

BOB IKE'S SANTA ANITA SELECTIONS

THURSDAY, FEB. 14

THURSDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

Wednesday Results: Hit 2 top choice winners but went 0-for-3 on my Best Plays (getting split out of nice trifecta hits in races 3 and 4).

Today's Best Plays: Races 5, 6, 7 and a \$49 Pick 4 ticket.

1st race--

1. KISS MY CROWN (3) 2. POLISH PETE (9) 3. FORT FUNSTON (6)

2nd race--

1. SUNDAY DRESS (3) 2. MAMA LULA (4) 3. HENNESSY ROSE (8) 4. MISS CONNIE SUE (6)

3rd race--

1. RAEBEAR (1) 2. IGRAINE (3) 3. TOLL ROAD (6)

4th race--

1. CALL TRANSFER (1) 2. SILVER DUST (8) 3. PAY WHAT YOU OWE (4) 4. HUSS THE KING (2)

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

1. LA MATANZA (9) 2. FOXY GAMES (5) 3. MARK SET GO (10)

In a typically wide-open downhill turf event, I will make a **Win Bet on top choice LA MATANZA (6-1)** and play the trifecta by keying my top three selections. 'MATANZA ran decently in her U.S. debut, scraping paint into the lane to move up to second in mid-stretch, then tired late and got outfinished for secondary awards. Claimed by Carava, she might be fitter for her second U.S. start. In the trifecta, use FOXY GAMES (6-1), who exits the same race as the top one and ran okay despite tiring in mid-stretch; LA MATANZA (6-1); and MARK SET GO (7-2), who returns in the Walsh barn, can fire fresh and gets Gomez for her comebacker.

Trifecta numbers: 5,9,10/5,9,10/ALL=\$54 plus, trifecta box 5-9-10

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

1. MAGICAL VICTORY (6) 2. FABULOSO (7) 3. SMOOTH PERFORMER (1) 4. B R'S GIRL (8)

In her debut, MAGICAL VICTORY had no early speed but finished like a freight train before galloping out strongly past the wire. The daughter of Victory Gallop obviously wants to run long and gets that chance today. She's trained well since her bow and gets Lasix, so everything looks

right for a top effort. I will play the trifecta keying 'VICTORY over six horses in the second and third spots: SMOOTH PERFORMER (7-2), WICKED DELIGHT (12-1), DISTINCTIVE DIXIE (5-1), FABULOSO (10-1), B R'S GIRL (9-2) and LOVELY COOL (15-1). Also, play a second ticket using those six in the first and third spots, with 'VICTORY in the two-hole.

Trifecta numbers: 6/1,4,5,7,8,9/1,4,5,7,8,9=\$30 and 1,4,5,7,8,9/6/1,4,5,7,8,9=\$30

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

1. POLITICAL HIGH (12) 2. DIRECT CONNECT (10) 3. PUBLICATION (3) 4. KAIANAGANDAIA (11)

Although POLITICAL HIGH doesn't have the healthiest pattern in the world, he is clearly the horse to beat if he runs anywhere close to his last pair. The Hollendorfer trainee comes out of fast races for the level, is drawn well outside and gets hot-riding Bejarano. Play the trifecta keying 'HIGH over PUBLICATION (7-2), CAPT. WILSON (15-1), DIRECT CONNECT (9-2) and KAIANAGANDAIA (8-1) for second, then use ALL for third. Also, play exactas using those four over my top choice.

Trifecta numbers: 12/3,8,10,11/ALL=\$44

Exacta numbers: 3,8,10,11/12

8th race--

1. PRINCESS AMELIE (1) 2. KISS THE COOKE (6) 3. TUTTA BELLA (10) 4. BRITNEY HEAT (13)

9th race--

1. HARMONY CREATOR (8) 2. VAN BRIT (14) 3. TITAN QUEEN (12) 4. AFTERNOON GOLD (13) 5. POINT REYNA (11)

*****\$49 PICK 4 TICKET (races 6-9):**

6th race--MAGICAL VICTORY

7th race--POLITICAL HIGH

8th race--PRINCESS AMELIE, JAZZERIN, KISS THE COOKE, GHOSTLY GIRL, TUTTA BELLA, LT. LORRAINE, BRITNEY HEAT
(Alternate: NONE)

9th race--LITTLE SINGER, HERE IS DJ'S BUDDY, HARMONY CREATOR, POINT REYNA, TITAN QUEEN, AFTERNOON GOLD, VAN BRIT
(Alternate: BACKSTROKE)

Pick 4 numbers: 6/12/1,5,6,8,10,11,13/4,7,8,11,12,13,14=\$49

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