

BOB IKE'S OAK TREE SELECTIONS

THURSDAY, NOV. 1

THURSDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

Wednesday Results: Hit 3 top choice winners but went 0-for-3 on my Best Plays.

Today's Best Plays: Races 4, 5, 7 and a \$72 Pick 4 ticket.

1st race--

1. CURIOSLY SWEET (2) 2. CAMELITA (4) 3. BEYOND THE MARK (5)

2nd race--

1. FETE (5) 2. IZA GENERAL (3) 3. DIRECT CONNECT (7) 4. MT. ORIENT (4)

3rd race--

1. SUDOKU BUDDY (8) 2. ROLLINS (3) 3. MOUNTAIN ROUTE (7) 4. UNBROKEN VOW (4)

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

1. COMMON TRUST (4) 2. SPRIGGZEE (7) 3. THE RYE MAN (1)

Bottom level claimers going a flat mile in here. I will make a **small Win Bet on top choice COMMON TRUST (4-1)** and play a pair of trifecta tickets keying around my top two selections. 'TRUST was slightly outfinished late when facing similar but was disqualified from the second spot after coming out and bumping the original third-place finisher near the wire. He's sharp right now and Pedroza obviously fits him well. Main threat looks like SPRIGGZEE (7-2), who goes back to the main track after facing stronger on turf. His best recent races have come over synthetic surfaces.

Trifecta numbers: 4,7/4,7/ALL=\$16 and 4,7/ALL/4,7=\$16

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

1. OUR PARTNER (7) 2. LIT'SGOODLOOKNGRAY (3) 3. STEALTH MISSILE (1)

In the first leg of the Pick 4, I will play the trifecta keying my top three horses in the first and second spots, then using ALL for third. In post position order, use STEALTH MISSILE (8-1), who has been freshened since a runner-up try going long on May 17. The Puype barn has been red hot and excels with horses off a layoff; LIT'SGOODLOOKNGRAY (5-2), who comes off a solid third on the main track and now tries turf for the first time for new trainer Carava; and OUR PARTNER (3-1), who shortens up from 10 furlongs to a sprint after being transferred to the Mullins stable.

Trifecta numbers: 1,3,7/1,3,7/ALL=\$36 plus, trifecta box 1-3-7

6th race--

1. FELICITEE (6) 2. RENEGADE RUBY (1) 3. ZILLA (8)

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

1. YANKEE BAY (2) 2. LAW BREAKER (5) 3. MR NAPPER TANDY (9) 4. MAN TO MAN (7)

In by far the most difficult race on the card, I will key around YANKEE BAY (4-1). Coming off a neck loss vs. older, 'BAY drops back in with 3-year-olds and should get a good trip tucked inside. Although he hasn't been a win machine, he did break his maiden over the SA course at this distance. Make a **Win Bet on 'BAY** and key him in the trifecta over LAW BREAKER (7-2), MAN TO MAN (5-1) and MR NAPPER TANDY (3-1) for second, then ALL for third. Play a second ticket using those three on top, with 'BAY for second, then ALL for third.

Trifecta numbers: 2/5,7,9/ALL=\$21 and 5,7,9/2/ALL=\$21

8th race--

1. JAMES THE THIRD (4) 2. FANTASTIC MEETING (5) 3. MOTEADO (9)

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

5th race--STEALTH MISSILE, LIT'SGOODLOOKNGRAY, OUR PARTNER
(Alternate: HONORED IMAGE)

6th race--RENEGADE RUBY, FELICITEE, ZILLA
(Alternate: FREEDOM SUMMIT)

7th race--YANKEE BAY, LAW BREAKER, MAN TO MAN, MR NAPPER TANDY
(Alternate: KRUGER PARK)

8th race--JAMES THE THIRD, FANTASTIC MEETING
(Alternate: MOTEADO)

Pick 4 numbers: 1,3,7/1,6,8/2,5,7,9/4,5=\$72

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