

BOB IKE'S OAK TREE SELECTIONS

FRIDAY, SEPT. 28

FRIDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

Thursday Results: Hit 3 top choice winners but went 0-for-3 on my Best Plays.

Today's Best Plays: Races 3, 5, 6 and a \$64 Pick 4 ticket.

1st race--

1. WHATWEREWETHINKING (6) 2. SNEAKY JACK (4) 3. HONKY TONY BABY (3)

2nd race--

1. NEW EXPORT (2) 2. RED FORT (3) 3. RUSH RUSH (5)

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

1. ORIENTATE SLEW (3) 2. INFORMED (1) 3. CLASSIC ATTIRE (6) 4. WILD DIPLOMAT (7)

Stretching out after a good runner-up try in his debut, ORIENTATE SLEW (3-1) should be tough to deny in this spot. Becerra-trained colt didn't break alertly and raced wide first time out when finishing second behind talented Street Boss. 'SLEW has come back to work well over the strip and should handle two turns. **Make a Win Bet on 'SLEW at 5/2 or better**, and key him in the trifecta over five horses in the second and third spots: INFORMED (5-2), QUOCIENTE MAXIMO (15-1), SMOOTH AND SAVVY (6-1), CLASSIC ATTIRE (7-2) and WILD DIPLOMAT (5-1). Also, play a second ticket using those five in the first and third spots, with 'SLEW in the middle.

Trifecta numbers: 3/1,2,4,6,7/1,2,4,6,7=\$20 and 1,2,4,6,7/3/1,2,4,6,7=\$20

4th race--

1. WHY TOMORROW (6) 2. CATINTHEPINKHAT (10) 3. MT. WHITNEY (8) 4. KRISTIN'S BELLE (2)

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

1. GALLARDO (8) 2. WESTERLY MAGIC (6) 3. DESERT SEA (3) 4. SEMI LOST (5)

The first leg of the late Pick 4 kicks off with an extremely competitive \$50,000 claimer. I like the chances of GALLARDO (5-1), who comes off a fine runner-up try (behind Westerly Magic) while finishing well clear of the third horse. Three starts into his comeback, GALLARDO might be coming up to his best for new trainer Holldendorfer. **Make a Win Bet on GALLARDO** and key him in the trifecta over five horses in the second and third spots: AMERICANREVOLUTION (6-1), DESERT SEA (9-2), SWITZERLAND (6-1), SEMI LOST (7-2) and WESTERLY MAGIC (5-1). Also, play a second ticket using those five in the first and third spots, with GALLARDO in the two-hole.

Trifecta numbers: 8/1,3,4,5,6/1,3,4,5,6=\$20 and 1,3,4,5,6/8/1,3,4,5,6=\$20

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

1. MARMAIDA (4) 2. PHOEBE'S SONG (12) 3. GULA GOLD (10) 4. SHES GOT SKILLS (9)

In what might be the best gambling race on the card, I will key around MARMAIDA (5-1). Eurton-trained filly comes off a runner-up try going long at Del Mar and now shortens back up in distance. She was exclusively a sprinter in Great Britain and might adore this hillside layout. **Make a Win Bet on MARMAIDA** and key her in the trifecta over SHES GOT SKILLS (6-1), GULA GOLD (12-1) and PHOEBE'S SONG (7-2) for second, then use ALL for third. Play a second ticket using those three on top, with MARMAIDA for second, then ALL for third. Finally, make a four-horse exacta/trifecta box using my top four choices.

Trifecta numbers: 4/9,10,12/ALL=\$30 and 9,10,12/4/ALL=\$30

Exacta/Trifecta Box: 4-9-10-12

7th race--

1. GOTHIC BEAUTY (4) 2. SWISS DIVA (3) 3. COCO BELLE (2) 4. DEBIE GINSBURG (5)

8th race--

1. LONELY HIGHWAY (1) 2. JUDGE GALLIVAN (3) 3. LIVE FREE (6) 4. LOGO (9)

*****\$64 PICK 4 TICKET (races 5-8):**

5th race--GALLARDO

6th race--MARMAIDA, SHES GOT SKILLS, GULA GOLD, PHOEBE'S SONG (Alternate: MISSING TREASURE)

7th race--COCO BELLE, SWISS DIVA, GOTHIC BEAUTY, DEBIE GINSBURG (Alternate: TRUE XENA)

8th race--LONELY HIGHWAY, JUDGE GALLIVAN, LIVE FREE, LOGO (Alternate: TRADITION)

Pick 4 numbers: 8/4,9,10,12/2,3,4,5/1,3,6,9=\$64

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