

# BOB IKE'S SANTA ANITA SELECTIONS

## FRIDAY, JAN. 4

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

*Thursday Results: Hit Best Play winner MONASTERY SCANDAL (\$15.80) and 7th race trifecta for \$293 (\$40 total investment).*

**Today's Best Plays: Races 1, 5, 6 and a \$60 Pick 4 ticket. Also, with the Pick Six carryover of more than \$88,000, I will give out two suggested P6 "singles".**

#### **\*\*\*1st race--**

**1. VESPUCCI (7) 2. DON'T YA LOVETT (8) 3. TROPIC STORM (4)**

The card kicks off with what might be the best gambling race of the day. In a very competitive downhill turf event, I will give the edge to Frankel-trained import VESPUCCI (7-2). The French invader was first or second in five of seven overseas starts and has trained well for his U.S. bow. Make a **Win Bet on VESPUCCI at 3/1 or better** and play the trifecta keying my top three runners in the first and second spots, then using ALL for third. In post position order, use TROPIC STORM (8-1), who comes off a sharp win on the HP Cushion Track and ran a good second over this layout one back; VESUPUCCI (7-2); and DON'T YA LOVETT (9-2), who is a Down Under invader that ran well to be second in his American bow. He certainly fits strongly right back.

**Trifecta numbers: 4,7,8/4,7,8/ALL=\$54      plus, trifecta box 4-7-8**

#### 2nd race--

**1. SIGNATURE MOVE (3) 2. PISTOL PETE AFLEET (2) 3. M BIARRITZ (1)**

#### 3rd race--

**1. TOLNAI (6) (P6 SINGLE) 2. LONE PRAIRIE (3) 3. CABO'S DAWN (12) 4. PLAN FOR FUN (9)**

#### 4th race--

**1. STATELY APPEAL (7) 2. BRIECAT (6) 3. LUCK BE A LILY (9) 4. RAIL DANCER (2)**

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

**1. MELLOW CAMMIE (7) (P6 SINGLE) 2. ASTERI (1) 3. WARREN'S SECRET (6) 4. BAND OF THUNDER (8)**

In the first leg of the late Pick 4, I will "single" MELLOW CAMMIE (5-2) in the Pick 6 and Pick 4 and key him in a pair of trifecta plays. 'CAMMIE earned a good numbers when beating restricted \$25K claimers last time, so the drop to \$16K is of no concern (basically a horizontal class move). Gomez rides back for Mullins, so the main question is if he handles the 'Anita strip as well as HP. Play the trifecta keying 'CAMMIE over five horses in the second and third spots:

ASTERI (4-1), YMUSTICHASETHECAT (5-1), WARREN'S SECRET (12-1), BAND OF THUNDER (8-1) and CANDY'S BRO (7-2). Play a second ticket using those five in the first and third spots, with 'CAMMIE in the two-hole.

**Trifecta numbers: 7/1,5,6,8,9/1,5,6,8,9=\$20 and 1,5,6,8,9/7/1,5,6,8,9=\$20**

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

**1. RENAGADE RUBY (8) 2. CORAGE (3) 3. FELICITEE (1) 4. GENTLE GALE (5)**

In a competitive maiden event, I will give the edge to RENAGADE RUBY (7-2). The Canani-trainee debuted with a good runner-up try after breaking a step slowly from the rail and encountering some traffic trouble on the turn. She moves outside and figures to only improve with experience. Make a **Win Bet at 3/1 or better** and play trifectas keying 'RUBY in the 1-2-3 spots with contenders FELICITEE (9-2), CORAGE (8-1), MISS COZY CAT (5-1) and GENTLE GALE (5-1).

**Trifecta numbers: 8/1,3,4,5/1,3,4,5=\$12; 1,3,4,5/8/1,3,4,5=\$12; 1,3,4,5/1,3,4,5/8=\$12**

7th race--

1. RELATO DEL GATO (2) 2. TONTINE TOO (7) 3. JACK'S KID (5)

8th race--

1. REMEMBER SEATTLE (9) 2. BAJA BABY (7) 3. AX ME A QUESTION (1) 4. UNBIDABLE (11)

**\*\*\*\$60 PICK 4 TICKET (races 5-8):**

**5th race--MELLOW CAMMIE**

**6th race--FELICITEE, CORAGE, MISS COZY CAT, GENTLE GALE, RENAGADE RUBY**  
(Alternate: ELUSIVE MELODY)

**7th race--RELATO DEL GATO, JACK'S KID, TONTINE TOO**  
(Alternate: SILVER STETSON MAN)

**8th race--AX ME A QUESTION, BAJA BABY, REMEMBER SEATTLE, UNBIDABLE**  
(Alternate: FLYING ON HOME)

**Pick 4 numbers: 7/1,3,4,5,8/2,5,7/1,7,9,11=\$60**

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