

BOB IKE'S DEL MAR SELECTIONS

THURSDAY, JULY 19

THURSDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

Wednesday Results: Hit 9th race trifecta for \$101 on a \$42 total investment (after scratch).

Today's Best Plays: Races 5, 6, 7 and a \$36 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 main track.

1st race--

1. ZEE TOPPER (7) 2. CURRY WRAY (3) 3. NEON PRINCESS (1)

2nd race--

1. JAMES THE THIRD (4) 2. BLAKE'S PASSION (6) 3. MIDNIGHTER (3)

3rd race--

1. TUMBAGA (5) 2. HIT IT SKIP (8) 3. FLY FORREST FLY (2)

4th race--

1. CUPID'S KITTY (7) 2. QUEEN HOLLY (5) 3. HI LILY HI LO (6)

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

1. FREELOVIN FRAN (4) 2. SWISS BLEND (3) 3. TROJAN VICTORY (8)

I will make small plays on today's modest card. A full field of sophomore fillies go in here and I will make a Win Bet on top choice FREELOVIN FRAN (6-1) and key her on a pair of trifecta tickets. 'FRAN finished third going long on turf last time and now ships south off the Monteleone claim (22% first off the claim). She won sprinting one back and should get a good trip behind the speed. In the tri, key 'FRAN with dropping favorite SWISS BLEND (3-1) and TROJAN VICTORY (8-1).

Trifecta numbers: 4/3,8/ALL=\$16 and 3,8/4/ALL=\$16

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

1. SPOILS OF EXCESS (4) 2. SNOW FIGHTER (1) 3. BALLISTIC HEAT (3)

In the only turf race of the day, I will make a Win Bet on top choice SPOILS OF EXCESS (5-1) and play the trifecta keying my top two selections. 'EXCESS disappointed on May 19 but he's been freshened up and working well for this. His first two races very good and he's bred to like the lawn. In the trifecta, also use SNOW FIGHTER (7-2), who was a fast maiden winner and should be very dangerous from his inside post.

Trifecta numbers: 1,4/1,4/ALL=\$12 and 1,4/ALL/1,4=\$12

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

1. RAILROAD (6) 2. MR. KATZ (9) 3. AMAZIN BLUE (7)

Professional racehorse RAILROAD (3-1) goes back to the main track after facing some of the top turf horses around. Dropping into an allowance spot for high percentage Koriner, look for RAILROAD to be tough to deny in this spots. Make a Win Bet and key him in the trifecta with 8-1 shots AMAZIN BLUE (8-1) and MR. KATZ (8-1).

Trifecta numbers: 6/7,9/ALL=\$14 and 7,9/6/ALL=\$14

8th race--

1. TRANSVAAL SCOTTISH (1) 2. MIX (10) 3. SWISS E (3)

*****\$36 PICK 4 TICKET (races 5-8):**

5th race--SWISS BLEND, FREELOVIN FRAN, TROJAN VICTORY (Alternate: TORRIKINS)

6th race--SNOW FIGHTER, SPOILS OF EXCESS (Alternate: BALLISTIC HEAT)

7th race--RAILROAD, AMAZIN BLUE, MR. KATZ (Alternate: TO SENDER)

8th race--TRANSVAAL SCOTTISH, MIX (Alternate: SWISS E)

Pick 4 numbers: 3,4,8/1,4/6,7,9/1,10=\$36

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