

BOB IKE'S HOLLYWOOD PARK SELECTIONS

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12

WEDNESDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 PLAY

Sunday Results: Hit 2 top choice winners; and small exacta in 10th race.

Today's Best Plays: Races 3, 5, 8 and a \$72 Pick 4 ticket.

1st race--

1. SWEET N SHINEY (1) 2. LOVELY OLIVIA (8) 3. BLAZEITGIRL (7) 4. HALLE B (5)

2nd race--

1. NAMIRAH (5) 2. BYBALLOT (2) 3. WARREN'S PLAYER/WARREN'S GOLD (1 entry)

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

1. HITAGAIN (1) 2. STALINGRAD (5) 3. GO ALL IN (3) 4. REAL BIG COZZENE (12)

In what appears to be a wide-open maiden event, I will try first-time starter HITAGAIN (6-1). The Two Punch gelding has trained forwardly and the Frankel barn sends out debut runners that are ready to fire going two turns. Make a **Win Bet on HITAGAIN** and key him in the trifecta over GO ALL IN (9-2), STALINGRAD (5-2) and REAL BIG COZZY (8-1) for second, then use ALL for third. Play a second ticket using those three on top, with 'AGAIN for second, then ALL. Finally, box my top four choices in the exacta/trifecta.

Trifecta numbers: 1/3,5,12/ALL=\$24 and 3,5,12/1/ALL=\$24

Exacta/Trifecta Box: 1-3-5-12

4th race--

1. ARE YOU POSITIVE (7) 2. SKIMTHEEXCESS (3) 3. DARK PAST (5) 4. MOON MISSION (6)

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

1. JAMES THE THIRD (1) 2. STEALTH MISSILE (2) 3. WELLNESSFAST (7) 4. DEPRIVE (6)

The late Pick 4 kicks off with a competitive starter allowance race on turf. I will come right back with JAMES THE THIRD (5-2), who took 18 races to break his maiden but seemed to wake up for Gomez. Drawn well inside, we've seen this type score right back after finally breaking through with their maiden wins. I will play the trifecta keying 'THIRD over five horses in the second and third spots: STEALTH MISSILE (3-1), DART RIVER (12-1), DEPRIVE (4-1), WELLNESSFAST (4-1) and CAPI AND MAX (15-1). Also, play a second ticket using those five in the first and third spots, with 'THIRD in the two-hole.

Trifecta numbers: 1/2,4,6,7,9/2,4,6,7,9=\$20 and 2,4,6,7,9/1/2,4,6,7,9=\$20

6th race--

1. TOMMYS LUCK (5) 2. DE CAR GUY (2) 3. PROFESSNL COURTESY (4)

7th race--

1. PALLADIAN GENERAL (4) 2. MI ARCOBALENO (7) 3. AMERICAN IMPERIUM (9)

*****8th race--**

1. ALMACITA (3) 2. CHICKS RULE (10) 3. TITAN QUEEN (1)

In the finale, I will key my top two selections on a pair of trifecta tickets. ALMACITA (7-2) has been second in both starts and should fall into a good spot right behind the speed for red-hot trainer Mitchell. CHICKS RULE (9-2) has been off for over two months but possesses good zip and has trained well for O'Neill since her last. Key these two on a pair of tri tickets and hope for a price horse to make it worthwhile.

Trifecta numbers: 3,10/3,10/ALL=\$20 and 3,10/ALL/3,10=\$20

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

5th race--JAMES THE THIRD, STEALTH MISSILE, DART RIVER, DEPRIVE, WELLNESSFAST, CAPI AND MAX

(Alternate: AREUTRUE)

6th race--DE CAR GUY, PROFESSNL COURTESY, TOMMYS LUCK

(Alternate: RASGADO)

7th race--PALLADIAN GENERAL, MI ARCOBALENO

(Alternate: AMERICAN IMPERIUM)

8th race--ALMACITA, CHICKS RULE

(Alternate: TITAN QUEEN)

Pick 4 numbers: 1,2,4,6,7,9/2,4,5/4,7/3,10=\$72

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