BOB IKE'S SANTA ANITA SELECTIONS SATURDAY, JAN. 26

SATURDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

Monday Results: Hit 3 top choice winners, including Best Play winner TRAIL MIX (\$7.20); and 7th race trifecta for \$229 on a \$72 investment.

Today's Best Plays: Races 2, 7, 9 and a \$72 Pick 4 ticket.

1st race--

1. THE LAST BLACK LION (3) 2. FABULOUS MR. MIKE (8) 3. LARDOG (5

***2nd race--

1. DIXIE MUSIC ROLL (5) 2. MANANAN MCLIR (1) 3. CAN'T STOP SLEW (8) 4. NORWAY HOUSE (4)

With a couple of the main contenders taking suspicious class drops, this might be a good spot for price horse DIXIE MUSIC ROLL (10-1). The Spawr-trained gelding got stopped behind horses through the lane last time while losing his momentum in an inconclusive performance. He faces older here but scored a win one race back and gets some pace to set up his late run. Make a **Win Bet on 'ROLL** and key him in trifectas with main contenders MANANAN MCLIR (2-1), NORWAY HOUSE (6-1) and CAN'T STOP SLEW (6-1).

Trifecta numbers: 5/1,4,8/ALL=\$24 and 1,4,8/5/ALL=\$24

Exacta/Trifecta Box: 1-4-5-8

3rd race--

1. ONEFUNSONOFAGUN (4) 2. ELSIE JO (5) 3. SUNSET TIJUANA (7)

4th race--

1. DEAREST TRICKSKI (8) 2. TIZ ELEMENTAL (4) 3. CHER AMI (6)

5th race--

1. NASHOBA'S KEY (6) 2. QUITE A BRIDE (7) 3. SOMETHINABOUTLAURA (1)

6th race--

1. BOB BLACK JACK (7) 2. GEORGIE BOY (6) 3. WINSOME CHARM (3)

***7th race--

1. GO BETWEEN (9) 2. ELECTRIFY (8) 3. DIAMOND STRIPES (1) 4. GOTTCHA GOLD (12)

In an extremely good field for the Classic, I will give the edge to GO BETWEEN (8-1). The Mott-trained horse didn't fire on the turf at Calder last time but I liked his win one back over the

Polytrack at Keeneland (his only race on a synthetic surface). The pace figures to be hot and leave it to Gomez to time his ride with this off-the-pace runner. Make a **Win Bet on 'BETWEEN** and key him in the trifecta over five horses in the second and third spots: DIAMOND STRIPES (7-2), CELTIC DREAMIN (8-1), ELECTRIFY (8-1), GOING BALLASTIC (15-1) and GOTTCHA GOLD (8-1). Play a second ticket using those five in the first and third spots, with 'BETWEEN in the two-hole.

Trifecta numbers: 9/1,5,8,11,12/1,5,8,11,12=\$20 and 1,5,8,11,12/9/1,5,8,11,12=\$20

8th race--

1. BAD BOY (8) 2. CHEROKEE HEAVEN (4) 3. MR. WOLVERINE (11) 4. NEW BOBCAT

***9th race--

1. MR. ELROY (2) 2. PUBLIC IMAGE (3) 3. DRAFT CHOICE (9) 4. MASS APPEAL (11)

With two races under his belt, speedy MR. ELROY (4-1) looks ready to break his maiden for O'Neill. The sophomore colt made a clear lead before settling for second last time out and should appreciate shortening up to 6 furlongs. He is the one to catch from the inside post. Make a **Win Bet on 'ELROY at 7/2 or better**, and key him on a pair of trifecta tickets with five main contenders: PUBLIC IMAGE (5-2), JAMIESON (20-1), DRAFT CHOICE (7-2), MASS APPEAL (8-1) and SCOTT'S SPIRIT (12-1).

Trifecta numbers: 2/3,6,9,11,13/3,6,9,11,13=\$20 and 3,6,9,11,13/2/3,6,9,11,13=\$20

10th race--

1. DILEMMA (5) 2. KALGOORLIE (7) 3. JOY'S COMET (3)

11th race--

1. PERFECT CAST (2) 2. TRUE SUGGESTION (9) 3. STROPPY (3) 4. PRINCESS ARJUMAND (5)

***\$72 PICK 4 TICKET (races 4-7):

4th race--TIZ ELEMENTAL, DEAREST TRICKSKI

(Alternate: CHER AMI)

5th race--NASHOBA'S KEY, QUITE A BRIDE

(Alternate: SOMETHINABOUTLAURA)

6th race--WINSOME CHARM, GEORGIE BOY, BOB BLACK JACK

(Alternate: AFLEET RULER)

7th race--DIAMOND STRIPES, CELTIC DREAMIN, ELECTRIFY, GO BETWEEN, GOING

BALLISTIC, GOTTCHA GOLD (Alternate: SEMINOLE NATIVE)

Pick 4 numbers: 4,8/6,7/3,6,7/1,5,8,9,11,12=\$72

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