

BOB IKE'S HOLLYWOOD PARK SELECTIONS

FRIDAY, DEC. 21

FRIDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

Sunday Results: Hit 3 top choice winners; and 5th race trifecta (twice) for return of \$138 on a \$54 total investment.

Today's Best Plays: Races 1, 4, 6 and a \$60 Pick 4 ticket.

***1st race--

**1. INSTANT ACTION (1) 2. BAND OF THUNDER (7) 3. SOMTHINTOMAKIMRUN (6)
4. TURQUOISE N GOLD (5)**

INSTANT ACTION (2-1) is without question the best horse in this race but has been managed like a time bomb by both his original and present connections. Fresh off a 4 1/4-length score for \$10K, he faces a similar cast on the level raise and should handle these--if he has another one in him. We'll make a **Win Bet on 'ACTION** and key him on two trifecta tickets which alternate him in the one-two slots with a group of four other contenders: BAND OF THUNDER (3-1), a winner of four straight up north; a speedier-than-last shown SOMTHINTOMAKINIMRUN (8-1) for the leading Sadler barn; class dropper TURQUOISE N GOLD (5-1); and outsider RIVER REBEL (12-1) switching to a rejuvenated Tyler Baze.

Trifecta numbers: 1/3,5,6,7/3,5,6,7=\$12 and 3,5,6,7/1/3,5,6,7=\$12

2nd race--

1. SANTA TERESITA (11) 2. FOREIGN (3) 3. OUR RAFAELA (10)

3rd race--

1. HIGH STANDARDS (2) 2. DON'T YA LOVETT (3) 3. CHARMVICTOR (5)

***4th race--

1. FINAL FLING (1) 2. SMOOTH PERFORMER (2) 3. KAMI D B C (4) 4. ALE'S PRIDE (8)

Sure looks like cap and gown time for FINAL FLING (9-5) on what could be a big day for the Mullins camp. Bertrando filly ran on fourth in live race first out, finished a strong second despite trouble in her last start at this seven-furlong trip, and now must only hope drawing the rail does not do her in. Let's key 'FLING on a single trifecta ticket right on top, use ALL for third while hoping for a bomb and the following four contenders in the second slot: SMOOTH PERFORMER (3-1) off a promising debut; GAMBLER'S JUSTICE (5-1) who clicked off a spiffy half mile four days ago; KAMI D B C off her near miss at 61-1 last time; and the speedy ALE'S PRIDE (6-1) second time out.

Trifecta numbers: 1/2,3,4,8/ALL=\$32

5th race--

1. QUEEN OF THE DERBY (1) 2. GOLDEN VENTURE (5) 3. STRESS FREE (7)

*****6th race--**

1. STYLIN CAT (9) 2. MANANAN MCLIR (8) 3. BEHIND THE SCREEN (12)

STYLIN CAT (5-2) has run three bang-up races since being claimed for \$16K in July and now seeks a three-peat while shrewdly spotted for \$32K after having cleared his first-level allowance condition last out. He may also control the pace once again just as in his last two wins and deserves a slight edge in this grass raffle. MANANAN MCLIR (3-1) is full of back class and plenty capable of beating these following a main track attempt, and a host of fringe horses seems able to land in the tricks if a perfect trip comes its way. Let's key those two in the one-two slots with ALL for third, then come back with ALL for second, using the top two for first and third.

Trifecta numbers: 8,9/8,9/ALL=\$16 and 8,9/ALL/8,9=\$16

7th race--

1. MR. ELROY (6) 2. NIKKI'SGOLDENSTEED (2) 3. DR ZAENTZ (15) 4. ANTIQUE AVENUE (7)

8th race--

1. SEMI LOST (8) 2. FOREST DANZ (6) 3. SWING YOUR PARTNER (4)

9th race--

1. CURIOSLY SWEET (2) 2. SWISS CURRENT (1) 3. SWISS DIVA (6)

10th race--

1. SMOKIN FOREST (1) 2. MY MASTER (5) 3. GUNSLICK (3) 4. EVANSTON (14)

*****\$60 PICK 4 TICKET (races 7-10):**

7th race--NIKKI'SGOLDENSTEED, MR. ELROY, ANTIQUE AVENUE, NITRO ACTIVE, DR ZAENTZ

(Alternate: WAAFI)

8th race--SWING YOUR PARTNER, FOREST DANZ, SEMI LOST

(Alternate: CAPTAIN SACTO)

9th race--CURIOSLY SWEET

10th race--SMOKIN FOREST, GUNSLICK, MY MASTER, EVANSTON

(Alternate: PT'S GREY EAGLE)

Pick 4 numbers: 2,6,7,11,15/4,6,8/2/1,3,5,14=\$60

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