

BOB IKE'S HOLLYWOOD PARK SELECTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 19

SATURDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

Friday Results: Went 0-for-3 on my Best Plays.

Today's Best Plays: Races 4, 5, 8 and a \$72 Pick 4 ticket. I will also play a couple of small trifecta tickets in the Preakness Stakes.

1st race--

1. FIRE CRACKLE (5) 2. SPRIGGZEE (2) 3. LITTLE BERTRANDO (4)

2nd race--

1. BERKELEY CASTLE (3) 2. ISIPINGO (1) 3. ASCARI (6)

3rd race--

1. SELVATICA (5) 2. BABE HALL (2) 3. NOSSA CANCAO (3)

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

1. LORD ALBION (4) 2. SUNDAY TIMES (7) 3. BRIGHT PREDICTION (1)

Cheap claimers going 7 furlongs but this is a solid betting race. 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 BRIGHT PREDICTION (4-1), who comes off a distant third to similar across town but has trained well over Cushion Track and the Sherman barn has been red-hot this week; LORD ALBION (5-2), who is a 9-year-old professional that's won 13 of 31 starts, including a good comeback win at SA; and SUNDAY TIMES (6-1), who gets a huge trainer change and drops two levels, puts on blinkers and has trained well recently.

Trifecta numbers: 1,4,7/1,4,7/ALL=\$36 plus, trifecta box 1-4-7

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

1. RANGE ROOVER (13) 2. COMIC HERO (4) 3. FLIP THE PENNY (15) 4. NATIONHOOD (3)

I thought RANGE ROOVER (3-1) ran extremely well last time when finishing second to similar maiden claimers. The Sadler-trainee battled for the lead throughout but got run down by his stablemate near the wire. He should get a comfortable stalking trip from outside and be in the right spot turning for home. I will play the trifecta keying 'ROOVER over NATIONHOOD (7-2), COMIC HERO (6-1) and FLIP THE PENNY (4-1) for second, then use ALL for third. Also, play a second ticket using those three on top, with 'ROOVER for second, then ALL for third.

Trifecta numbers: 13/3,4,15/ALL=\$36 and 3,4,15/13/ALL=\$36

6th race--

1. HEATED REBEL (2) 2. OUTLAW JONES (6) 3. MEN ONLY (3)

7th race--

1. INGRID THE GAMBLER (3) 2. OUTRA RAFAELA (1) 3. SAUCEY OFFICER (2)

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

**1. SPOILS OF EXCESS (11) 2. MOONLIT HABIT (1) 3. WARRENSGILDEDTIME (10)
4. ONE ON THE HOUSE (5)**

Recent maiden winner SPOILS OF EXCESS (7-2) was impressive when graduating in his second start. The Spawr-trained gelding broke much better to show improved early speed, then drew off as the odds-on choice. Drawn well outside, he should get an ideal trip and looks tough to deny off his recent bullet move over the strip. Make a Win Bet on 'EXCESS and key him in the trifecta over MOONLIT HABIT (9-2), ONE ON THE HOUSE (3-1) and WARRENSGILDEDTIME (8-1) for second, then use ALL for third. Play a second ticket using those three on top, with 'EXCESS for second, then ALL for third.

Trifecta numbers: 11/1,5,10/ALL=\$24 and 1,5,10/11/ALL=\$24

9th race--

1. LADDIES POKER (4) 2. WORLDLY (2) 3. SILENT SOUL (6)

10th race--

1. TURKUS QUERCUS (10) 2. COURT OF QUEENS (7) 3. CLASSY DISH (12)

*****\$72 PICK 4 TICKET (races 7-10):**

7th race--OUTRA RAFAELA, SAUCEY OFFICER, INGRID THE GAMBLER

8th race--MOONLIT HABIT, ONE ON THE HOUSE, WARRENSGILDEDTIME, SPOILS OF EXCESS

9th race--WORLDLY, LADDIES POKER, SILENT SOUL

10th race--COURT OF QUEENS, TURKUS QUERCUS

Pick 4 numbers: 1,2,3/1,5,10,11/2,4,6/7,10=\$72

*****PREAKNESS STAKES*****

1. HARD SPUN (7) 2. CURLIN (4) 3. STREET SENSE (8)

I believe Derby winner STREET SENSE (7-5) is vulnerable in this spot for a couple of reasons: a) he appears to have lost all tactical speed; and b) he obviously loves Churchill Downs and might not be as effective elsewhere. I will try to beat him with Derby runners-up HARD SPUN (5-2) and CURLIN (7-2), who both ran well on Derby Day. HARD SPUN can rate right behind a couple of overmatched pacesetters and CURLIN figures to be much closer to the pace with a better trip. I will key these two on a pair of trifecta tickets and hope Street Sense doesn't fire his best shot.

Trifecta numbers: 4,7/4,7/ALL=\$14 and 4,7/ALL/4,7=\$14