

BOB IKE'S SANTA ANITA SELECTIONS

MONDAY, DEC. 31

MONDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

Sunday's Results: Hit 3 top choice winners, including Best Play GORGEOUS GOOSE (\$12.40) and 7th race trifecta for \$68 (\$48 investment).

Today's Best Plays: Races 6, 7, 8 and a \$64 Pick 4 ticket. Also, with a Pick Six carryover of more than \$153,000, I will give out two suggested P6 "singles".

1st race--

1. LOCKITUP (5) 2. MAMA LULA (2) 3. WATCH ME WIN (4)

2nd race--

1. CHAMPAGNE EYES (4) 2. SKYLIGHTER (3) 3. DISTINCTIVE DIXIE (1)

3rd race--

1. BEAU GENI (3) 2. ZEE TOPPER (8) 3. LADY DISDAIN (5) 4. STORMY TUESDAY (1)

4th race--

1. WAR SCANDAL (8) (P6 SINGLE) 2. GHOST ACTOR (7) 3. THE RYE MAN (6)

5th race--

1. DISTINCTIVE AFLEET (2) 2. MR. EXCESSIVE (4) 3. GOLDEN GORILLA (10)

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

1. ONEFUNSONOFAGUN (3) (P6 SINGLE) 2. SUNSET TIJUANA (5) 3. LET'S EAT OUT (7) 4. PRINCESS TRACI (1)

In a very good gambling race, I will key around top choice ONEFUNSONOFAGUN (8-1). The Koriner-trainee comes off a very easy win vs. softer \$25,000 foes and now gets an aggressive raise up to \$62,500. She rated nicely last time, which serve her well in a race that appears to be loaded with early speed. Make a **Win Bet on 'GUN** and key her on a pair of trifecta ticktets with main contedenders PRINCESS TRACI (5-1), SUNSET TIJUANA (3-1) and LET'S EAT OUT (8-1). Also, I will box my top four choices in the exacta/trifecta.

Trifecta numbers: 3/1,5,7/ALL=\$21 and 1,5,7/3/ALL=\$21

Exacta/Trifecta Box: 1-3-5-7

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

1. QUIETLY MINE (8) 2. NIGHT CHAPTER (5) 3. UNUSUAL SUSPECT (4)

With original top pick T. D. Vance "stuck" in the race and almost sure to scratch, I will go to my next two horses and key them on a pair of trifecta plays. QUIETLY MINE (5-2) was forced to

steady in mid-stretch in the very roughly-run Turf Express across town. He kept to his task to be beaten only a neck (finishing fourth) for all the money. NIGHT CHAPTER (4-1), owned by new Dodgers manager Joe Torre, was pushed out badly in mid-stretch in the same race and has shown a fondness for this downhill turf layout.

Trifecta numbers: 5,8/5,8/ALL=\$10 and 5,8/ALL/5,8=\$10

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

1. CHEROKEE TEAR (7) 2. STAND TALL (5) 3. L. A. PHIL (3) 4. TALL TONIC (1)

In what might be the most difficult race on the race of the day, I will key around top choice CHEROKEE TEAR (5-1). The Baffert runner has turned into a reliable late-running sprinter and should relish the 7 furlong distance. Make a **Win Bet on 'TEAR** and key him in the trifecta over five horses in the second and third spots: TALL TONIC (8-1), L. A. PHIL (7-2), STAND TALL (6-1), SOUTH COAST (5-1) and SONIC COMIC (9-2). Also, play a second ticket that uses those five in the first and third spots, with 'TEAR in the two-hole.

Trifecta numbers: 7/1,3,5,6,8/1,3,5,6,8=\$20 and 1,3,5,6,8/7/1,3,5,6,8=\$20

*****\$64 PICK 4 TICKET (races 5-8):**

5th race--DISTINCTIVE AFLEET, MR. EXCESSIVE

(Alternate: GOLDEN GORILLA)

6th race--PRINCESS TRACI, ONEFUNSONOFAGUN, SUNSET TIJUANA, LET'S EAT OUT

(Alternate: ELSIE JO)

7th race--NIGHT CHAPTER, QUIETLY MINE

(Alternate: UNSUSUAL SUSPECT)

8th race--TALL TONIC, L. A. PHIL, STAND TALL, CHEROKEE TEAR

(Alternate: SOUTH COAST)

Pick 4 numbers: 2,4/1,3,5,7/5,8/1,3,5,7=\$64

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