

BOB IKE'S DEL MAR SELECTIONS

FRIDAY, JULY 27

FRIDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

Thursday Results: Hit 2 top choice winners and small trifecta in 2nd race.

Today's Best Plays: Races 3, 5, 6 and a \$72 Pick 4 ticket.

1st race--

1. BLACK MALLOU (2) 2. GOTHAM DEVIL (6) 3. THUNDERING JUSTICE (1)

2nd race--

1. SLAM MY HEART (3) 2. MEAUX POWER (5) 3. STELLA MARK (6) 4. DAYTONA (4)

*****3rd race--**

1. THE WHITE LADY (10) 2. DISTORTED VIEW (7) 3. FOREVER IRISH (4) 4. DEL MAR DORRIS (3)

Dropping two levels off the Conlon claim, THE WHITE LADY (7-2) may have found the right spot. She got fried on the front end last time but lands a softer spot and is drawn favorably outside the other speed horses. This owner-trainer combination has done very well this year (especially when the money shows on the tote board), so let's ride the bandwagon. Make a **Win Bet on 'LADY** and key her in the trifecta over six horses in the second and third spots: EXCESSIVE MOVES (12-1), DEL MAR DORRIS (6-1), FOREVER IRISH (12-1), ISLAND LIGHTNING (8-1), NOTTINGHAM FOREST (5-1) and DISTORTED VIEW (3-1). Also, play a second ticket using those six in the first and third spots, with 'LADY in the middle.

Trifecta numbers: 10/1,3,4,5,6,7/1,3,4,5,6,7=\$30 and 1,3,4,5,6,7/10/1,3,4,5,6,7=\$30

4th race--

1. SURE SPEED (5) 2. LT. LORRAINE (7) 3. LADY TRUFFLES (6)

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

1. COMMISSIONER GORDON (6) 2. PARADISE PETE (5) 3. YOUNG THOMAS (1)

In the first leg of the Pick 4, I will make a **Win Bet on top choice COMMISSIONER GORDON (7-2)** and play the trifecta keying around my top three selections. 'GORDON was an impressive debut winner for Mullins, drawing away after closing from far back. That style has worked just fine over the Polytrack, and most horses from this barn improve second time out. In the trifecta, use YOUNG THOMAS (8-1), who overcame a terrible start to get up and win anyway when debuting last month at HP; PARADISE PETE (4-1), who showed dramatic improvement in his second start to graduate in smart style and should fit well with these; and COMMISSIONER GORDON (7-2).

Trifecta numbers: 1,5,6/1,5,6/ALL=\$42 plus, trifecta box 1-5-6

*****6th race--**

1. BARTOK'S BLING (2) 2. WORTHY CAUSE (7) 3. DARKNESS NIGHT (3)

In what looks like a fairly wide-open restricted claiming race, I will take a shot with BARTOK'S BLING (20-1). It took her a long time to break her maiden (May 27) before being sent long and then facing stronger starter allowance runners last time. She drops into a softer spot, gets pace to run at and seems like a huge price on the morning line. Make a **Win/Place Bet on 'BLING** and key her with logical horses DARKNESS NIGHT (5-2) and WORTHY CAUSE (3-1) on three trifecta tickets.

Trifecta numbers: 2/3,7/ALL=\$16 and 2/ALL/3,7=\$16 and 3,7/2/ALL=\$16

7th race--

1. BECRUX (7) 2. QUASIMODO (1) 3. ZANN (6) 4. QUEST VENTURE (5)

8th race--

1. ONE SOCK WONDER (5) 2. BERTRAND AT MR A'S (10) 3. UNBRIDLED HARMONY (11)

*****\$72 PICK 4 TICKET (races 5-8):**

5th race--YOUNG THOMAS, PARADISE PETE, COMMISSIONER GORDON (Alternate: RIVERGRADE BOY)

6th race--BARTOK'S BLING, DARKNESS NIGHT, WORTHY CAUSE (Alternate: MADRE MAY)

7th race--QUADIMODO/PORTO SANTO (entry), QUEST VENTURE, ZANN, BECRUX (Alternate: LANG FIELD)

8th race--ONE SOCK WONDER, BERTRAND AT MR A'S (Alternate: UNBRIDLED HARMONY)

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

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