

BOB IKE'S SANTA ANITA SELECTIONS

MONDAY, FEB. 25

MONDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

Sunday Results: Hit 5 top choice winners, including Best Play winner TIZ ELEMENTAL (\$10.00); and nailed all three trifectas (\$157, \$158 and \$330) on my Best Play races.

Today's Best Plays: Races 4, 6, 8, and a \$72 Pick 4 ticket.

1st race--

1. WAVELAND AVENUE (1A) 2. RON BOB AND DAVE (1) 3. MR. LOGAN (6)

2nd race--

1. EXPRESSIVE DIVA (1) 2. LITTLE BRENDA (5) 3. HEINOUS (8)

3rd race--

1. CHRISTIANA'S HEAT (5) 2. NICOLE'S IMAGE (3) 3. LOVELY OLIVIA (2)

*****4th race--**

1. SCAT THIEF (1) 2. I'M ALL OUT (2) 3. TRUE MAN (5) 4. CAYAMBE (3)

SCAT THIEF (5-1) may be buried on the morning line but has a big shot to beat these based on current form. His recent win up north was at the expense of older foes--unlike today's restricted claiming event for straight 4-year-olds--and he fared decently against much tougher rivals in his two prior starts locally. Make a **Win Bet on 'THIEF** and Wheel him in the trifecta over the other six runners. Also, play exactas using ALL over 'THIEF.

Trifecta numbers: 1/ALL/ALL=\$30

Exacta numbers: ALL/1

5th race--

1. HYBERBARIC (3) 2. EL MANUEL (5) 3. HEWITTS (1)

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

1. BROTHER PEGASUS (6) 2. DEMON INSIDE (2) 3. TIZMET (1)

Don't be fooled by the fact that BROTHER PEGASUS (3-1) is going from \$20K to \$25K in claiming price today after finishing third in that last start--he is actually dropping in class. This race is restricted to non-winners of two races lifetime and the open claimers he chased last time were much tougher than these despite the lesser selling price. Trainer Gary Stute and jockey David Flores are both having great meets, so make a **Win Bet on 'PEGASUS** and key him in the 1-2 slots on two trifecta tickets with the following four contenders: TIZMET (4-1), DEMON INSIDE (2-1), LOGO (10-1) and BIG RIVER RULER (6-1).

Trifecta numbers: 6/1,2,3,7/1,2,3,7=\$12 and 1,2,3,7/6/1,2,3,7=\$12

7th race--

1. GIANT GIZMO (1) 2. TROPIC STORM (4) 3. DOUBLE GALORE (2)

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

1. POINTED HOME (7) 2. ROMANCE IS ZENON (6) 3. KIELBASA (3)

Looks as though POINTED HOME (2-1) is sitting on that elusive maiden win here and the most likely winner of the nightcap. Second in his last pair, he sports a subtle but steady improving pattern as he makes his sixth start, so we'll key him on two trifecta tickets. First ticket, use 'HOME over KIELBASA (7-2), ROMANCE IS ZENON (9-2) and NIMA'S PAD (8-1) for second, then use ALL for third. Second ticket, use those three on top, with 'HOME for second, then ALL for third.

Trifecta numbers: 7/3,6,8/ALL=\$21 and 3,6,8/7/ALL=\$21

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

5th race--HEWITTS, HYPERBARIC, EL MANUEL

(Alternate: WORCHESTER)

6th race--BROTHER PEGASUS

7th race--ALL

8th race--KIELBASA, ROMANCE IS ZENON, POINTED HOME, NIMA'S PAD

(Alternate: NONE)

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

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