BOB IKE'S DEL MAR SELECTIONS MONDAY, JULY 30

MONDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

Sunday Results: Hit 2 top choice winners, including Best Play winner LOGAN AVENUE LINDA (\$7.20-bet down from 6-1 ML); and 8th race exacta for \$56 on a four-horse box.

Today's Best Plays: Races 5, 6, 7 and a \$72 Pick 4 ticket. Also, with a Pick Six carryover of more than \$212,000, I will give out two suggested P6 "singles".

1st race--

1. HIGH SPEED GOLDIE (6) 2. VATCHESVENDETTA (7) 3. DEVINE BY DESIGN (1)

2nd race--

1. YODELFEST (2) 2. CATINTHEPINKHAT (6) 3. HAPPYTODANCWITHYOU (4) 4. MANGYAN MODEL (1A)

3rd race--

1. EXQUISITE BEAUTY (3) (P6 SINGLE) 2. EDEN SIMONE (6) 3. RUN KITTY RUN (7)

4th race--

1. VICE ADMIRAL (2) 2. BRIAN THE BOLD (3) 3. SIBERZAR (6) 4. SIR BELL (7)

***5th race--

1. CELTIC GOLD (5) 2. HELMSGOLD (6) 3. LIL NUGGET (11)

With a full field of bottom level Cal-bred claimers going here, I will play the trifecta keying my top three choices in the first and second spots, then using ALL for third. In post position order, use CELTIC GOLD (5-2), who won two straight at HP and looks like the obvious horse to beat. However, the Ellis barn has cooled off here at Del Mar and the mare shows no works over Polytrack; HELMSGOLD (4-1), who has been sidelined since being claimed by Monteleone for \$25,000 back in October. The barn is super first off the claim and uses "go to" rider Espinoza; and LIL NUGGET (6-1), who disappointed in her most recent but was claimed by Mullins and drilled a bullet :46.3 over this strip.

Trifecta numbers: 5,6,11/5,6,11/ALL=\$60 plus, trifecta box 5-6-11

***6th race--

1. WATCH OVER ME (5) **2.** NERINX (7) **3.** YES HE'S A PISTOL (9) **4.** BROOKER (6) In another very competitive heat, I will key around my top two selections. Slight preference to WATCH OVER ME (5-1), who comes off a game win for \$32,000 and now steps up two levels

off the Mullins claim. He should be tough right back. NERINX (8-1) comes off a runner-up try to a sharp horse and was tagged by Spawr, who steps him up a notch. He has run well over synthetic surfaces in the past. I will make **Win Bets on both 'ME and NERINX**, and key these two on a pair of trifecta tickets.

Triefcta numbers: 5,7/5,7/ALL=\$16 and 5,7/ALL/5,7=\$16

***7th race--

1. BALLISTIC HEAT (6) (P6 SINGLE) 2. ONLY IN RENO (3) 3. STORMS OF LIFE (4) 4. MONTEREY JAZZ (7)

In a field limited to seven because the rails are out on turf (still trying to figure out why a racetrack would card races it knew were limited to seven starters), I will play small exactas and trifectas keying around favorite BALLISTIC HEAT (2-1). He comes off a win over this 5 furlong layout 11 days ago and should get a great trip behind an abundance of early speed. Play the exactas and trifectas keying 'HEAT with ONLY IN RENO (5-2), STORMS OF LIFE (8-1) and MONTEREY JAZZ (7-2).

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

Exacta Boxes: 6/3,4,7

8th race--

1. READY SAY GO (7) 2. GENERAL RON S (6) 3. GETREADYTORUMBLE (8)

***\$72 PICK 4 TICKET (races 5-8):

5th race--CELTIC WAY, HELMSGOLD, LIL NUGGET (Alternate: O BEE NAKI)

6th race--WATCH OVER ME, NERINX (Alternate: YES HE'S A PISTOL)

7th race--ONLY IN RENO, STORMS OF LIFE, BALLISTIC HEAT, MONTEREY JAZZ

(Alternate: TALKIN TO MOM ROO)

8th race--GENERAL RON S, READY SAY GO, GETREADYTORUMBLE (Alternate: None)

Pick 4 numbers: 5,6,11/5,7/3,4,6,7/6,7,8=\$72

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