

# BOB IKE'S DEL MAR SELECTIONS

## OPENING DAY AT DEL MAR

### 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, 6, 9 and a \$72 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. KARAZI (8) 2. TEN A PENNY (7) 3. MEN'S MAGAZINE (5) 4. UNUSUAL SUSPECT

2nd race--

1. BLAZEITGIRL (4) 2. PEACE BY PEACE (1) 3. FREEDOM SUMMIT (2)

3rd race--

1. COAST GUARD (5) 2. GOOD MAN DAN (3) 3. CORONAS AT DEL MAR (2)

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

**1. TYCOON DOBY (1) 2. LAW BREAKER (3) 3. SPARKLING NOTION (7)**

In the second division of the Oceanside Stakes (three-way split this year), I will play the trifecta keying in on my top three choices. In post position order, use TYCOON DOBY (3-1), who comes off a good third in the Cinema after opening a big early lead. He is much more effective with a target to run at; LAW BREAKER (5-1), a comebacker from the Baffert barn that showed good ability earlier. He is very tough to get by on the front end; and SPARKLING NOTION, who is a Florida invader that has strung together a number of good races and might fit well.

**Trifecta numbers: 1,3,7/1,3,7/ALL=\$48                      plus, trifecta box 1-3-7**

5th race--

1. COOL HAND LUCCA (3) 2. SUFFOLK PUNCH (7) 3. JUDGE GALLIVAN (12)

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

**1. PEACE PLEDGE (7) 2. YOUR QUOTE (6) 3. MATTY G WHIZ (4) 4. NAUGHTYLILHOTTIE (3)**

Although I will try to focus on turf racing early in the meet when possible, I think PEACE PLEDGE (8-1) looks too good to pass up. The Kentucky invader has won over Keeneland's Polytrack surface and run well over that surface at Turfway. If she transfers that form to Del Mar, look out. Make a **Win Bet on 'PLEDGE** and key her in the trifecta with four horses:

NAUGHTYLILHOTTIE (9-2), MATTY G WHIZ (4-1), YOUR QUOTE (6-1) and WILD Sissy (3-1). Also, play **Daily Doubles from 'PLEDGE** to my top two picks in the next race.

**Trifecta numbers: 7/3,4,6,9/3,4,6,9=\$12 and 3,4,6,9/7/3,4,6,9=\$12**

**Daily Doubles: 7/2,5**

7th race--

1. MAYOR BOZARTH (5) 2. VAUQUELIN (2) 3. CEE'S FOR CLEVER (7)

8th race--

1. SIX PACK ABS (9) 2. ICANMAKEITRAIN (5) 3. MELLOW CAMMIE (6) 4. SABIO (1)

**\*\*\*9th race--**

**1. TEMPERANCE (7) 2. GALILEO'S STAR (2) 3. IMAGINE (3) 4. ROYAL PRANA (10)**

In a very competitive finale, I will go with TEMPERANCE (9-2), who closed out last year's Del Mar season by winning the last race of the meet. The Vienna-trained comebacker has been away since October but she obviously likes the course and is capable of firing fresh. Make a **Win Bet on TEMPERANCE** and key her on a pair of trifecta with GALILEO'S STAR (5-1), IMAGINE (2-1) and ROYAL PRANA (6-1).

**Trifecta numbers: 7/2,3,10/ALL=\$24 and 2,3,10/7/ALL=\$24**

**\*\*\*\$72 PICK 4 TICKET (races 6-9):**

6th race--PEACE PLEDGE

7th race--VAUQUELIN, MAYOR BOZARTH (Alternate: CEE'S FOR CLEVER)

8th race--ALL

9th race--GALILEO'S STAR, IMAGINE, TEMPERANCE, ROYAL PRANA (Alternate: MISS JOSIE WALES)

**Pick 4 numbers: 7/2,5/ALL/2,3,7,10=\$72**

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