

BOB IKE'S SANTA ANITA SELECTIONS

MONDAY, JAN. 21

MONDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

Sunday Results: Hit 2 top choice winners but went 0-for-3 on my Best Plays.

Today's Best Plays: Races 1, 7, 10 and a \$48 Pick 4 ticket. Also, with a Pick Six carryover of more than \$129,000, I will give out two P6 "singles".

*****1st race--**

1. MY KING (6) 2. RON BOB AND DAVE (10) 3. RODOLPHO (3) 4. BRITISH MUSEUM (9)

The opening race of this holiday card might be the best gambling race on the card, especially since **I like price horses MY KING (12-1) and RON BOB AND DAVE (15-1)**. 'KING walked out of the gate first time out and then finished full of run while 'DAVE had all kinds of traffic trouble in his debut and never had a chance to show his best. Make **Win Bets on both 'KING and 'DAVE**, and play the exacta/trifecta by boxing my top four choices, including first-time starter RODOLPHO (5-1), who has trained well for Shirreffs; and BRITISH MUSEUM (9-2), who ran okay first time after breaking very slowly and figures to improve in his second outing.

Exacta/Trifecta Box: 3-6-9-10

2nd race--

1. DARK PAST (8) 2. POLITICAL HIGH (7) 3. COMMON TRUST (6)

3rd race--

1. STYLIN CAT (7) 2. SOUPY (1) 3. WESTERLY MAGIC (8) 4. KURM (2)

4th race--

1. HOMEMADE LOVIN' (3) 2. NAMIRAH (8) 3. HOTTODI (2) 4. ALMACITA (9)

5th race--

1. IN THE WOODS (12) 2. DAKOTA PADRE (5) 3. BLOWOUT (1) 4. ONLY HIM (2) 5. SAM SAMIR (4)

6th race--

1. DISH THE DIRT (4) 2. STATELY APPEAL (11) 3. MINI DO (1A) 4. CLEVER COCHET (6)

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

1. TRAIL MIX (7) (P6 SINGLE) 2. SMART HIT (1) 3. LORD ALBION (4) 4. COUSINS LEW (11)

The way razor-sharp TRAIL MIX (7-2) won last time out, there's no reason he can't step up and take his third straight. The G.Stute-trainee is the quickest horse in the race, so he should be able to clear again and be very tough to collar. He's won his last two at this 6 1/2 furlong distance and likes the SA Cushion Track. Make a **Win Bet on 'MIX at 3/1 or better**, and key him in the trifecta over SMART HIT (5-1), WILBURS MR. ED (6-1), LORD ALBION (8-1) and COUSINS LEW (9-2) for second, then use ALL for third. Play a second ticket using those four on top, with 'MIX for second, then ALL for third.

Trifecta numbers: 7/1,3,4,11/ALL=\$36 and 1,3,4,11/7/ALL=\$36

8th race--

1. IN SUMMATION (1) (P6 SINGLE) 2. BARBECUE EDDIE (3) 3. SURF CAT (2)

9th race--

1. DIAMOND DAVE (1) 2. RIVER ECHO (3) 3. BITTER BILL (4) 4. AMERICAN OFFICER (7)

*****10th race--**

1. NITRO AVENUE (12) 2. BENCHMARK KID (11) 3. BAFFSTER (7) 4. JOLYMPIO (2)

With a full field of Cal-bred maiden claimers, I will play the trifecta keying around top choice NITRO AVENUE (3-1). The Koriner-trainee chased and tired when facing better in his debut and should appreciate the drop in class. He switches to stable "go-to" jockey Gryder and horses from this barn usually improve a bunch second time out. Play the trifecta keying 'AVENUE over JOLYMPIO (12-1), BAFFSTER (12-1) and BENCHMARK KID (8-1) for second, then use ALL for third. Play a second ticket using those three on top, with 'AVENUE for second, then ALL. Finally, box all four in the exacta/trifecta.

Trifecta numbers: 12/2,7,11/ALL=\$30 and 2,7,11/12/ALL=\$30

Exacta/Trifecta Box: 2-7-11-12

*****\$48 PICK 4 TICKET (races 7-10):**

7th race--TRAIL MIX

8th race--IN SUMMATION, SURF CAT, BARBECUE EDDIE

(Alternate: NONE)

9th race--DIAMOND DAVE, RIVER ECHO, BITTER BILL, AMERICAN OFFICER

(Alternate: TIZTIME)

10th race--JOLYMPIO, BAFFSTER, BENCHMARK KID, NITRO AVENUE

(Alternate: RAINGEAR)

Pick 4 numbers: 7/1,2,3/1,3,4,7/2,7,11,12=\$48

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