BOB IKE'S OAK TREE SELECTIONS FRIDAY, NOV. 2

FRIDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

Thursday Results: Hit 2 top choice winners; 5th race trifecta for \$86 (\$36 investment); and small Pick 4 (\$57).

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

1st race--

1. CURVEY STAR (3) 2. SUNSET TIJUANA (2) 3. LOWER THE RATE (1) 4. STORMY RACER (4)

2nd race--

1. KURM (4) 2. CHADLINGTON (1) 3. PRINCE OF GOLD (5)

3rd race--

1. HEARTSTRINGS (1) 2. APRIL LADY (2) 3. WRIT (4) 4. STAR'S PROMISE (5)

***4th race--

1. HIGH COMMAND (14) 2. DARK PAST (13) 3. SEVEN NATION ARMY (3) 4. CARIBBEAN DUDE (5)

With a full field of bottom level Cal-breds going postward, I like the chances of favorite HIGH COMMAND (2-1). Beaten less than a length when finishing fourth to a stronger field last time, the Mullins-trainee looks very well-spotted with these. He's drawn well outside with good tactical speed, so look for a winning trip today. Play the trifecta keying 'COMMAND over five horses in the second and third spots: FOGGED IN (6-1), SEVEN NATION ARMY (6-1), FROST POINT (12-1), CARIBBEAN DUDE (12-1) and DARK PAST (4-1). Also, play a second ticket using those five in the first and third spots, with 'COMMAND in the two-hole.

Trifecta numbers: 14/2,3,4,5,13/2,3,4,5,13=\$20 and 2,3,4,5,13/14/2,3,4,5,13=\$20

5th race--

1. MEDJOOL (8) 2. FOREST ECHOES (10) 3. LIMESTONE EDGE (9) 4. RHETORICALLY (1)

***6th race--

1. B L'S DANZIG (7) 2. PATRIOTIC FLAME (10) 3. SEMI LOST (2) 4. ENTER ANON (4)

Coming off two solid comeback efforts vs. stronger, B L'S DANZIG drops three levels for the money run. The Cerin-trained gelding chased the winner on the turn before tiring to fourth last

time but lands a much softer spot for a barn that has had a very unlucky (nine seconds) meet. I will play the trifecta keying 'DANZIG over SEMI LOST (7-2), ENTER ANON (6-1) and PATRIOTIC FLAME (8-1) for second, then use ALL for third. Play a second ticket using those three on top, with 'DANZIG for second, then ALL for third. Finally box my top four choices in the exacta/trifecta.

Trifecta numbers: 7/2,4,10/ALL=\$24 and 2,4,10/7/ALL=\$24

Exacta/Trifecta Box: 2-4-7-10

***7th race--

1. COURTNALL (3) 2. OPTIMER (5) 3. PROUDINSKY (10) 4. BLACK JACK ATTACK (6)

Although COURTNALL (3-1) is not exactly a win machine, he is going in very good recent form. Coming off a third-place effort (beaten a length, finishing in front of Surf Cat and Lava Man) in the Grade 2 Oak Tree Mile, the Dollase-trainee has to be given a huge shot in here. He's fired bullets in his last four starts and looks like the right key horse in here. Play the trifecta keying COURTNALL over OPTIMER (5-1), BLACK JACK ATTACK (6-1) and PROUDINSKY (7-2) for second, then ALL for third. Play a second ticket using those three on top, with COURTNALL for second, then ALL for third.

Trifecta numbers: 3/5,6,10/ALL=\$27 and 5,6,10/3/ALL=\$27

8th race--

1. HOMEMADE BREW (12) 2. OUR STORM (9) 3. IN DADDY'S HONOR (3) 4. SNOW ON CHRISTMAS (8)

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

5th race--RHETORICALLY, MEDJOOL, LIMESTONE EDGE, FOREST ECHOES

(Alternate: NONE)

6th race--B L'S DANZIG

7th race--COURTNALL, OPTIMER, BLACK JACK ATTACK, PROUDINSKY

(Alternate: ARTIST'S TALE)

8th race--IN DADDY'S HONOR, SNOW ON CHRISTMAS, OUR STORM, HOMEMADE

BREW

(Alternate: WHY TOMORROW)

Pick 4 numbers: 1,8,9,10/7/3,5,6,10/3,8,9,12=\$64

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