BOB IKE'S DEL MAR SELECTIONS THURSDAY, AUG. 30

THURSDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

Wednesday Results: Went 0-for-3 on my Best Plays.

Today's Best Plays: Races 4, 5, 6 and a \$63 Pick 4 ticket. Also, with a Pick Six carryover of more than \$147,000, I will give out two suggested P6 "singles".

1st race--

1. MARY ELLISE (1) 2. FEEL FREE TO FLEE (4) 3. TOY'S TOY (2)

2nd race--

1. TOPPER'S GOLD (3) 2. BLUE CAY (5) 3. RED NECK GAL (1)

3rd race--

1. SIBERZAR (4) (P6 SINGLE) 2. SIR BELL (5) 3. BUCK BASOLO (3)

***4th race--

1. HUDSON BANK (9) 2. SEVEN NATION ARMY (10) 3. HEMET THOUGHT (8) 4. FANTASMIN (3)

The way HUDSON BANK (3-1) won last time, let's take him to repeat in this bottom level claiming event. The Ellis-trainee had not set foot on the Polytrack before his sharp win here on Aug. 8 but he obviously loved the surface. Although he meets open company (beat Cal-breds in last), 'BANK is sharp enough to score right back. I will play trifectas tickets keying 'BANK with contenders FANTASMIN (5-1), HEMET THOUGHT (5-2) and SEVEN NATION ARMY (7-2).

Trifecta numbers; 9/3,8,10/ALL=\$24 and 3,8,10/9/ALL=\$24

***5th race--

1. FLYING HOME (10) 2. BARBARA'S LOVE (12) 3. CANTINA'S ROSE (6) 4. UNUSUALLY HOT (4)

The first leg of the Pick 4 kicks off with a competitive maiden event for 2-year-old fillies. The one to beat is favorite FLYING HOME (3-1), who had a tough trip from the rail last time out and now moves to a favorable outside post. Although she is making her first start over Polytrack, she shows four works over the surface for hot trainer Gaines. I will play the trifecta keying 'HOME over six horses in the second and third spots: JUST N EXCESS (9-2), UNUSUALLY HOT (7-2), CANTINA'S ROSE (8-1), TROPICAL BID (20-1), AURORA SKYE (30-1) and BARBARA'S LOVE (9-2). Also, play a second ticket using those six in the first and third spots, with 'HOME in the middle.

Trifecta numbers: 10/3,4,6,9,11,12/3,4,6,9,11,12=\$30 and 3,4,6,9,11,12/10/3,4,6,9,11,12=\$30

***6th race--

1. CANONITA (4) 2. HELLO BOLLY (2) 3. BRAHMS TUDOR (8)

With the auxiliary rails out 14 feet and a definite lack of pace in the lineup, I think CANONITA has an excellent wire-to-wire chance. The Sticka-trainee ran off too fast last time and paid the price when fading to third in a very strong race for the level. If Nakatani can get her to slow down and live, she is a great gamble in this spot. Make a **Win Bet on CANONITA** and key her on three trifecta tickets with main threats HELLO BOLLY (5-2) and BRAHMS TUDOR (5-1).

Trifecta numbers: 4/2,8/ALL=\$14 and 4/ALL/2,8=\$14 and 2,8/4/ALL=\$14

7th race--

1. GREAT OPINIONS (1) (P6 SINGLE) 2. DONA AMELIA (3) 3. FUN LOGIC (7)

8th race--

1. INSTANT ACTION (6) 2. LADAY TALE (2) 3. FORGOTTEN ONE (11)

***\$63 PICK 4 TICKET (races 5-8):

5th race--JUST N EXCESS, UNUSUALLY HOT, CANTINA'S ROSE, TROPICAL BID, FLYING HOME, AURORA SKYE, BARBARA'S LOVE (Alternate: BOOKMARK) 6th race--HELLO BOLLY, CANONITA, BRAHMS TUDOR (Alternate: TIZ NEXT) 7th race--GREAT OPINIONS

8th race--LADAY TALE, INSTANT ACTION, FORGOTTEN ONE (Alternate: OSCAR THE MAYOR)

Pick 4 numbers: 3,4,6,9,10,11,12/2,4,8/1/2,6,11=\$63

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