

BOB IKE'S DEL MAR SELECTIONS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

WEDNESDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 PLAY

Monday Results: Hit 2 top choice winners but went 0-for-3 on my Best Plays.

Today's Best Plays: Races 6, 7, 8 and a \$96 Pick 4 ticket.

1st race--

1. ISIPINGO (6) 2. GENERAL SHERMAN (4) 3. REPUBLICAN HAWK (2) 4. MINISTER BLAIR (5)

2nd race--

1. PUBLICATION (4) 2. SPOT THE DIPLOMAT (5) 3. EXCEEDING (3)

3rd race--

1. MI ARCOBALENO (7) 2. WHY YOU ASK (6) 3. FORTUNATE VICTORY (1)

4th race--

1. KAPALUA BAY (2) 2. BUCK TUDDY BUCK (6) 3. TEN DOWNING STREET (1)

5th race--

1. SWISS MARCI (8) 2. SPONTANEOUS ANA (6) 3. LADY FLASHEART (4)

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

1. MELO JAZZ (4) 2. BARCLAY DRIVE (7) 3. ALPHA LUCKY (3) 4. HEADCOACH (1)

In a very wide-open starter allowance contest, I will take a shot with price horse MELO JAZZ (15-1). The Herrick-trained gelding turned in a solid effort off the bench when prepping in a sprint and now should be ready to stretch out and show his best. He ran well over the "dirt" track here last year and his late-running style has been dominant in Polytrack route races. **Make a Win/Place Bet on 'JAZZ** and play the exacta/trifecta by boxing my top four runners. In post position order, use HEADCOACH (8-1), who gets back on the main track after a poor try on turf; ALPHA LUCKY (7-2), who ran well over the Polytrack at Arlington and ships into the hot Miller barn; MELO JAZZ (15-1); and BARCLAY DRIVE (5-1), who probably was too close to the pace last time but won nicely when allowed to lag and finish in his previous.

Exacta/Trifecta Box: 1-3-4-7

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

1. GEORGIE BOY (8) 2. RUN BROTHER RON (1A) 3. SUIT YOURSELF (9)

In this Cal-bred stakes I will go with talented maiden GEORGIE BOY (8-1). He added blinkers last time and showed much improved early zip from the rail before settling for second. He now moves outside and should fall into a good stalking trip. **Make a Win Bet on 'BOY** and key him on three trifecta tickets with speedy RUN BROTHER RON (5-2) and SUIT YOURSELF (5-1), who has trained very well since his maiden victory.

Trifecta numbers: 8/1,9/ALL=\$16 and 8/ALL/1,9=\$16 and 1,9/8/ALL=\$16

*****8th race--**

**1. AMERICA'S FRIEND (6) 2. WARREN'S MYSTERY (10) 3. TOOTALLNOCALL (5)
4. JUNE MY LOVE (11)**

Dropping out of an open straight maiden heat into a Cal-bred MC\$40,000, AMERICA'S FRIEND (4-1) should be double tough for the hot Abrams barn. 'FRIEND has tactical speed and should fit this level much more to her liking. **Make a Win Bet on 'FRIEND** and key her in the trifecta with TOOTALLNOCALL (10-1), who acted up before the start and was claimed out of the race by Mitchell; WARREN'S MYSTERY (12-1) and JUNE MY LOVE (10-1), who both exit the same live straight maiden heat back in February and both have trained well for their return. I will also play an extra ticket that boxes my top four in the exacta/trifecta.

Trifecta numbers: 6/5,10,11/ALL=\$27 and 5,10,11/6/ALL=\$27

Exacta/Trifecta Box: 5-6-10-11

*****\$96 PICK 4 TICKET (races 5-8):**

5th race--SPONTANEOUS ANA, SWISS MARCI (Alternate: LADY FLASHEART)

6th race--HEADCOACH, ALPHA LUCKY, MELO JAZZ, BARCLAY DRIVE (Alternate: LENDELL)

7th race--DEPUTY BERTRANDO/RUN BROTHER RON (entry), GEORGIE BOY, SUIT YOURSELF (Alternate: NENE)

8th race--TOOTALLNOCALL, AMERICA'S FRIEND, WARREN'S MYSTERY, JUNE MY LOVE (Alternate: JUSTICE IS BRIEF)

Pick 4 numbers: 6,8/1,3,4,7/1,8,9/5,6,10,11=\$96

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