

BOB IKE'S OAK TREE SELECTIONS

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 26

WEDNESDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 PLAY

Today's Best Plays: Races 5, 7, 8 and an \$80 Pick 4 ticket.

NOTE: The Cushion Track era begins today at Oak Tree. I will be closely monitoring results and trends as the meet progresses.

1st race--

1. ROYAL CLASSIC (8) 2. YOUHADYOURCHANCE (2) 3. SI CHIMI (4) 4. MOB RULE (7)

2nd race--

1. WELLNESSFAST (4) 2. MADE THE FINALS (9) 3. WING WALKER (8)

3rd race--

1. JOHNNY EVES (1) 2. STREET BOSS (5) 3. ENFORCEMENT (6)

4th race--

1. SHEM TOV (8) 2. DEWEY'S SPECIAL (9) 3. FANTASY FREE (7) 4. FLIGHT LEADER (4)

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

1. CHANCELLOR (2) 2. ROCKY ROAD (4) 3. PATCH OF BLUE (3)

With a full field of first-level allowance runners going on turf, this looks like a good race to dive in. CHANCELLOR (5-2) has been ultra consistent (a win and three seconds) since switching to turf four races back. The G.Mandella-trainee turned in a fine effort behind the front-running winner last time and should be the one to beat. Main threat could be ROCKY ROAD (5-1), who pulled early last time when not making the lead and faded through the lane in a poor try. He is capable of much better, especially on the front end. I will key these two on a pair of trifecta tickets, then come back with a three-horse exacta/trifecta box that includes PATCH OF BLUE (9-2).

Trifecta numbers: 2,4/2,4/ALL=\$18 and 2,4/ALL/2,4=\$18

Exacta/Trifecta Box: 2-3-4

6th race--

1. MUDLAFF CHARLIE (5) 2. HILOGOLD (7) 3. ZILLA (6)

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

1. RIDINGWITHTHEKING (12) 2. MEGABYTE (9) 3. DOUBLE PARKED (1)

I will try to get out of this competitive mid-grade sprint by only using two horses. Preference to RIDINGWITHTHEKING (9-2), who didn't run well in two Del Mar starts over Polytrack but was a terror over the Cushion Track at HP. With the switch back to that surface, class drop and the barn change to Sherman, perhaps 'KING will snap back to top form. Make a **Win Bet on 'KING** and key him on a pair of trifecta tickets with sharp MEGABYTE (5-2), who drops another peg after three straight good efforts.

Trifecta numbers: 9,12/9,12/ALL=\$20 and 9,12/ALL/9,12=\$20

*****8th race--**

1. ATTIMA (9) 2. STRONG FAITH (7) 3. DANCING EDIE (4) 4. CLINET (14)

Fourteen runners line up for this year's Maddy Handicap. I will play the trifecta keying my top two runners on a pair of tickets, then come back and add two more horses in an exacta/trifecta box. ATTIMA (3-1) has a history of running well fresh, has trained well and shows a good win over the downhill layout. Color her the one to beat. STRONG FAITH (6-1) has fired bullets in her last two starts and is versatile enough to handle this course. Key these two on a pair of tickets. Come back and add DANCING EDIE (4-1) and CLINET (8-1) to the four-horse exacta/trifecta box.

Trifecta numbers: 7,9/7,9/ALL=\$24 and 7,9/ALL/7,9=\$24

Exacta/Trifecta Box: 4-7-9-14

9th race--

1. DEVON INTERVENTION (8) 2. HELD UP (5) 3. LUTYENS (3) 4. CAPI AND MAX (2)

*****\$80 PICK 4 TICKET (races 6-9):**

6th race--MUDLAFF CHARLIE, HILOGOLD (Alternate: ZILLA)

7th race--MEGABYTE, RIDINGWITHTHEKING (Alternate: DOUBLE PARKED)

8th race--DANCING EDIE, STRONG FAITH, ATTIMA, CLINET (Alternate: LADY GAMER)

9th race--CAPI AND MAX, LUTYENS, HELD UP, DEVON INTERVENTION, CHEROKEE TEAR (Alternate: NONE)

Pick 4 numbers: 5,7/9,12/4,7,9,14/2,3,5,8,10=\$80

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