

BOB IKE'S SANTA ANITA SELECTIONS

FRIDAY, FEB. 29

FRIDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

Thursday Results: Went 0-for-3 on my Best Plays.

Today's Best Plays: Races 3, 4, 7 and a \$60 Pick 4 ticket. Also, with a Pick Six carryover of more than \$96,000, I will give out two suggested P6 "singles".

1st race--

1. STAND TALL (5) 2. SAXOPHONE (3) 3. SOUTH COAST (4) 4. OH I TRIPPED (1)

2nd race--

1. ZADA BELLE (2) 2. MOOD WINNER (3) 3. IRON BUTTERFLY (1)

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

1. NEWPORT LULU (3) 2. BEAU CHANT (4) 3. TERI BEAR (8)

In the first leg of the Pick Six, I will key around top choice NEWPORT LULU (7-2). The sophomore filly showed good speed when dueling for the lead vs. straight maidens last time and now drops into a softer MC\$40,000 spot. The Sherman barn finally got off the schneid, so let's take this gray filly in wire-to-wire style. Make a **Win Bet on 'LULU** and key her on a pair of trifecta tickets with main threats BEAU CHANT (5-2) and TERI BEAR (8-1). Finally, box my top three in the exacta/trifecta.

Trifecta numbers: 3/4,8/ALL=\$12 and 4,8/3/ALL=\$12

Exacta/Trifecta Box: 3-4-8

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

1. SKYSPY (8) (P6 SINGLE) 2. SCOTT'S POPPY (2) 3. PERFECTLY SANE (5)

Freshened six week and dropping into a softer claiming spot, SKYSPY (3-1) should be tough to deny in this spot. He should get an ideal stalking trip from outside and be in the right spot turning for home as he switches to Gomez for the first time. I will play the trifecta keying my top three choices in the first and second spots, then using ALL for third. In post position order, use SCOTT'S POPPY (4-1), who has been off since Oak Tree but has early speed and should come back running for Mitchell/Bejarano; PERFECTLY SANE (5-1), who comes off a decent maiden claiming victory and might fit well in this context; and SKYSPY (3-1).

Trifecta numbers: 2,5,8/2,5,8/ALL=\$36 plus, trifecta box 2-5-8

5th race--

1. STATELY APPEAL (7) 2. SWEET AUGUST MOON (2) 3. LOVEHI (6)

6th race--

1. PROUD OF MY CURLS (5) 2. PEACE PLEDGE (7) 3. PRAYING FOR RAIN (9) 4. GABBY LANE (3)

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

1. RATHER BE LUCKY (1) (P6 SINGLE) 2. ADD HEAT (4) 3. CARIBBEAN (3) 4. BOULE D'OR (2)

While a couple of the major contenders might be heading the wrong way, RATHER BE LUCKY (7-2) is definitely on the upswing for trainer Greely. He's won two of three turf starts (second the other time), just won over the course at this distance, and should be double tough right back. Make a **Win Bet on 'LUCKY** and box him in the exacta with main threat ADD HEAT (2-1), who returns from Florida after facing better in the Sunshine Millions Turf. Also, play **Daily Doubles from 'LUCKY to the two favorites in the finale.**

Exacta Box: 1-4

Daily Doubles: 1/1,8

8th race--

1. WARREN'S SILLYCAT (1A) 2. AMYBELLE (8) 3. DIAMOND HIGHWAY (3)

*****\$60 PICK 4 TICKET (races 5-8):**

5th race--SWEET AUGUST MOON, LOVEHI, STATELY APPEAL

(Alternate: HOMEMADE BREW)

6th race--GABBY LANE, MEGAN'S MIA, PROUD OF MY CURLS, PEACE PLEDGE, PRAYING FOR RAIN

(Alternate: OURFAVORITEONE)

7th race--RATHER BE LUCKY, ADD HEAT

(Alternate: CARIBBEAN)

8th race--WARREN'S SILLYCAT (entry), AMYBELLE

(Alternate: DIAMOND HIGHWAY)

Pick 4 numbers: 2,6,7/3,4,5,7,9/1,4/1,8=\$60

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