

BOB IKE'S SANTA ANITA SELECTIONS

THURSDAY, JAN. 17

THURSDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

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

Today's Best Plays: Races 3, 7, 8 and a \$72 Pick 4 ticket. Also, with a Pick Six carryover of more than \$93,000, I will give out two suggested P6 "singles".

1st race--

1. SOUTHERN GUY (7) 2. EMBRACE THE STORM (2) 3. GO FOR COVER (1)

2nd race--

1. KALOOKAN YEAR (6) 2. PAT THE COOL CAT (4) 3. LA TEE (1) 4. BIG BERTHA (2)

*****3rd race--**

- 1. HOMEMADE BREW (7) (P6 SINGLE)**
- 2. CATCH CANDY (9)**
- 3. CHICKS RULE (1)**
- 4. SWISHING TIGER (10)**

In the first leg of the Pick Six, I like the chances of lukewarm favorite HOMEMADE BREW (3-1). Coming off a runner-up try as the 7/5 favorite last time, 'BREW has been freshened by new trainer West, who won an eight-way shake across town. The sophomore filly has good tactical speed and is drawn favorably outside. Make a **Win Bet at 5/2 or better**, and key 'BREW in the trifecta over CHICKS RULE (5-1), CATCH CANDY (4-1) and SWISHING TIGER (5-1) for second, then use ALL for third. Play a second ticket using those three on top, with 'BREW for second, then ALL for third.

Trifecta numbers: 7/1,9,10/ALL=\$24 and 1,9,10/7/ALL=\$24

4th race--

1. GOLD DATNOID (2) 2. READY MAID (8) 3. STARTIN FRESH (6)

5th race--

- 1. UNION SCALE (4) (P6 SINGLE)**
- 2. CRIMSON COWBOY (8)**
- 3. KALOOKAN BOSS (5)**

6th race--

1. TEXAS VOYAGER (8) 2. FURIOSO STAR (9) 3. RUDEAMEANIE (2) 4. STORM MACHINE (1)

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

- 1. ITALIAN ART (9)**
- 2. LIBERIAN FREIGHTER (2)**
- 3. SKY CAPE (4)**
- 4. TEN MEROPA (5)**

In a wide-open looking downhill event, I will give the edge to top choice ITALIAN ART (6-1). Coming off a maiden win in England on Oct. 18, 'ART ships to the U.S. and lands the services of Gomez for his American debut. He shows a brief work tab but the fact that this jock takes the call if very significant. Make a **Win Bet on 'ART** and play the exacta/trifecta boxing my top four runners: LIBERIAN FREIGHTER (8-1), who ran well in his debut win but disappointed when stepped up into a stakes; SKY CAPE (5-2), who comes off a runner-up try in a minor stakes and now shortens up in distance; TEN MEROPA (12-1), who is an English import from the always-dangerous Mullins barn; and ITALIAN ART (6-1). **In the event of a scratch to any of my top four runners, substitute Belafonte (7) in its place.**

Exacta/Trifecta Box: 2-4-5-9

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

1. HURRICANE RETSINA (8) 2. IN DADDY'S HONOR (7) 3. ROCKINANROLLIN (12) 4. MUD SWEAT'N TEARS (1)

In a difficult finale, I will try class-dropping price horse HURRICANE RETSINA (12-1). The sophomore filly ran well to be second in her debut for MC\$40,000, then disappointed when stepped up into the straight maiden ranks. Dropping back to MC\$32K, she could be very dangerous at a generous price. Make a **Win Bet on 'RETSINA** and key her in the trifecta over five horses in the second and third spots: MUD SWEAT'N TEARS (15-1), TOPPER'S TREASURE (6-1), IN DADDY'S HONOR (5-2), CHELSEAS AMBER SKY (30-1) and ROCKINANDROLLIN (6-1). Play a second ticket using those five in the first and third spots, with 'RETSINA in the two-hole.

Trifecta numbers: 8/1,4,7,9,12/1,4,7,9,12=\$20 and 1,4,7,9,12/8/1,4,7,9,12=\$20

*****\$72 PICK 4 TICKET (races 5-8):**

5th race--UNION SCALE

6th race--RUDEAMEANIE, TEXAS VOYAGER, FURIOSO STAR

(Alternate: STORM MACHINE)

7th race--LIBERIAN FREIGHTER, SKY CAPE, TEN MEROPA, ITALIAN ART

(Alternate: BELAFONTE)

8th race--MUD SWEAT'N TEARS, TOPPER'S TREASURE, IN DADDY'S HONOR, HURRICANE RETSINA, CHELSEAS AMBER SKY, ROCKINANDROLLIN

(Alternate: SPANISH HEAT)

Pick 4 numbers: 4/2,8,9/2,4,5,9/1,4,7,8,9,12=\$72

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