

# BOB IKE'S SANTA ANITA SELECTIONS

## FRIDAY, DEC. 28

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

*Wednesday Results: Hit 4 top choice winners, including Best Play winners JOHNNY EVES (\$24.00) and BUCK (\$7.60--bet from 6/1 ML).*

**Today's Best Plays: Races 5, 7, 8 and a \$75 Pick 4 ticket.**

1st race--

1. AVA G (8) 2. DINE AT NINE (9) 3. NOSEY BRITCHES (6) 4. SOARING LAUREN (4)

2nd race--

1. GAYEGO (2) 2. BELAFONTE (3) 3. REFLECT TIMES (5)

3rd race--

1. SHE'S SO VAIN (3) 2. YOUR QUOTE (8) 3. APOLLA (10) 4. DAZZLING SKATES (6)

4th race--

1. PEACE BY PEACE (8) 2. SANMELI (5) 3. ADORESLEGACY (1) 4. SMOOCH (10)

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

**1. HAJJI'S HONOR (5) 2. ANZIYAN'S SONG (6) 3. RAISE THE HEAT (8) 4. UFFIZI (11)**

The first leg of the late Pick 4 kicks off with a competitive turf event for \$40,000 claimers. HAJJI'S HONOR (4-1) comes off a very good front-running try vs. stronger and now drops two levels for this. He looks like the controlling speed and has come back to train well for the hot Koriner barn. Make a **Win Bet on 'HONOR** and key him in the trifecta over ANZIYAN'S SONG (5-1), RAISE THE HEAT (10-1) and UFFIZI (12-1) for second, then use ALL for third. Play a second ticket using those three on top, with 'HONOR for second, then ALL for third. Finally, make a four-horse exacta/trifecta box using my top four runners.

**Trifecta numbers: 5/6,8,11/ALL=\$30 and 6,8,11/5/ALL=\$30**

**Exacta/Trifecta Box: 5-6-8-11**

6th race--

1. AUSTIE (8) 2. EXCESSIVE DREAMER (6) 3. BYRNES (3) 4. MOUNTAINS OF GREEN (5)

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

**1. TRIBAL CHIEF (1) 2. LEAD STEALER (6) 3. FURIOSO STAR (12)**

I will play the trifecta keying my top three choices in the first and second spots, then use ALL for third. In post position order, use TRIBAL CHIEF (5-2), who comes off two straight highly-rated wins across town and is the one to beat if he transfers that form to Santa Anita; LEAD STEALER (6-1), who was sharp at Oak Tree (third in the Cal Cup Sprint Starter Handicap) and is capable of firing fresh for a high-percentage stable; and FURIOSO STAR (6-1), who was recently scratched at the gate but has trained forwardly and is drawn well outside for his first start since Del Mar.

**Trifecta numbers: 1,6,12/1,6,12/ALL=\$48 plus, trifecta box 1-6-12**

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

**1. TOTE'S HUMDINGER (4) 2. APOPLECTIC (10) 3. WARREN'S SCOOTER (2) 4. BELLEACTON (9)**

In a competitive Cal-bred maiden event to close out the card, I will give the edge to TOTE'S HUMDINGER (6-1). The Gary Mandella-trainee stretches out after a solid third-place comeback try sprinting and is bred to like the added distance. If he's fit enough off one sprint, he should run well in this spot. Make a **Win Bet on 'HUMDINGER** and key him in all three trifecta spots with contenders WARREN'S SCOOTER (8-1), FATHER TIM (7-2), BELLEACTON (15-1) and APOPLECTIC (5-1).

**Trifecta numbers: 4/2,5,9,10/2,5,9,10=\$12; 2,5,9,10/4/2,5,9,10=\$12; 2,5,9,10/2,5,9,10/4=\$12**

**\*\*\*\$75 PICK 4 TICKET (races 5-8):**

**5th race--HAJJI'S HONOR**

**6th race--LIZ'S PIRATE, BYRNES, MOUNTAINS OF GREEN, EXCESSIVE DREAMER, AUSTIE**

(Alternate: OLDTOPHATANDTAILS)

**7th race--TRIBAL CHIEF, LEAD STEALER, FURIOSO'S STAR**

(Alternate: POCOSIN'S GAME BOY)

**8th race--WARREN'S SCOOTER, TOTE'S HUMDINGER, FATHER TIM, BELLEACTON, APOPLECTIC**

(Alternate: ROYAL VISION)

**Pick 4 numbers: 5/2,3,5,6,8/1,6,12/2,4,5,9,10=\$75**

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