

BOB IKE'S DEL MAR SELECTIONS

FRIDAY, AUG. 17

FRIDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

Thursday Results: Hit 2 top choice winners; and small trifectas in 4th (\$54) and 6th race (\$47) races.

Today's Best Plays: Races 4, 5, 6 and a \$32 Pick 4 ticket. Also, with the Pick Six carryover of more than \$138,000, I will give out two P6 "singles".

NOTE: Post time moves to 3:30 p.m. for the remaining three Fridays.

1st race--

1. INFORMED (2) 2. BERKELEY CASTLE (5) 3. SENIOR (3)

2nd race--

1. DOUBLE TROUBLE (2) 2. SWEET BELLE (1) 3. CLINET (5)

3rd race--

1. BEAR CREEK (8) 2. COMMISSIONER GORDON (7) 3. POLISH PETE (3)

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

**1. CORONAS AT DELMAR (5) 2. MR. EXCESSIVE (9) 3. ABSOLUTE COURAGE (2)
4. TRANSVAAL SCOTTISH (4)**

In a very competitive juvenile maiden claimer, I will give the edge to Mullins-trained dropper CORONAS AT DELMAR (3-1). The 2-year-old colt chased better last time and moves off the rail for this. The third-place finisher has already come out of the race to win, so look for 'DELMAR to be very competitive at this level. I will play the trifecta keying 'DELMAR over six horses in the second and third spots: GOLDEN GORILLA (12-1), ABSOLUTE COURAGE (6-1), TRANSVAAL SCOTTISH (5-1), GRILLN N CHILLN (8-1), MR. EXCESSIVE (6-1) and BIG HIT (8-1). Also, play a second ticket using those six in first and third spots, with 'DELMAR for second.

Trifecta numbers: 5/1,2,4,6,9,10/1,2,4,6,9,10=\$30 and 1,2,4,6,9,10/5/1,2,4,6,9,10=\$30

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

1. PLAN FOR FUN (10) 2. EASY MILLION (5) 3. SKIPASLEW (1) 4. OCEAN MELODY (6)

In the first leg of the Pick 4, I will make a **Win Bet on top choice PLAN FOR FUN (6-1)** and play the exacta/trifecta by boxing my top four selections. 'FUN was fanned wide last time before finishing only two lengths behind the winner and gets a huge connection upgrade for this. In the exotics, use SKIPASLEW (5-1), who was re-claimed by Carava last time and drops back down

two levels; EASY MILLION (3-1), lowered two levels off the Hess claim; OCEAN MELODY (15-1), who might fit well in this context at a big price; and PLAN FOR FUN (6-1).

Exacta/Trifecta Box: 1-5-6-10

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

1. CHARM N BROAD (8) 2. TIZ A BLEND (4) 3. SPORTS EDITION (7)

With the likely scratch of High Cholesterol, I think this becomes a two-horse race between CHARM N BROAD (4-1) and TIZ A BLEND (3-1). I will give the edge and make a **Win Bet on 'BROAD**, who ran very well in defeat last time and will be tough to deny if she can transfer that form to Polytrack. If she can relax in the early going, she should fall into a great spot and be in the right spot turning for home. Main threat 'BLEND comes off a runner-up try over the strip and has been very consistent except for a poor effort one start back. Key these two on a pair of trifecta tickets.

Trifecta numbers: 4,8/4,8/ALL=\$14 and 4,8/ALL/4,8=\$14

7th race--

1. RIVER'S PRAYER (6) (P6 SINGLE) 2. PUSSYCAT DOLL (5) 3. STRONG FAITH (7)

8th race--

1. LIVE FREE (5) (P6 SINGLE) 2. FALLEN LEAF (8) 3. BERTRAND AT MR A'S (9) 4. DECA (7)

*****\$32 PICK 4 TICKET (races 5-8):**

5th race--SKIPASLEW, EASY MILLION, OCEAN MELODY, PLAN FOR FUN (Alternate: EL PERFECTO)

6th race--TIZ A BLEND, CHARM N BROAD (Alternate: SPORTS EDITION)

7th race--RIVER'S PRAYER

8th race--LIVE FREE, DECA, FALLEN LEAF, BERTRAND AT MR A'S (Alternate: CATCH THAT THIEF)

Pick 4 numbers: 1,5,6,10/4,8/6/5,7,8,9=\$32

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