

BOB IKE'S SANTA ANITA SELECTIONS

SATURDAY, JAN. 12

SATURDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

Friday Results: Hit 3 top choice winners, including Pick Six "singles" ASTERI (\$5.80) and WICKEDNWACKYINGRID (\$12.80). Also nailed 4th race trifecta for \$196 (\$48 play).

Today's Best Plays: Races 6, 9, 10 and a \$72 Pick 4 ticket.

1st race--

1. LOTS OF SUNSHINE (1) 2. FLAMINGO PRINCESS (5) 3. AMERICA'S FRIEND (4)

2nd race--

1. LAW BREAKER (6) 2. LUIS'S ESPECIAL (1) 3. LIT'S GOODLOOKNGRAY (4) 4. VICE ADMIRAL (2)

3rd race--

1. AFLEET RULER (3) 2. BEHINDATTHEBAR (4) 3. SCIBELLI (7) 4. SANGAREE (5)

4th race--

1. BANNER LODGE (5) 2. LONELY HIGHWAY (2) 3. MI ARCOBALENO (8)

5th race--

1. MASSIVE DRAMA (6) 2. TALK OF A CAT (2) 3. EL GATO MALO (1)

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

1. WITNESS THIS (1) 2. BLACK JACK ATTACK (11) 3. IZA GENERAL (6) 4. BRILLIANT CUT (10)

In an extremely competitive downhill turf sprint, I will give the edge to sharp WITNESS THIS (6-1). The consistent gelding comes off a win across town and narrowly missed one back when facing similar over this layout. He should get a good trip tucked in behind the leaders and gives his best almost every time out. Make a **Win Bet on 'THIS** and key him in the trifecta over six horses in the second and third spots: SEVEN SECRETS (12-1), IZA GENERAL (6-1), FERNDAL SAL (12-1), CENTARVO (15-1), BRILLIANT CUT (9-2) and BLACK JACK ATTACK (7-2). Also, play a second ticket using those six in the first and third spots, with 'THIS in the two-hole.

Trifecta numbers: 1/4,6,7,9,10,11/4,6,7,9,10,11=\$30 and 4,6,7,9,10,11/1/4,6,7,9,10,11=\$30

7th race--

1. WELL ARMED (6) 2. MOLENGAO (2) 3. THOUSAND WORDS (1)

8th race--

1. FAST THOUGHT (7) 2. YODELEN DAN (2) 3. ADD HEAT (4) 4. MINISTER BLAIR (3)

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

1. FAMILIAR STRANGER (5) 2. RUN FOREST RUN (14) 3. SURE THING EVA (11)

A full field of restricted claimers go in here and I like the chances of recent maiden winner FAMILIAR STRANGER (9-2). Although the pattern is somewhat suspicious (not running back in a starter allowance spot), the Sadler-trainee appears to be the speed of the lineup and should be tough to run down. Make a **Win Bet on 'STRANGER** and key him in trifectas with main contenders SURE THING EVA (10-1) and RUN FOREST RUN (5-1). Also, play a three-horse exacta/trifecta box with my top three choices.

Trifecta numbers: 5/11,14/ALL=\$24 and 11,14/5/ALL=\$24

Exacta/Trifecta Box: 5-11-14

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

1. RAVEL (1) 2. TIAGO (7) 3. JOHNNY EVES (4) 4. MONZANTE (5)

Another excellent gambling race with a large field going in this year's San Fernando. I will make a **Win Bet on top choice RAVEL (7-2)** and play the exacta/trifecta by boxing my top four runners. RAVEL disappointed in his return across town when facing older in the Native Diver but figures to move forward off that race. Look for a much tighter horse today. In the exacta/trifecta, use RAVEL (7-2); JOHNNY EVES (6-1), a sharp winner of the opening day Malibu who will try to stretch his speed out around two turns; MONZANTE (8-1), who beat lesser in his U.S. bow but overcame all kinds of trouble and might just be this good; and TIAGO (5-2), the "class" of the field and training very well for his return.

Exacta/Trifecta Box: 1-4-5-7

11th race--

1. BILLION BUCK BABY (4) 2. GO ALL IN (1A) 3. RELENTLESS PURSUIT (10) 4. HOUSE OF SILVER (6)

*****\$72 PICK 4 TICKET (races 8-11):**

8th race--FAST THOUGHT

9th race--FAMILIAR STRANGER, SURE THING EVA, RUN FOREST RUN

(Alternate: DR. SINATRA)

10th race--RAVEL, JOHNNY EVES, MONZANTE, TIAGO

(Alternate: MONTEREY JAZZ)

11th race--ON EAGLES WINGS/GO ALL IN (entry), HOLD YOUR GROUND, BILLION BUCK BABY, OCEANOGRAPHY, HOUSE OF SILVER, RELENTLESS PURSUIT

(Alternate: GANDOLF)

Pick 4 numbers: 7/5,11,14/1,4,5,7/1,2,4,5,6,10=\$72

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