

BOB IKE'S SANTA ANITA SELECTIONS

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

TUESDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

Monday Result: Hit 2 top choice winners; 6th race trifecta for \$255 (\$42 investment) and exacta for \$38 (\$12 ticket).

Today's Best Plays: Races 5, 7, 10 and a \$72 Pick 4 ticket. Also, with the Pick 6 double carryover of more than \$587,000, I will give out two P6 "singles".

1st race--

1. SUDOKU BUDDY (8) 2. BAZZOOM (5) 3. ENGADIN (1) 4. POINTED HOME (3)

2nd race--

1. SMART HIT (5) 2. PUBLICATION (4) 3. DIRECT CONNECT (2)

3rd race--

1. STALEMATE (7) 2. UNCERTAIN HEIGHTS (9) 3. AFLEET BUD (11) 4. MIXED BERRIES (1)

4th race--

1. IDIOT PROOF (3) 2. BARBECUE EDDIE (5) 3. IN SUMMATION (4)

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

1. LA TORMENTA (12) (P6 SINGLE) 2. LA MATANZA (11) 3. FOXY GAMES (2) 4. MISS CONNIE SUE (6)

With not much pace in the race, dropper LA TORMENTA (2-1) should be very hard to run down on the front end. The Miller-trainee has won five of 10 lifetime starts, has shown an affinity for the SA downhill course and drops another peg in class. Add it all up and she will be a very tough customer on the lead. **I will "single" her in the Pick Six (\$587,000 double carryover)** and key her in the trifecta over five horses in the second and third spots: FOXY GAMES (8-1), FORMAL RUSH (8-1), MISS CONNIE SUE (15-1), KARLEE'S KITTEN (6-1) and LA MATANZA (5-1). Also, play a second ticket that uses those five in the first and third spots, with LA TORMENTA in the two-hole.

Trifecta numbers: 12/2,4,6,7,11/2,4,6,7,11=\$20 and 2,4,6,7,11/12/2,4,6,7,11=\$20

6th race--

1. SQUARE DEAL (7) 2. THAT'S GRAND (3) 3. PHANTOM STRIKE (4)

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

1. FOREST MELODY (3) (P6 SINGLE) 2. SIAMESE CAT (5) 3. ATHENA TWO O FOUR (9)

In the first leg of the late Pick 4, I will take a shot with FOREST MELODY (“single” in the **Pick 6 and Pick 4**) in a difficult turf event. The Capestro-trained filly comes off a fine runner-up try in a marathon event across town and should get a great trip sitting close to a very soft pace. She will be in the right spot turning for home and might be able to hold off the late runners. Make a **Win Bet on ‘MELODY** and key her on a pair of trifecta tickets with main threats SIAMESE CAT (7-2) and ATHENA TWO O FOUR (10-1). Also, box my top three choices in the exacta/trifecta.

Trifecta numbers: 3/5,9/ALL=\$18 and 5,9/3/ALL=\$18
Exacta/Trifecta Box: 3-5-9

8th race--

1. KISS THE COOKE (3) 2. SNEAKY JACK (1) 3. LIGHTEN UP RULE (5)

9th race--

1. SOCIETY HOSTESS (4) 2. AUDACIOUS CHLOE (6) 3. VICTORY SPY (2) 4. STRONG FAITH (10)

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

1. PREMIER WON (5) 2. KICKIN BACK (14) 3. STORMIN JACK (2) 4. MAS HOMBRE (11)

In an extremely difficult nightcap, I will give the edge to PREMIER WON (8-1). Although the race is loaded with early speed, perhaps ‘WON is the speed of the speed for good trainer Jorge Periban. He comes off a couple good efforts across town and seems like a fat price on the morning line. Make a **Win Bet on ‘WON** and key him in the trifecta over five horses in the second and third spots: STORMIN JACK (9-2), POWER BLEND (10-1), JADED SONG (8-1), MAS HOMBRE (8-1) and KICKIN BACK (6-1). Also, play a second ticket using those five in the first and third spots, with ‘WON in the middle.

Trifecta numbers: 5/2,8,10,11,14/2,8,10,11,14=\$20 and 2,8,10,11,14/5/2,8,10,11,14=\$20

*****\$72 PICK 4 TICKET (races 7-10):**

7th race--FOREST MELODY

8th race--SNEAKY JACK, KISS THE COOKE, LIGHTEN UP RULE

(Alternate: TONJA’S WORLD)

9th race--VICTORY SPY, SOCIETY HOSTESS, AUDACIOUS CHLOE, STRONG FAITH

(Alternate: ANAMANOR)

10th race--STORMIN JACK, PREMIER WON, POWER BLEND, JADED SONG, MAS HOMBRE, KICKIN BACK

(Alternate: OBEDIENCE)

Pick 4 numbers: 3/1,3,5/2,4,6,10/2,5,8,10,11,14=\$72

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