

BOB IKE'S HOLLYWOOD PARK SELECTIONS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

WEDNESDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 PLAY

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

Today's Best Plays: Races 4, 5, 8 and a \$64 Pick 4 ticket.

1st race--

1. MY REDEEMER (1) 2. SANDITA (4) 3. WAYNE MANOR (2)

2nd race--

1. EVER SO NICE (5) 2. GHOSTLY GIRL (2) 3. LUPITA'SLUCKYANGEL (4)

3rd race--

1. PRIDE OF PEGASUS (1) 2. RIVOLTELLA (5) 3. POULE D'EAU

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

1. NOOTKA ISLAND (5) 2. MISS JOSIEY WALES (7) 3. MACADAMIA (1) 4. BRIGHT MOON (3)

In a fairly competitive optional claimer, I will try Florida invader NOOTKA ISLAND (8-1). Although it took her eight starts to break her maiden, she won her first start for new owner Bob Bone and is being fairly aggressively spotted for her SoCal debut. She's fresh and has trained steadily, so let's take a shot at a decent price with leading rider M.Baze aboard. Make a Win Bet on 'ISLANDa and key her in the trifecta over MACADAMIA (5-2), BRIGHT MOON (12-1) and MISS JOSIEY WALES (3-1) for second, then use ALL for third. Also, play a second ticket using those three on top, with 'ISLAND for second, then ALL for third.

Trifecta numbers: 5/1,3,7/ALL=\$18 and 1,3,7/5/ALL=\$18

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

1. MYSTERIOUS CAT (8) 2. BRIGHT PREDICTION (13) 3. BRIDGE TOO FAR (7) 4. CAPTAIN SACTO (9)

A full field of bottom-level claimers go postward. I will make a small Win Bet on my top choice and play the exacta/trifecta by boxing my top four runners. MYSTERIOUS CAT (7-2) is a 9-year-old full horse that hits very hard at this level and gets a big trainer upgrade to Mullins after his last disappointing try. He has shown ability on the Cushion Track and beats these off his best effort. In the exacta/tri, use BRIDGE TOO FAR (8-1), who drops back to his claim level after disappointing last time out; MYSTERIOUS CAT (7-2); CAPTAIN SACTO (9-2), who drops out of restricted races but won his only start at this 7 furlong distance; and BRIGHT PREDICTION (3-1), who flees the rail and figures for at least a share under Talamo.

Exacta/Trifecta Box: 7-8-9-13

6th race--

1. CANDY JO (4) 2. BATALLOSA (3) 3. POLITICAL WEB (9) 4. PRECIOUSNESS (10)

7th race--

1. RING OF FRIENDSHIP (3) 2. ISIPINGO (6) 3. SLEEPLESS JOY (8)

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

1. CRAFTY RULER (4) 2. TRANSVAAL SCOTTISH (5) 3. DUSTY TRAIL (10) 4. NEWTON'S MEMORY (2)

I will close out the card with a four-horse exacta and trifecta box. In post position order, use NEWTON'S MEMORY (20-1), who has trained in slow fashion but hails from the cagey Sal Gonzalez barn, who has been known to pop at big prices; CRAFTY RULER (5-2), who disappointed at 3/5 odds first time out but figures to go much better in here; TRANSVAAL SCOTTISH (4-1), who drops out of the straight maiden ranks and adds blinkers; and DUSTY TRAIL (5-1), who ran a decent third in his debut after breaking very slowly.

Exacta/Trifecta Box: 2-4-5-10

*****\$64 PICK 4 TICKET (races 5-8):**

5th race--BRIDGE TOO FAR, MYSTERIOUS CAT, CAPTAIN SACTO, BRIGHT PREDICTION (Alternate: FORGIVABLE BOB)

6th race--BATALLOSA, CANDY JO, POLITICAL WEB, PRECIOUSNESS (Alternate: PINDARIC)

7th race--RING OF FRIENDSHIP

8th race--NEWTON'S MEMORY, CRAFTY RULER, TRANSVAAL SCOTTISH, DUSTY TRAIL (Alternate: TEMUL)

Pick 4 numbers: 7,8,9,13/3,4,9,10/3/2,4,5,10=\$64

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