

# BOB IKE'S SANTA ANITA SELECTIONS

## FRIDAY, JAN. 18

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

*Thursday Results: Went 1-for-2 on my Best Plays (one scratch), hitting 7th race trifecta for \$83 on a \$24 ticket.*

**Today's Best Plays: Races 3, 6, 8 and a \$72 Pick 4 ticket.**

1st race--

1. ARBORETA (1) 2. B R'S GIRL (6) 3. SMOOTH PERFORMER (2)

2nd race--

1. GREGORIAN BAY (3) 2. OUR PARTNER (1) 3. LEGATE (2)

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

**1. ARTISTIC TALENT (10) 2. SWEETER STILL (1) 3. ROYAL HUMOR (13) 4. GREAT GRACE (2)**

With a full field of maidens coming down the hill, I will play trifectas keying around my top two runners. ARTISTIC TALENT (5-2) was much the best last time considering her trip, hopping and stumbling badly at start, waiting for room into stretch, then closing well before galloping out strongly past the wire. Main threat is SWEETER STILL (4-1), who shortens up to a sprint after trying tougher when making her U.S. debut in the Miesque across town. She looks dangerous for Mullins in this spot. Key these two on a pair of tri tickets.

**Trifecta numbers: 1,10/1,10/ALL=\$16 and 1,10/ALL/1,10=\$16**

4th race--

1. INSTANT ACTION (2) 2. TOX DEE BEE (4) 3. MONK (3) 4. ROOSEVELT (6)

5th race--

1. PASSION (6) 2. CASINO KAY (8) 3. CARNIVAL QUEEN (5) 4. EXQUISITE TIMING (7)

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

**1. MALABAR STAR (5) 2. AWESOME FEAT (12) 3. REGAL REDEMPTION (7)**

A large field of maiden claimers go in here and I will key around top choice MALABAR STAR (5-1). The Bell-trained filly faced better in two previous starts and now drops into a MC\$25,000 spot. She shortens up in distance, switches to Gomez and has trained in good style since her last start at Oak Tree. Make a **Win Bet on 'STAR** and key her on a pair of trifecta tickets with main contenders REGAL REDEMPTION (7-2) and AWESOME FEAT (5-2).

**Trifecta numbers: 5/7,12/ALL=\$22 and 7,12/5/ALL=\$22**

7th race--

1. SWEET ROBERTO (2) 2. RATHOR (3) 3. PORFIDO (5) 4. BABY FIRST (6)

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

**1. O BEE NAKI (9) 2. LOCKITUP (10) 3. HOW SWEET IT IS (8) 4. GABBY LANE (11)**

Bottom-level fillies to close out the card. I will play the trifecta keying around my top two choices in O BEE NAKI (5-2), who won three straight across town and tries to duplicate that form over the SA Cushion; and LOCKITUP (9-2), who takes a steep drop to the basement after disappointing as the favorite for \$25,000 last time. Also, I will box my top four choices in the exacta/trifecta.

**Trifecta numbers; 9,10/9,10/ALL=\$20 and 9,10/ALL/9,10=\$20**

**Exacta/Trifecta Box: 8-9-10-11**

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

**5th race--CARNIVAL QUEEN, PASSION, CASINO KAY**

(Alternate: EXQUISITE TIMING)

**6th race--MALABAR STAR, REGAL REDEMPTION, AWESOME FEAT**

(Alternate: AWESOME BROAD)

**7th race--SWEET ROBERTO, RATHOR, PORFIDO, BABY FIRST**

(Alternate: NONE)

**8th race--O BEE NAKI, LOCKITUP**

(Alternate: HOW SWEET IT IS)

**Pick 4 numbers: 5,6,8/5,7,12/2,3,5,6/9,10=\$72**

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