BOB IKE'S DEL MAR SELECTIONS FRIDAY, JUNE 20

FRIDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

Thursday Results: Hit 2 top choice winners; and 5th race trifecta for \$73 on a \$28 investment (after scratch).

Today's Best Plays: Races 4, 6, 8 and a \$64 Pick 4 ticket.

NOTE: It's a whole new world at Del Mar with the advent of Polytrack. I will try to concentrate on turf racing early in the meet while attempting to get a feel for the new track.

1st race--

1. BOND (4) 2. WILD AND READY (1) 3. TRACTON'S GOLDEN (2)

2nd race--

1. APPLAUD DUBAI (7) 2. NO MEANS MAYBE (6) 3. HADAVISION (1) 4. R CHARLIE'S ANGEL (2)

3rd race--

1. FOREST MISS (8) 2. AWESOME BROAD (1) 3. INCREDIBLE (3)

***4th race--

1. BRAVE SUN (7) 2. SOUND BARRIER (2) 3. KNIGHTHOOD (4)

In an evenly matched field of optional claimers, I like the chances of NoCal shipper BRAVE SUN (5-1). Although he ran poorly in a stakes on May 19, the Hollendorfer-trainee has won four lifetime races, which gives him a big edge over these maiden-only winners. He's shown the ability to handle turf and is worth a Win Bet at the price. Also, play the trifecta keying 'SUN with main threat SOUND BARRIER (3-1), who charged from last to break his maiden last time and was flattered when the runner-up came back to win.

Trifecta numbers: 2,7/2,7/ALL=\$12 and 2,7/ALL/2,7=\$12

5th race--

1. RUN FOR DESSERT (7) 2. SIZZLING SARAH (2) 3. SUNDAY DRESS (3) 4. SUGAR DOLL (6)

***6th race--

1. TIMIAS (3) 2. TRUE DANCER (1) 3. DESIGNED FOR LUCK (2) 4. NEW EXPORT (8)

In a good turf event, I will key my day around TIMIAS (5-1). The Cecil-trained horse shows a history of firing fresh and looks set to run another good one after about two months off. He should tuck into a good spot and be in the right place turning for home, and he ran well over this

course last summer. Make a Win Bet on TIMIAS and key him in the trifecta over TRUE DANCER (4-1), DESIGNED FOR LUCK (7-2) and NEW EXPORT (3-1) for second, then use ALL for third. Play a second ticket using those three on top, with TIMIAS for second, then ALL for third.

Trifecta numbers: 3/1,2,8/ALL=\$21 and 1,2,8/3/ALL=\$21

7th race--

1. ONE HOT WISH (2B) 2. TREADMILL (9) 3. EXPECT VALKYR (1) 4. I DIG HER (10)

***8th race--

1. FUNKY CHANTEAL (1) 2. PUNCHETTE (7) 3. REEL EVENT (11) 4. TOOTALLNOCALL (4)

I will close out the card by boxing my top four runners in the exacta and trifecta. In post position order, use FUNKY CHANTEAL (7-2), who ran well in her debut despite breaking slowly and lugging in through the lane; TOOTALLNOCALL (10-1), who has trained in good style for her debut and might be live at a price; PUNCHETTE (12-1), who chased early before backing up but had to need her last start and takes a steep class drop; and REEL EVENT (5-1), who regressed on the raise but showed ability at this level when debuting one back.

Exacta/Trifecta Box: 1-4-7-11

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

5th race--SIZZLING SARAH, SUNDAY DRESS, SUGAR DOLL, RUN FOR DESSERT

(Alternate: CALLMELUCKYLUCY)

6th race--TIMIAS

7th race--EXPECT VALKYR/DEBATING SOCIETY (entry), BILLIE BOB/ONE HOT WISH

(entry), TREADMILL, I DIG HER (Alternate: LIVIA LA VIDA LOCA)

8th race--FUNKY CHANTEAL, TOOTALLNOCALL, PUNCHETTE, REEL EVENT

(Alternate: IRISH EXPRESS)

Pick 4 numbers: 2,3,6,7/3/1,2,9,10/1,4,7,11=\$64

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