

BOB IKE'S SANTA ANITA SELECTIONS

SUNDAY, FEB. 24

SUNDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

Saturday Results: Hit 3 top choice winners, including Best Play winner T KAY B (\$10.80) in 6th race; and nailed 7th race trifecta for \$180 (\$40 total investment).

Today's Best Plays: Races 4, 7, 9 and a \$72 Pick 4 ticket. Also, with a Pick Six carryover of more than \$145,000, I will give out two P6 "singles".

NOTE: Steady rain is falling at Santa Anita. Please check the status of turf races.

1st race--

1. KISS MY CROWN (6) 2. GONE GRAND (2) 3. WARRENS FLYIN HIGH (3)

2nd race--

1. YVETT'S PRIDE (6) 2. LUCK IS MANDATORY (4) 3. THORNMARK (2) 4. PICTURAL (3)

3rd race--

1. THEODORA (6) 2. MINI DO (1) 3. ARBORETA (3) 4. HOLLADAY DIXIE (5)

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

1. EXCEEDING (9) (P6 SINGLE) 2. KINGDOM COME (5) 3. RUSH COUNTRY (4) 4. GO GO DANCER (11)

In the first leg of the Pick Six, I am handicapping this race to come off the turf and switch to the synthetic main track. In either case, I like the chances of EXCEEDING (7-2), an old pro recently claimed by Hollendorder, who steps him up two levels for this. He has more speed than these and should take them wire-to-wire. Make a **Win Bet on EXCEEDING** and key him in the trifecta over RUSH COUNTRY (20-1), KINGDOM COME (6-1) and GO GO DANCER (12-1) for second, then use ALL for third. Second ticket, use EXCEEDING on top, with ALL for second, then those same three for third. Finally, play exactas with EXCEEDING in second spot.

Trifecta numbers: 9/4,5,11/ALL=\$27 and 9/ALL/4,5,11=\$27

Exacta numbers: 4,5,11/9

5th race--

1. DILEMMA (2) (P6 SINGLE) 2. JOY'S COMET (3) 3. MI ARCOBALENO (1) 4. LONELY HIGHWAY (6)

6th race--

1. BURNT (2) 2. SOOTHING TOUCH (9) 3. GOLDEN LIPS (3) 4. PINK POLKADOTS (8)

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

1. TIZ ELEMENTAL (7) 2. COCO BELLE (3) 3. GLORIFIED (8) 4. OVERLY TEMPTING (5)

In a competitive sprint stakes, I will give a slight edge to TIZ ELEMENTAL (7-2), who has been away winning two straight in April. The talented Gaines-trained filly has shown the ability to fire fresh and should get a great trip right behind the speed. Make a **Win Bet on 'ELEMENTAL** and play the trifecta keying my three choices in the first and second spots, then using ALL for third. In post position order, use COCO BELLE (3-1), who got very good at the end of the year and might be the speed of the speed; TIZ ELEMENTAL (7-2); and GLORIFIED (4-1), who comes off a third-place effort in a Grade I and could be very tough in this context.

Trifecta numbers: 3,7,8/3,7,8/ALL=\$36 plus, trifecta box 3-7-8

8th race--

1. PLACID LAKE (4) 2. SWEET BELLE (5) 3. HEATHERSDADDYSBABY (6)

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

1. SEVEN POINT ONE (7) 2. LOOKS GREAT (6) 3. BYRNES (3) 4. PRECAPER (5)

In a difficult finale, I will go with class-dropping comebacker SEVEN POINT ONE (4-1), who gets a big barn switch to Cerin. The 5-year-old gelding comes back for MC\$25,000, has trained well and figures to fire a good shot off the bench. Make a **Win Bet on 'ONE** and key him on a pair of trifecta tickets with five others: BYRNES (3-1), PRECAPER (8-1), LOOKS GREAT (6-1), OAKLAND AVENUE (8-1) and LIKE SMARTY (12-1).

Trifecta numbers: 7/3,5,6,8,12/3,5,6,8,12=\$20 and 3,5,6,8,12/7/3,5,6,8,12=\$20

*****\$72 PICK 4 TICKET (races 6-9):**

6th race--BURNT, SOOTHING TOUCH

(Alternate: GOLDEN LIPS)

7th race--COCO BELLE, TIZ ELEMENTAL, GLORIFIED

(Alternate: OVERLY TEMPTING)

8th race--PLACID LAKE, SWEET BELLE, HEATHERSDADDYSBABY

(Alternate: NONE)

9th race--BYRNES, PRECAPER, LOOKS GREAT, SEVEN POINT ONE

(Alternate: OAKLAND AVENUE)

Pick 4 numbers: 2,9/3,7,8/4,5,6/3,5,6,7=\$72

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