

BOB IKE'S DEL MAR SELECTIONS

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 1

WEDNESDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 PLAY

Monday Results: Big day on Monday! Hit 3 top choice winners; suggested Win Bet on NERINX (\$12.60) and 6th race trifecta for \$165 (\$32 investment); 5th race trifecta twice for return of \$108 (\$66 investment); and Pick 4 for \$408 on a \$72 ticket.

Today's Best Plays: Races 3, 4, 5 and a \$72 Pick 4 ticket.

1st race--

1. NEWTON'S MEMORY (2) 2. CRAFTY RULER (5) 3. ZOOMIN ZABEL (3)

2nd race--

1. A. P. XCELLENT (6) 2. TOASTED (2) 3. MACDUFF (1)

*****3rd race--**

1. FREEDOM SUMMIT (1) 2. BLAZEITGIRL (7) 3. G. I. BETTY (8) 4. HOTTEST (5)

With a full field of 10 Cal-bred maiden going, I like will play trifectas keying around favorite FREEDOM SUMMIT (3-1). The Baffert-trained filly ran a good second here on opening day and the race over the track should only move her forward. She must contend with the rail post but she will be very tough to deny with a clean start. Play the trifecta keying 'SUMMIT over five horses in the second and third spots: SECRET BARGAIN (12-1), HOTTEST (7-2), BLAZEITGIRL (6-1), G. I. BETTY (5-2) and TOY'S TOY (20-1). Also, play a second ticket using those five in the first and third spots, with 'SUMMIT in the middle.

Trifecta numbers: 1/2,5,7,8,9/2,5,7,8,9=\$20 and 2,5,7,8,9/1/2,5,7,8,9=\$20

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

1. BROTHER MAN (7) 2. VISAYAS (3) 3. WARREN'S PEPE (6) 4. RUSSIAN VETO (5)

In a competitive starter allowance field, I like the chances of BROTHER MAN (4-1). The Jones-trained gelding went way too fast early when opening up a big lead, then got nailed late by multiple winner Gary John. With the rider switch to Espinoza and two good works over Polytrack, he should be hard to beat. Make a **Win Bet on 'MAN** and key him in the trifecta over five horses in the second and third spots: VISAYAS (15-1), VIBRANT TOPPER (15-1), RUSSIAN VETO (3-1), WARREN'S PEPE (5-1) and RUN FOREST RUN (5-1). Also, play a second ticket using those five in the first and third spots, with 'MAN in the two-hole.

Trifecta numbers: 7/3,4,5,6,9/3,4,5,6,9=\$20 and 3,4,5,6,9/7/3,4,5,6,9=\$20

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

1. LAZIO (9) 2. KAKAYAMA KUN (1) 3. SENSATIONAL SCORE (6) 4. GADDINGABOUT (5)

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In a very difficult first leg of the Pick 4, I will make a four-horse exacta and trifecta box keying my top four runners. In post position order, use KAKAYAMA KUN (4-1), who ships in from Churchill Downs and should be competitive in this spot; GADDINGABOUT (12-1), who chased the winner before fading to fourth last time but has drilled over the Del Mar strip; SENSATIONAL SCORE (10-1), who takes a steep class drop and will be dangerous in here if he's okay; and LAZIO (3-1), who got very sharp up at HP and is the horse to beat if he transfers that form to the beach.

Exacta/Trifecta Box: 1-5-6-9

6th race--

1. EX CAELIS (9) 2. CATEGORIZE (5) 3. SO LONG SONOMA (1A) 4. WINDY (3)

7th race--

1. POLYFIRST (3) 2. ASHLEY'S KITTY (6) 3. SEASIDE AFFAIR (1)

8th race--

1. MEZUZAH (1) 2. POWEROFVOODOO (6) 3. AWESOME FEAT (8)

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

5th race--NAKAYAMA KUN, GADDINGABOUT, SENSATIONAL SCORE, LAZIO
(Alternate: DATTICUS)

6th race--REBEL CREEK/SO LONG SONOMA (entry), WINDY, UDRIGA, CATEGORIZE,
TRUE XENA, EX CAELIS (Alternate: COCO BELLE)

7th race--SEASIDE AFFAIR, POLYFIRST, ASHLEY'S KITTY (Alternate: TRUE AND
TRUE)

8th race--MEZUZAH

Pick 4 numbers: 1,5,6,9/1,3,4,5,6,9/1,3,6/1=\$72

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