

BOB IKE'S OAK TREE SELECTIONS

THURSDAY, OCT. 25

THURSDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET.

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

Today's Best Plays: Races 3, 4, 5 and a \$36 Pick 4 ticket.

NOTE: First post tomorrow is at 12 noon. I will be including Breeders' Cup selections with my Best Plays from Oak Tree.

1st race--

1. STORMY WOODS (6) 2. WILD DIPLOMAT (1) 3. ORIENTATION HALL (2)

2nd race--

1. STARTIN FRESH (2) 2. SYLVANA (5) 3. FOREVER IRISH (3) 4. DINE AT NINE (4)

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

1. SMOKIN FOREST (4) 2. ZAYED (7) 3. QUILLOTA (3)

In an abbreviated dash for bottom level claimers, I will give the edge to SMOKIN FOREST (7-2). The Sadler-trainee raced close-up before tiring through the final furlong last time but faces slightly softer here and shortens up to 5 1/2 furlongs. He reunites with Pedroza, who was aboard for two wins at the bullring. Make a **Win Bet on 'FOREST** and key him on three trifecta tickets with main contenders QUILLOTA (4-1) and ZAYED (5-2).

Trifecta numbers: 4/3,7/ALL=\$12 and 4/ALL/3,7=\$12 and 3,7/4/ALL=\$12

*****4th race--**

1. MARQZ MELODY (1) 2. WARREN'S ADVENTURE (4) 3. MRS. ROCHA (3) 4. SWINGER DOLL (6)

If MARQZ MELODY (3-1) is able to transfer his form to turf, she is the obvious horse to beat in this starter allowance spot. Coming off three consecutive good efforts, the Machowsky-trainee should be very formidable in this spot. Drawn well outside (with the rails out 24 feet), she should tuck into a good spot and be ready to pounce into the lane. Make a **Win Bet on 'MELODY at 5/2 or better**, and key her in trifecta with MRS. ROCHA (8-1), WARREN'S ADVENTURE (7-2) and SWINGER DOLL (5-1) for second, then use ALL for third. Also, play a second ticket using those three on top, with 'MELODY for second, then ALL for third.

Trifecta numbers: 1/3,4,6/ALL=\$18 and 3,4,6/1/ALL=\$18

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

1. EXACTLY (7) 2. NATIVE SUCCESS (5) 3. WILD PLACES (2)

In the first leg of the Pick 4, I will key my top three choices in the trifecta. In post position order, use WILD PLACES (5-1), who broke slowly when facing stronger straight maidens in his return and now drops into a softer spot; NATIVE SUCCESS (9-5), who showed improvement on the drop last time and is now lowered two more levels by a barn (Gallagher) that is due to heat up; and top choice EXACTLY (3-1), who has been sidelined since finishing second to similar in February but figures very prominently in this spot.

Trifecta numbers: 2,5,7/2,5,7/ALL=\$42 plus, trifecta box 2-5-7

6th race--

1. KULA GIRL (3) 2. SMOKEY ROUTE (2) 3. SPORTIE'S SQUEEZE (6) 4. VEILS DE FLEUR (5)

7th race--

1. SMOOTH AND SAVVY (5) 2. WISE ONE (3) 3. COTTON KING (1)

8th race--

1. SMOKIN WHILE FLYIN (8) 2. MAEKEN NOISE (6) 3. JOY OF THE LORD (3) 4. QUAKER RUN (5)

*****\$36 PICK 4 TICKET (races 5-8):**

5th race--WILD PLACES, NATIVE SUCCESS, EXACTLY (Alternate: TRACKER JACK)

6th race--SMOKEY ROUTE, KULA GIRL, VEILS DE FLEUR, SPORTIE'S SQUEEZE (Alternate: HENNESSY ROSE)

7th race--COTTON KING, WISE ONE, SMOOTH AND SAVVY (Alternate: STORMY GRANT)

8th race--SMOKIN WHILE FLYIN

Pick 4 numbers: 2,5,7/2,3,5,6/1,3,5/8=\$36

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