

# BOB IKE'S HOLLYWOOD PARK SELECTIONS

## THURSDAY, MAY 3

### THURSDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

*Wednesday Results: Hit Best Play winner and Pick 4 "single" GIANT BASIL (\$9.60), which keyed 7th race trifecta for \$81. Once again, a heartbreaking loss in the Pick 4, finishing second with La Beau Em (which was paying \$3,330) in the finale in a race where I was spread out six-deep.*

**Today's Best Plays: Races 4, 7, 8 and a \$60 Pick 4 ticket.**

1st race--

1. YODELFEST (3) 2. THANKFULLY (4) 3. SIENA GOLD (5)

2nd race--

1. HASTY TEXAN (2) 2. TICKET BROKER (1) 3. DEEMEN'S HALO (6)

3rd race--

1. WINS THE PRIZE (11) 2. PIECES OF PARADISE (4) 3. WIDOWER CREED (12)

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

**1. REEL 'EM IN (11) 2. WINNIN N GRINNIN (4) 3. FIRE CRACKLE (1) 4. CORONADO'S WAY (9)**

With a full field of 12 going in here, I will play the exacta and trifecta by boxing my top four selections. In post position order, use FIRE CRACKLE (8-1), who wheels back quickly in 10 days off a good runner-up try in his return; WINNIN N GRINNIN (3-1), who drops again for Spawr after running a solid second across town; CORONADO'S WAY (10-1), who shortens up in distance and is lowered two levels off the O'Neill claim; and old pro REEL 'EM IN (5-2), who plummets to the bottom for Mullins but ran well over the Cushion Track during the fall.

**Exacta/Trifecta Box: 1-4-9-11**

5th race--

1. ILLUMINISE (6) 2. KELADORA (3) 3. ARM CANDY (1)

6th race--

1. LA SERENATA (6) 2. VICTORY'S REWARD (8) 3. CHEESE FACE (4) 4. PROMISE OF SPRING (5)

**\*\*\*7th race--**

**1. ALBERTUS MAXIMUS (1) 2. VAUQUELIN (5) 3. ABALANCHE (9) 4. AUGMENT (8)**

Top choice ALBERTUS MAXIMUS (7-2) comes off a sharp maiden win and has come back to train super over the track for Gary Mandella. The son of Albert the Great stalked a soft trip but came home fast when breaking his maiden and should get a good trip from the rail. Make a Win Bet on 'MAXIMUS and play the trifecta keying him over BUC THE SPARTAN (6-1), VAUQUELIN (3-1), AUGMENT (5-1) and ABALANCHE (9-2) for second, then use ALL for third. Also, play a second ticket using those four on top, with 'MAXIMUS for second, then ALL for third.

**Trifecta numbers: 1/2,5,8,9/ALL=\$28                      and                      2,5,8,9/1/ALL=\$28**

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

**1. MODEL (9) 2. HI BEAUTIFUL (4) 3. PINK POLKADOTS (8)**

I will close out the card by making a Win Bet on first-time starter MODEL (7-2) and play the trifecta keying around my top three choices. MODEL is a well-bred filly who debuts for Drysdale off a string of nice drills. She's drawn well outside and won't have to be a world beater to win at first pop. In the trifecta, use HI BEAUTIFUL (5-2), who has shown high speed before tiring in both starts but now switches to turf; PINK POLKADOTS (5-1), who has had rough trips and very wide trips in all of her starts; and MODEL (7-2).

**Trifecta numbers: 4,8,9/4,8,9/ALL=\$54                      plus, trifecta box 4-8-9**

**\*\*\*\$60 PICK 4 TICKET (races 5-8):**

5th race--ILLUMINISE

6th race--CHEESE FACE, PROMISE OF SPRING, LA SERENATA, VICTORY'S REWARD

7th race--ALBERTUS MAXIMUS, BUC THE SPARTAN, VAUQUELIN, AUGMENT,  
ABALANCHE

8th race--HI BEAUTIFUL, PINK POLKADOTS, MODEL

**Pick 4 numbers: 6/4,5,6,8/1,2,5,8,9/4,8,9=\$60**

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