

BOB IKE'S DEL MAR SELECTIONS

MONDAY, JULY 23

MONDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

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

Today's Best Plays: Races 2, 5, 7 and a \$60 Pick 4 ticket. Also, with the Pick Six carryover of more than \$206,000, I will give out two P6 "singles".

1st race--

1. MINI TALES (2) 2. SAVANNAH PEACH (6) 3. WARREN'S SQUEEZE (4)

*****2nd race--**

1. SUISSE MOVEMENT (4) 2. FIESTY ROSE (2) 3. GOLD DATNOID (1)

Although only six go postward, I will give gamble on SUISSE MOVEMENT (5-1), who is one of the longer prices in the race. 'MOVEMENT faced older starter allowance runners last time and turned in an even effort in a race that produced two next-out winners. Dropping back in with 3-year-olds and running over a track that has strongly promoted late-runners in route races, this could be a good spot to score a minor surprise. **Make a Win Bet on 'MOVEMENT and punch the Daily Double to SPRING AWAKENING**, my top pick in the next race.

Daily Double number: 4/8

3rd race--

1. SPRING AWAKENING (8) (P6 SINGLE) 2. ELECTRIC DAZE (3) 3. BARBARA'S LOVE (2)

4th race--

1. BLACK HILLS GOLDIE (6) 2. CHARM N BROAD (4) 3. HELLO BOLLY (8)

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

1. STEAMY STORY (6) 2. MYSTERY HUNTER (4) 3. SUR CHI CHI (1) 4. SIERRA GOLD (11)

In the first leg of the Pick 4, I will play small trifectas keying around race favorite STEAMY STORY (2-1). The C.Lewis-trained gelding drops back into the claiming ranks after trying straight maidens in his last four starts. He has tactical speed and switches back to Nakatani, who rode him in his first four starts. I will play trifectas keying 'STORY in all three spots with: SUR CHI CHI (8-1), MYSTERY HUNTER (3-1), DORITA'S DREAM (10-1) and SIERRA GOLD (6-1).

Trifecta numbers: 6/1,4,8,11/1,4,8,11=\$12; 1,4,8,11/6/1,4,8,11=\$12; 1,4,8,11/1,4,8,11/6=\$12

6th race--

1. JACK THE DUFFER (2) 2. GUITAR MAN (5) 3. LAS VEGAS LUCKY (3) 4. BABY I'M LONELY (7)

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

1. OPTIMER (3) (P6 SINGLE) 2. BRONZINO (2) 3. SOAR WITH EAGLES (9) 4. KARN (8)

With a full field going on turf, this is one of the better gambling races on the card. I like the chances of OPTIMER (7-2), who has been beaten a head in his last two starts. The Dutrow-trainee fired both times over the HP course but couldn't quite get there. If he repeats that form down here, he is strictly the one to beat. I will make a Win Bet at 3-1 or better, and play a pair of trifecta tickets keying OPTIMER with BRONZINO (12-1), KARN (4-1) and SOAR WITH EAGLES (6-1).

Trifecta numbers: 3/2,8,9/ALL=\$24 and 2,8,9/3/ALL=\$24

8th race--

1. RECKONING DAY (9) 2. LIKE JOSIE WELLS (8) 3. LARUE (2)

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

5th race--SUR CHI CHI, MYSTERY HUNTER, STEAMY STORY, DORITA'S DREAM, SIERRA GOLD (Alternate: CLEVER CONTRACT)

6th race--JACK THE DUFFER, LAS VEGAS LUCKY, GUITAR MAN, BABY I'M LONELY (Alternate: None)

7th race--OPTIMER

8th race--LARUE, LIKE JOSIE WELLS, RECKONING DAY (Alternate: C R DEELITES)

Pick 4 numbers: 1,4,6,8,11/2,3,5,7/3/2,8,9=\$60

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