# BOB IKE'S HOLLYWOOD PARK SELECTIONS SATURDAY, DEC. 22

### SATURDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

Friday Results: Hit 5 top choice winners, including longshot High Standards (\$39.00); 1st race trifecta for \$59.70 (\$24 investment); and small trifecta in 4th race.

### Today's Best Plays: Races 6, 8, 9 and a \$54 Pick 4 ticket.

1st race--

1. MINISTER BLAIR (2) 2. TALKIN TO MOM ROO (5) 3. PERFECT CASTING (3)

2nd race--

1. MADAME STRIKER (9) 2. MASTERFUL MISS (8) 3. CROWN OF DIAMONDS (5)

3rd race--

1. GOLD TRIM (8) 2. PRINCE OF GOLD (6) 3. GHOST ACTOR (2)

4th race--1. GREG'S GOLD (3) 2. UNUSUAL SUSPECT (1) 3. EL DON (2)

5th race--1. POINT OF SANDS (4) 2. CHEVIN (2) 3. CHOP HOUSE GEORGE (9)

\*\*\*6th race--

## 1. UKIAH (8) 2. WILD DIPLOMAT (2) 3. DAKOTA PADRE (4) 4. BLACKFOOT TRAIL (6)

UKIAH (8-1) could be the upset special on closing day's action-packed card for the alwaysdangerous Shirreffs barn. While the long layoff is a concern, the son of Unbridled's Song has done his best work fresh and can run well on or from off the pace. Make a **Win Bet on UKIAH** and key him in the 1-2-3 slots on three different trifecta tickets while alternating a group of four other contenders in the other two positions: WILD DIPLOMAT (7-2) and DAKOTA PADRE (5-1) off solid efforts at this level last time out, Saratoga maiden winner BLACKFOOT TRAIL (8-1) and capable 3-year-old CAYAMBE (9-2).

Trifecta numbers: 8,/1,2,4,6/1,2,4,6=\$12; 1,2,4,6/8/1,2,4,6=\$12; 1,2,4,6/1,2,4,6/8=\$12

7th race--1. SANGAREE (4) 2. ZETTERBERG (5) 3. PROCESSOR'S TURF (7)

### \*\*\*8th race--

1. SOLEMN PROMISE (9) 2. JOY'S COMET (1) 3. NATIVE SUCCESS (8)

SOLEMN PROMISE (7-2) came to California with high expectations following a promising beginning to his career, but wound up fourth after a slow start in a race he needed. The extra distance should be a big help and we expect him to improve enough to score this time. JOY'S COMET (9-2) has been knocking on the door at this level for some time and NATIVE SUCCESS (6-1) really seems to be getting good right now, so we'll include them on two trifecta tickets. Key 'PROMISE over 'COMET and 'SUCCESS for second, then ALL for third. Second ticket, use those two on top, with 'PROMISE for second, then ALL for third.

Trifecta numbers: 9/1,8/ALL=\$20 and 1,8/9/ALL=\$20

#### \*\*\*9th race--

1. COLONEL JOHN (8) 2. MASSIVE DRAMA (2) 3. MONBA (10) 4. INTO MISCHIEF (12)

The Grade I CashCall Futurity provides COLONEL JOHN (5-2) an opportunity to prove he belongs on the list of early hopefuls for the spring Classics. He made a move off the turn in winning the Real Quiet Stakes last out that stamped him as a serious young racehorse and he deserves top billing. The unbeaten MASSIVE DRAMA attempts to stretch his speed two turns, Todd Pletcher has sent MONBA as his best of three entries off a pair of wins in Kentucky, and the field is loaded with numerous other possibles and hopefuls. Make a **Win Bet on COLONEL JOHN** and key him in the trifecta over seven others in the second and third spots: 'DRAMA (3-1), MONBA (7-2), INDIAN SUN (15-1) off some solid turf races, SHORE DO (12-1) with blinkers removed for Frankel, two-time stakes winner OLD MAN BUCK (20-1), INTO MISCHIEF (8-1) off his second in the Prevue and Pletcher longshot MEAL PENALTY (20-1) with blinkers on. Play exactas with those seven over 'JOHN.

Trifecta numbers: 8/2,5,9,10,11,12,13/2,5,9,10,11,12,13=\$42 Exacta numbers: 2,5,9,10,11,12,13/8

10th race--

1. SALAH WHO (8) 2. QUINTONS SHOCKER (7) 3. WITNESS THIS (3)

11th race--

1. DR. SINATRA (5) 2. CADDYMASTER (9) 3. UNUSUAL JAIL (3)

**\*\*\*\$54 PICK 4 TICKET (races 8-11):** 

8th race--JOY'S COMET, NATIVE SUCCESS, SOLEMN PROMISE (Alternate: INCLUSIVE)
9th race--MASSIVE DRAMA, COLONEL JOHN, MONBA (Alternate: INTO MISCHIEF)
10th race--QUINTONS SHOCKER, SALAH WHO (Alternate: WITNESS THIS)
11th race--UNUSUAL JAIL, DR. SINATRA, CADDYMASTER (Alternate: FORSETI'S QUESTION)
Pick 4 numbers: 1,8,9/2,8,10/7,8/3,5,9=\$54