

BOB IKE'S HOLLYWOOD PARK SELECTIONS

4TH OF JULY

WEDNESDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 PLAY

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

Today's Best Plays: Races 5, 7, 8 and a \$48 Pick 4 ticket.

1st race--

1. FORESTRY'S FIRE (4) 2. SIX AGAIN (5) 3. MADE THE FINALS (1) 4. WESTERN COMMENT (6)

2nd race--

1. IRONSTAR (3) 2. I BEAT THE FIRE (4) 3. THUNDERING RHYTHM (6)

3rd race--

1. CARSON'S COPPER (8) 2. CRAFTY RULER (4) 3. NEWTON'S MEMORY (5)

4th race--

1. NOOTKA ISLAND (2) 2. FOLLOW THE CLUES (5) 3. LE CIRQUE (3)

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

1. ALMOST A TEN (4) 2. AFTER CURFEW (3) 3. THESSALONIKI (1) 4. TUFF N LUCKY (8)

ALMOST A TEN (2-1) showed very good improvement in her second start, leading every step of the way until the last one. She seems like the best of the speed element and should only be helped by shortening up to 5 1/2 furlongs. I will play the trifecta keying 'TEN over THESSALONIKI (5-1), AFTER CURFEW (5-2) and TUFF N LUCKY (8-1) for second, then use ALL for third. Also, play a second ticket using those three on top, with 'TEN for second, then ALL for third.

Trifecta numbers: 4/1,3,8/ALL=\$24 and 1,3,8/4/ALL=\$24

6th race--

1. CROSSING THE LINE (4) 2. NEW EXPORT (5) 3. SOUL CITY SLEW (3)

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

1. LEONIDES (6) 2. BOOTED (4) 3. SALUTE THE SARGE (2)

With a full field signed up for this year's Hollywood Juvenile Championship, I will make a Win Bet on impressive maiden winner LEONIDES (7-2) and play the trifecta keying around my top three choices. The Cerin-trained colt isn't real quick early but powered home to graduate in very smart fashion. The extra half-furlong should only help. Make a Win Bet on LEONIDES and play

the trifecta using SALUTE THE SARGE (5-1), who won nicely from off the pace first time out; BOOTED (5-2), who got beat a head in his debut but has come back to train super and might be the real deal for Mandella; and LEONIDES (7-2).

Trifecta numbers: 2,4,6/2,4,6/ALL=\$60 plus, trifecta box 2-4-6

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

1. FLOWER FUSION (7) 2. EBONESS (9) 3. EXCESSIVE MOVES (6) 4. SALLY SAYS SO (1)

In the finale, I will play the trifecta keying around class dropper FLOWER FUSION (2-1). The Sadler-trainee stumbled at the start and didn't show her usual speed last time but drops way down to the MC\$25,000 level and should be tough to deny in this context. I will play the trifecta keying 'FUSION over first-time starter SALLY SAYS SO (8-1), dropper EXCESSIVE MOVES (4-1) and comebacker EBONESS (5-2) for second, then use ALL for third. Also, play a second ticket using those three on top, with 'FUSION for second, then ALL for third.

Trifecta numbers: 7/1,6,9/ALL=\$24 and 1,6,9/7/ALL=\$24

*****\$48 PICK 4 TICKET (races 5-8):**

5th race--THESSALONIKI, AFTER CURFEW, ALMOST A TEN, TUFF N LUCKY

(Alternate: FUNKY CHANTEAL)

6th race--CROSSING THE LINE

7th race--SALUTE THE SARGE, BOOTED, LEONIDES (Alternate: OVEREXTENDED)

8th race--SALLY SAYS SO, EXCESSIVE MOVES, FLOWER FUSION, EBONESS

(Alternate: FIT FOR GOLD)

Pick 4 numbers: 1,3,4,8/4/2,4,6/1,6,7,9=\$48

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