BOB IKE'S OAK TREE SELECTIONS THURSDAY, OCT. 18

THURSDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

Wednesday Results: Went 0-for-2 (one scratch) on my Best Plays.

Today's Best Plays: Races 3, 5, 6 and a \$72 Pick 4 ticket.

1st race--

1. REMEMBER SEATTLE (5) 2. BOUQUET OF ROSES (6) 3. FLYING HOME (8)

2nd race--

1. STORMY RACER (5) 2. APPLAUD DUBAI (9) 3. ELSIE JO (1)

***3rd race--

1. RUN FOREST RUN (5) **2.** HERBIE LOVE (6) **3.** GLIMMERING PETE (4) **4.** DART RIVER (8)

In a typically competitive downhill turf event, I will give the edge to front-running RUN FOREST RUN (9-2). The Miller-trained gelding ran poorly in his only other grass start (going two turns) but he looks like the controlling speed in this race and should be helped further by the rails being out 30 feet from their normal position. If he handles the layout, he has an excellent wire-to-wire shot. Make a **Win Bet on 'RUN** and key him in the trifecta over five horses in the second and third spots: GLIMMERING PETE (7-2), HERBIE LOVE (10-1), DART RIVER (5-1), HESCAYERLESSANDHOT (15-1) and TONY MONTANA (4-1). Also, play a second ticket using those five in the first and third spots, with 'RUN in the two-hole.

Trifecta numbers: 5/4,6,8,9,10/4,6,8,9,10=\$20 and 4,6,8,9,10/5/4,6,8,9,10=\$20

4th race--

1. BROS SIS (4) 2. SALT CASTLE (9) 3. BLUE FOOTED BOOBY (8) 4. ICE LADY (2)

***5th race--

1. SPORTSBOOKJUNKEE (3) 2. MOSEL (5) 3. WILD AND READY (8) 4. FOLLOWS NONE (2)

In the first leg of the Pick 4, I will play trifectas keying my top two choices but will "spread" the race on my Pick 4 ticket. Favorite SPORTSBOOKJUNKEE (5-2) ran poorly on turf last time but switches to the Cushion Track, drops in class and adds blinkers. Make him the one to beat. Longshot MOSEL (12-1) showed improvement in his first start for Cerin and now gets an interesting two-level class raise as he stretches out in distance. Key these two on a pair of trifecta tickets.

Trifecta numbers: 3,5/3,5/ALL=\$16 and 3,5/ALL/3,5=\$16

***6th race--

1. INGRID THE GAMBLER (6) 2. MACADAMIA (1) 3. WHIMSICAL MISS (3) 4. PETITE CHERIE (10)

In what appears to be the most difficult race on the card, I will give the edge to comebacker INGRID THE GAMBLER (9-2). She has been sidelined since breaking her maiden on the HP turf course in June after running second in her first two starts. She has trained steadily and might hold a slight edge if she takes to the course. Make a **Win Bet on 'GAMBLER** and key her in the trifecta over five horses in the second and third spots: MACADAMIA (2-1), WHIMSICAL MISS (15-1), BORACAY CHIC (6-1), BACK IN THE SHADE (6-1) and PETITE CHERIE (6-1). Also, play a second ticket using those five in the first and third spots, with 'GAMBLER in the middle.

Trifecta numbers: 6/1,3,4,9,10/1,3,4,9,10=\$20 and 1,3,4,9,10/6/1,3,4,9,10=\$20

7th race--

1. MI ARCOBALENO (2) 2. AL ARZ (8) 3. ADD HEAT (4)

8th race--

1. MUDLAFF CHARLIE (3) 2. MOMMY JEAN (10) 3. EXPRESS SUCCESS (12)

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

5th race--FOLLOW NONE, SPORTSBOOKEJUNKEE, MOSEL, AVIGNON, WILD AND READY, TREVOR'S CLEVER (Alternate: OVERLAND) 6th race--MACADAMIA, WHIMSICAL MISS, BORACAY CHIC, INGRID THE GAMBLER, BACK IN THE SHADE, PETITE CHERIE (Alternate: SHAWKLIT SUNDAE) 7th race--MI ARCOBALENO 8th race--MUDLAFF CHARLIE, MOMMY JEAN **Pick 4 numbers; 2,3,5,7,8,10/1,3,4,6,9,10/2/3,10=\$72**

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