTA GETCHA (3) 3. BRAVE KAROL (10)

I will close out the card by playing the trifecta, keying my top three runners in the first and second spots, then using ALL for third. In post position order, use GOTTA GETCHA (8-5), who made the lead last time but tired in the lane going 6 1/2 furlongs. He shortens up a furlong and drops a peg to face open maiden claimers; PAPA BRUSCHI (7-2), who has trained swiftly over the track for O'Neill and figures live at first pop; and BRAVE KAROL (8-1), who drilled :46.2 here and is drawn well outside as he makes his debut for Silva.

Trifecta numbers: 3,6,10/3,6,10/ALL=\$48 plus, trifecta box 3-6-10

*****\$60 PICK 4 TICKET (races 6-9):**

6th race--QUIETLY GO

7th race--SILK KERCHIEF/FORTUNATE EVENT (entry), BURST OF LIGHT, WICKERSHAM, DANCING GENERAL, DEL MAR TICKET

8th race--TRY TO FLY, IDIOT PROOF, ABALANCHE, TEXAS VOYAGER

9th race--GOTTA GETCHA, PAPA BRUSCHI, BRAVE KAROL

Pick 4 numbers: 8/1,3,5,6,8/1,2,5,7/3,6,10=\$60

*****\$96 PICK 6 TICKET (races 4-9):**

4th race--SQUIRES WIGWAM, CLASSY ARRANGEMENT, CARMAN, PICK VIC

5th race--FOLIO, LONELY HIGHWAY, BERKELEY CASTLE, LADDIES POKER

6th race--QUIETLY GO

7th race--DANCING GENERAL

8th race--ABALANCHE

9th race--GOTTA GETCHA, PAPA BRUSCHI, BRAVE KAROL

Pick 6 numbers: 1,2,4,7/2,3,7,10/8/6/5/3,6,10=\$96

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