

BOB IKE'S SANTA ANITA SELECTIONS

SATURDAY, MAR. 8

SATURDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

Friday Results: Hit 2 top choice winners, including Best Play winner STARRY PURSUIT (\$8.80) in 7th race.

Today's Best Plays: Races 8, 9, 10 and a \$72 Pick 4 ticket.

1st race--

1. LORD LET IT BE (4) 2. LAGO DE ORO (6) 3. MR. EXCESSIVE (1) 4. DER VAN (8)

2nd race--

1. MT. ORIENT (2) 2. KRIS SILVER (6) 3. VICTORIAN PRINCE (3)

3rd race--

1. TRIPPED THE LIGHT (5) 2. HERE IS DJ'S BUDDY (2) 3. SHORT LINE (1) 4. COLONY TRICK (9)

4th race--

1. SPRIGGZEE (2) 2. JUDGE GALLIVAN (6) 3. SI CHIMI (4) 4. QUIET PERIOD (3)

5th race--

1. LIKE A TIGER (7) 2. JAMES THE THIRD (2) 3. BRETTSTER (6) 4. SOUPY (5)

6th race--

1. KULINSKI ROSE (5) 2. RISK ADDICTION (8) 3. BONDI BABE (2) 4. WEAREHAVING FUNYET (10)

7th race--

1. NEKO BAY (6) 2. MONZANTE (3) 3. HELLO SUNDAY (4)

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

1. RANSOM CAPTIVE (3) 2. MOUJANE (2) 3. EVA BEAVER (11) 4. THUNDER GODDESS (9)

In a very competitive downhill sprint, I will give the edge to English import RANSOM CAPTIVE (6-1). The Hollendorfer-trained import won only one of eight starts overseas but shortens up to a sprint distance and may take to the hill layout. Solid works with Bejarano up, so she should be live in this spot. Make a **Win Bet on 'CAPTIVE** and box my top four choices in the exacta/trifecta. In post position order, use MOUJANE (8-1), who looked like a different filly when breaking her maiden for new trainer Becerra and can handle turf; RANSOM CAPTIVE (6-1); THUNDER GODDESS (5-1), who showed ability for Drysdale before going to the sidelines

and might come back firing; and favorite EVA BEAVER (5-2), who set the pace in a stakes before tiring.

Exacta/Trifecta Box: 2-3-9-11

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

1. ARIEGE (8) 2. FINAL FLING (4) 3. LOVELY ISLE (1) 4. GOLDEN DOC A (7)

In a below par Santa Anita Oaks, I will take a shot with a couple mid-priced fillies. Preference to ARIEGE (5-1), who has run well in both U.S. starts on turf and can beat this field if she takes to the synthetic track. She might fall into a good spot and outkick these in the lane. Main threat might be FINAL FLING (6-1), who has won two straight and figures to continue her improving pattern for top connections. Make a **Win Bet on ARIEGE** and key my top two on a pair of trifecta tickets. Finally, include LOVELY ISLE (7-2) in a three-horse exacta/trifecta box.

Trifecta numbers: 4,8/4,8/ALL=\$14 and 4,8/ALL/4,8=\$14

Exacta/Trifecta Box: 1-4-8

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

1. EXCEEDING (3) 2. GRAY BLACK N WHITE (8) 3. MY FRIEND LUIS (10) 4. BROOKER (6)

Here's another difficult hillside race to end the card. I will play the trifecta keying my top three runners in the first and second spots, then use ALL for third. In post position order, use favorite EXCEEDING (5-2), who drops off a win and gives his best almost every time out; GRAY BLACK N WHITE (9-2), who disappointed last time but drops back down a couple levels and has run well down the dip in the past; and MY FRIEND LUIS (15-1), a live longshot that bucked a strong speed-biased track in his most recent. Finally, add BROOKER (5-1) to a four-horse exacta/tri box.

Trifecta numbers: 3,8,10/3,8,10/ALL=\$48

Exacta/Trifecta Box: 3-6-8-10

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

7th race--MONZANTE, HELLO SUNDAY, NEKO BAY

(Alternate: MAGNUM)

8th race--MOUJANE, RANSOM CAPTIVE, THUNDER GODDESS, EVA BEAVER

(Alternate: WHIMSICAL MISS)

9th race--FINAL FLING, ARIEGE

(Alternate: LOVELY ISLE)

10th race--EXCEEDING, GRAY BLACK N WHITE, MY FRIEND LUIS

(Alternate: BROOKER)

Pick 4 numbers: 3,4,6/2,3,9,11/4,8/3,8,10=\$72

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