

BOB IKE'S DEL MAR SELECTIONS

THURSDAY, AUG. 23

THURSDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

Wednesday Results: Hit 5 top choice winners, including Best Play LOGAN AVENUE LINDA (8.40). Also went two-for-two on trifectas (scratch in 8th race nullified play), hitting 6th race trifecta for \$175 (\$16 investment after scratch); and 7th race trifecta for \$188 (\$48 total investment).

Today's Best Plays: Races 5, 6, 7 and a \$64 Pick 4 ticket.

1st race--

1. G. I. BETTY (5) 2. AWESOME FEAT (1) 3. PRIDE OF PEGASUS (2)

2nd race--

1. TEN TENORS (9) 2. PRECIOUS (3) 3. SAPPHYRA (2) 4. VIOLET BROOK (1)

3rd race--

1. TALKIN TO MOM ROO (6) 2. INDIAN ASHTON (4) 3. BALLISTIC HEAT (1)

4th race--

1. TAULIN (5) 2. ATZIMBA (4) 3. EXPLOITED DREAM (2) 4. LA PETRA (7)

***5th race--

1. ENGINEERED (9) 2. SWITZERLAND (2) 3. OLIVER TWISTED (6) 4. SANTA FE (8)

The Pick 4 kicks off with a very competitive mid-grade claimer. I will give the edge to ENGINEERED (6-1), who takes a steep class drop after a better-than-looked effort over the strip. The Autrey-trainee didn't have much early foot but made a strong 5-wide move on the turn before flattening out. He gets plenty of pace in front of him and should be tough to hold off if he's healthy. Make a **Win Bet on ENGINEERED** and key him in trifectas with SWITZERLAND (6-1), OLIVER TWISTED (15-1) and SANTA FE (12-1). Also, make a four-horse exacta/trifecta box using my top four selections.

Trifecta numbers: 9/2,6,8/ALL=\$24 and 2,6,8/9/ALL=\$24

Exacta/Trifecta Box: 2-6-8-9

***6th race--

1. ROYAL HERALDRY (5) 2. MARQZ MELODY (2) 3. SWINGER DOLL (8)

ROYAL HERALDRY (7-2) obviously has taken to the Polytrack, breaking her maiden by over eight lengths while coming to the wire under a hold. She's looked like a different filly in her last two starts here and might be sharp enough to come right back and beat winners. Make a **Win Bet**

on 'HERALDRY and key her on a pair of trifecta tickets with main threat MARQZ MELODY (3-1), who had a brutal trip vs. similar and surely would have won with clear sailing.

Trifecta numbers: 2,5/2,5/ALL=\$14 and 2,5/ALL/2,5=\$14

*****7th race--**

1. SO LONG SONOMA (6) 2. EXCESSIVEOBSESSION (5) 3. KALOOKAN DANCER (9)

I will use the same trifecta strategy as in the previous race. Top choice is SO LONG SONOMA (5-2), who has been second in five straight races, including a nose loss here on Aug. 1. She comes from well off the pace, so she will need some help up front. Main threat might be OBSESSIVEOBSESSION (8-1), who beat a notch softer over the track and came back to work a bullet :59 on Aug. 14. She remains sharp and should fire another good shot.

Trifecta numbers: 5,6/5,6/ALL=\$14 and 5,6/ALL/5,6=\$14

8th race--

1. ROADSIDE REST (2) 2. RICHLIY ENDOWED (10) 3. MEGAMIGO (7) 4. SIMULCAST (13)

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

5th race--SWITZERLAND, OLIVER TWISTED, SANTA FE, ENGINEERED (Alternate: COLONEL COURTNEY)

6th race--MARQZ MELODY, ROYAL HERALDRY (Alternate: SWINGER DOLL)

7th race--EXCESSIVEOBSESSION, SO LONG SONOMA (Alternate: KALOOKAN DANCER)

8th race--ROADSIDE REST, MEGAMIGO, RICHLIY ENDOWED, SIMULCAST (Alternate: LUCKY HONEY)

Pick 4 numbers: 2,6,8,9/2,5/5,6/2,7,10,13=\$64

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