

BOB IKE'S SANTA ANITA SELECTIONS

SATURDAY, DEC. 29

SATURDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

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

Today's Best Plays: Races 5, 8, 9 and a \$75 Pick 4 ticket.

1st race--

1. CANYON DRIVE (5) 2. COAST GUARD (6) 3. MEDJOOL (4)

2nd race--

1. CRY ME NO RIVER (8) 2. WINGS OF FREEDOM (4) 3. QUINTONS SHOCKER (6)

3rd race--

1. VELVET MOONLITE (1) 2. DOUBLE TROUBLE (2) 3. COURTWOOD (3)

4th race--

1. SING ME A PSALM (8) 2. MAEKEN NOISE (11) 3. CONVECTION (10) 4. TIME FOR NINE (3)

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

1. TRAIL MIX (11) 2. NEW RULE (14) 3. COMMON TRUST (2) 4. BEWITCHING BARTOK (1)

With a full field of bottom-level claimers going postward, I will take TRAIL MIX (4-1) right back. He comes off a very game win across town and is lowered a level by his aggressive connections. He catches a field without as much speed as last time (:21.3, :43.3), so look for him to clear early and be very hard to catch. **Make a Win Bet on 'MIX at 7/2 or better**, and key him in the trifecta over six horses in the second and third spots: BEWITCHING BARTOK (12-1), COMMON TRUST (3-1), SMIMTHEEXCESS (12-1), GOLDEN ROYAL (10-1), HEMET (8-1) and NEW RULE (5-1). Also, play a second ticket using those six in the first and third spots, with 'MIX in the two-hole.

Trifecta numbers:11/1,2,3,6,13,14/1,2,3,6,13,14=\$30; 1,2,3,6,13,14/11/1,2,3,6,13,14=\$30

6th race--

1. RATE OF EXCHANGE (4) 2. MEGA (9) 3. ROYAL HUMOR (7) 4. DECORATOR (2)

7th race--

1. SPRING AWAKENING (8) 2. TREADMILL (11) 3. ONEBADKITTY (6) 4. CANTINA'S ROSE (4)

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

1. GHETTO (6) 2. NISTLE'S CRUNCH (11) 3. SPINNING SOUND (1) 4. SKY CAPE (2)
In a very competitive running of the Eddie Logan (Santa Anita's 90-something shoeshine man, who has worked here since the day the track opened), I will give the edge to English import GHETTO (5-1). He shows decent European form and gets Lasix for his U.S. debut. Trainer C.Dollase has a good long-term record with this type, so make a **Win Bet on GHETTO** and key him on a pair of trifecta ticktets with main contenders SPINNING SOUND (9-2), SKY CAPE (6-1), YANKEE BRAVO (7-2) and NISTLE'S CRUNCH (5-1).

Trifecta numbers: 6/1,2,9,11/1,2,9,11=\$12 and 1,2,9,11/6/1,2,9,11=\$12

*****9th race--**

1. DEAREST TRICKSKI (9) 2. SINDY WITH AN S (10) 3. GLORIFIED (7) 4. ASHLEY'S KITTY (3)

In by far the best gambling race on the card, I will take a shot with win machine DEAREST TRICKSKI (8-1). The reformed claimer (she was claimed for \$10,000 at Lone Star in April, then for \$32,000 by current trainer Sadler at Del Mar) has rattled off three straight victories while winning six of her last seven. She crushed older last time at HP and might be good enough right now to wire this field. I will make a **Win Bet on 'TRICKSKI** and key her in the 1-2-3 spots in the trifecta with main contenders ASHLEY'S KITTY (6-1), DAWN AFTER DAWN (6-1), GLORIFIED (7-2) and SINDY WITH AN S (5-1). Also, play exactas keying 'TRICKSKI with the same horses.

Trifecta numbers: 9/3,5,7,10/3,5,7,10=\$12; 3,5,7,10/9/3,5,7,10=\$12; 3,5,7,10/3,5,7,10/9=\$12
Exacta Boxes: 9/3,5,7,10

10th race--

1. ALMACITA (11) 2. WARREN'S SILLYCAT (10) 3. QUEENS BOULEVARD (3)

*****\$75 PICK 4 TICKET (races 7-10):**

7th race--SPRING AWAKENING

8th race--SPINNING SOUND, SKY CAPE, GHETTO, YANKEE BRAVO, NISTLE'S CRUNCH

(Alternate: SOUTHWEST)

9th race--ASHLEY'S KITTY, DAWN AFTER DAWN, GLORIFIED, DEAREST TRICKSKI, SINDY WITH AN S

(Alternate: UNSPOKEN WORD)

10th race--QUEENS BOULEVARD, WARREN'S SILLYCAT, ALMACITA

(Alternate: NONE)

Pick 4 numbers: 8/1,2,6,9,11/3,5,7,9,10/3,10,11=\$75

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