BOB IKE'S DEL MAR SELECTIONS THURSDAY, AUG. 9

THURSDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

Wednesday Results: Hit 2 top choice winners, including Best Play TASHA'S MIRACLE (\$6.40); and 7th race trifecta for \$56.

Today's Best Plays: Races 5, 6, 7 and a \$60 Pick 4 ticket. Also, with the Pick Six carryover of more than \$146,000, I will give out two P6 "singles".

1st race--

1. FLAMINGO PRINCESS (2) 2. ROYAL HERALDRY (3) 3. HEARTSTRINGS (1)

2nd race--

1. NEON PRINCESS (4) 2. ZEE TOPPER (6) 3. NEUTRALITY (7)

3rd race--

1. MESA MAGIC (6) (P6 SINGLE) 2. SI CHIMI (1) 3. THUNDERING RHYTHM (3)

4th race--

1. SLEW MAN SLEW (7) 2. OWEN ROE O'NEILL (2) 3. DIAMOND WAGER (5) 4. GOLD'S UP (8)

***5th race--

1. HELLO BOLLY (2) (P6 SINGLE) 2. COMEDY GIRL (5) 3. JAY AY (3) 4. MAMITA CHULA (8)

In the first leg of the Pick 4, I will live or die with HELLO BOLLY (2-1). She ended a long losing streak when defeating 3-year-olds last time and gets a significant barn change off the Mullins claim. She has been competitive at this level before, so look for the late-running filly to win right back if she gets a clean trip. I will "single" 'BOLLY in the Pick 4 and key her in the trifecta over five horses in the second and third spots: JAY AY (8-1), COMEDY GIRL (6-1), TIZ NEXT (8-1), MAMITA CHULA (8-1) and ROLLERSKATES (5-1). Also, play exact using those five over 'BOLLY.

Trifecta numbers: 2/3,5,6,8,10/3,5,6,8,10=\$20

Exacta numbers: 3,5,6,8,10/2

***6th race--

1. LUIS'S ESPECIAL (7) 2. GREGORIAN BAY (1A) 3. GRITS (6) 4. ORGAN PIPE (2)

In by far the most competitive race on the card, I will key around LUIS'S ESPECIAL (5-1). The Cerin-trained sophomore drops back into the high-priced claiming ranks and switches back to the main track, which could results in a much better effort. He's drawn well outside and should be forwardly placed in a race that lacks much speed. Make a **Win Bet on 'ESPECIAL** and key him in the trifecta over BRAVE SUN/GREGORIAN BAY (6-1 entry), ORGAN PIPE (9-2), SAINTLY SON (12-1) and GRITS (4-1) for second, then use ALL for third. Also, play a second ticket using those four on top, with 'ESPECIAL for second, then ALL for third.

Trifecta numbers: 7/1,2,3,6/ALL=\$32 and 1,2,3,6/7/ALL=\$32

***7th race--

1. WARNING ZONE (2) 2. DAYTONA (9) 3. AUGMENT (1)

In another good betting race, I will key in on my top two selections. Slight preference to WARNING ZONE (7-2), who has been away since winning a 2-year-old stakes last November. He has been first or second in all four starts and has trained very well for Sadler, who has been on fire for the last week. Make a **Win Bet on 'ZONE** and key him on a pair of trifecta tickets with main threat DAYTONA (5-1), who won powerfully over the course and now moves up a level for Hendricks.

Trifecta numbers: 2,9/2,9/ALL=\$14 and 2,9/ALL/2,9=\$14

8th race--

1. DRAGON RISING (1) 2. LAUREN C (4) 3. TO B. DEVON (9)

***\$60 PICK 4 TICKET (races 5-8):

5th race--HELLO BOLLY

6th race--ALL

7th race--WARNING ZONE, DAYTONA (Alternate: AUGMENT)

8th race--DRAGON RISING, LAUREN C, TO B. DEVON (Alternate: HI LILY HI LO)

Pick 4 numbers: 2/ALL/2,9/1,4,9=\$60

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