# BOB IKE'S DEL MAR SELECTIONS THURSDAY, AUG. 16

## THURSDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

Wednesday Results: Gigantic day on Wednesday! Nailed Pick 4 for \$1,188 on a \$72 ticket; 7th race trifecta for \$485 on a \$36 investment; Best Play winner RUSH WITH THUNDER (\$11.00) in 6th race; and 8th race trifecta for \$53.

### Today's Best Plays: Races 4, 6, 8 and a \$75 Pick 4 ticket.

1st race--1. TOY'S TOY (3) 2. FOREVER IRISH (4) 3. ASK SAM (2)

2nd race--1. A P CHARLIE (3) 2. KISSIN PARTY (5) 3. YO JOAN (1)

3rd race--1. STORMY GAME (4) 2. DEANOGUSKA (10) 3. JOHNNY SMITH (5) 4. OLD SHOE (7)

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

# **1. FANTASTIC SPRING (6) 2. COCO BELLE (5) 3. BELLE FLEUR (8) 4. HOLLY TORQUE TANGO (3)**

FANTASTIC SPRING (5-2) looked good beating a notch softer over this 5-furlong layout and has the look of a course specialist. The Miller-trained filly is lightly-raced but seems very good right now, so tab right back on the step up. I will play trifectas keying 'SPRING with HOLLY TORQUE TANGO (4-1), who returns to the local scene after fading at Calder; COCO BELLE (3-1), who held on much better last time and should love the abbreviated distance; and BELLE FLEUR (10-1), who has been freshened and switches back to turf for Lobo.

Trifecta numbers: 6/3,5,8/ALL=\$18 and 3,5,8/6/ALL=\$18

5th race--

1. ELOPED (12) 2. STEELIN' (7) 3. STING'N INTHE RAIN (1) 4. SARTORETTE (4)

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

#### 1. I'MAGAMBLER (11) 2. FRENCH SOUVENIR (8) 3. SIXTH STREET JOE (10)

Although not raised in class after his easy win vs. similar, I think I'MAGAMBLER is the one to beat right back. The Harrington-trainee was an easy four-length winner vs. similar and again draws a cozy outside box. He should get a good stalking trip from outside and be in the right spot turning for home. Make a **Win Bet on I'MAGAMBLER at 7-2 or better**, and play the trifecta keying my top three choices in the first and second spots, then using ALL for third. FRENCH

SOUVENIR (9-2) comes off a narrow loss over the track and SIXTH STREET JOE (3-1) drops to the bottom in his first try over Polytrack.

Trifecta numbers: 8,10,11/8,10,11/ALL=\$60

plus, trifecta box 8-10-11

7th race--

1. WARRIOR SONG (3) 2. CHATTAHOOCHEE WAR (6) 3. QUASIMODO (4)

#### \*\*\*8th race--

1. LADY SORCERESS (8) 2. BUG IN A RUG (11) 3. MIKEY BONES (13) 4. LARUE (5) In a wide-open nightcap, I will key around top choice LADY SORCERESS (7-2). Dropping out a very live MC\$40,000 Cal-bred heat (which has produced three next-out winners), 'SORCERESS ran evenly last time in a race she may have needed. With that race under her belt and stepping into a softer spot, it might be graduation time for her. Make a **Win Bet on** 'SORCERESS at 3-1 or better, and key her in the trifecta over LARUE (6-1), BUG IN A RUG (6-1), MIKEY BONES (9-2) and STYLISHELLIE (15-1) for second, then use ALL for third. Also, play a second ticket using those four on top, with 'SORCERESS for second, then ALL. Trifecta numbers: 8/5,11,13,14/ALL=\$40 and 5,11,13,14/8/ALL=\$40

#### \*\*\*\$75 PICK 4 TICKET (races 5-8):

5th race--STING'N INTHE RAIN, SARTORETTE, STEELIN', GLITTERMAN'S FANCY, ELOPED (Alternate: AUNT PINK) 6th race--FRENCH SOUVENIR, SIXTH STREET JOE, I'MAGAMBLER (Alternate: QUIET PERIOD) 7th race--WARRIOR SONG 8th race--LARUE, LADY SORCERESS, BUG IN A RUG, MIKEY BONES, STYLISHELLIE (Alternate: INCREDIBLE) **Pick 4 numbers: 1,4,7,11,12/8,10,11/3/5,8,11,13,14=\$75** 

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