

# BOB IKE'S SANTA ANITA SELECTIONS

## THURSDAY, APR. 17

### THURSDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

*Monday Results: Hit 2 top choice winners (including Pick 6 "single" SILENT KITTEN) but went 0-for-3 on my Best Plays.*

**Today's Best Plays: Races 3, 7, 8 and a \$75 Pick 4 ticket.**

1st race--

1. CALL ALY (7) 2. SOUP DEEOHDOUBLE G (5) 3. DEB'S MOJO (4) 4. GONGING WILD (9)

2nd race--

1. JOY'S COMET (4) 2. MADE THE FINALS (2) 3. ANGUS (3)

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

**1. I BEAT THE FIRE (7) 2. BEHIND THE SCREEN (6) 3. SMOOCHER (2)**

With a number of small fields on today's card, finding "value" was very difficult. In this field of \$20,000 claimers, I like the chances of I BEAT THE FIRE (7-2). Coming off a win for \$16K, 'FIRE was re-claimed by Sadler, who brings him back at a higher level despite being out of claiming "jail". He has more tactical speed than his main competition and I like his pattern better. **Make a Win Bet on 'FIRE and key him in Daily Doubles to my top three runners in the following race.**

**Daily Double numbers: 7/3,4,7**

4th race--

1. FOXY GAMES (4) 2. BENDOLYN (7) 3. THE KING'S LASS (3)

5th race--

1. KING KANG (5) 2. HOLD THAT EXPOSURE (4) 3. TRIBAL MISCHIEF (6)

6th race--

1. ACCOPELA CHOIR (2) 2. CONCINNOUS (6) 3. LOVELY OLIVIA (3) 4. PALOMA'S FLIGHT (5)

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

**1. UNUSUALLY HOT (4) 2. BRIAN'S MARK (7) 3. STERLING MISTY (3) 4. TO B. DEVON (2)**

In by far the most wide-open race on today's card, I will play trifectas keying around comebacker UNUSUALLY HOT (5-1). The Walsh-trained comebacker has been away since Cal

Cup day but has worked solidly for her first try on turf. Being be Unusual Heat (who has produced 24 winners at the meet), 'HOT should take to the lawn and fire a good shot off the bench. Make a **Win Bet on 'HOT** and key her in the 1-2-3 spots on trifectas with the following four runners: TO B. DEVON (3-1), STERLING MISTY (5-1), MY MALOOF ROCKER (10-1) and BRIAN'S MARK (5-1).

**Trifecta numbers: 4/2,3,5,7/2,3,5,7; 2,3,5,7/4/2,3,5,7; 2,3,5,7/2,3,5,7/4 Total=\$36**

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

**1. MIXED BERRIES (7) 2. POET OF CLOTH (2) 3. MASS APPEAL (6)**

In the finale, I will play a pair of trifectas keying MIXED BERRIES (3-1) with two other logical contenders. 'BERRIES was somewhat disappointing last time after stumbling badly one start back. He switches to Bejarano for red-hot trainer Mitchell, so look for a top try today. I will play the trifecta keying 'BERRIES with main threats POET OF CLOTH (7-2) and MASS APPEAL (3-1).

**Trifecta numbers: 8/3,7/ALL=\$16 and 3,7/8/ALL=\$16**

**\*\*\*\$75 PICK 4 TICKET (races 5-8):**

**5th race--KING KANG**

**6th race--ACCOPELA CHOIR, LOVELY OLIVIA, WARREN'S APPEAL, PALOMA'S FLIGHT, CONCINNOUS**

(Alternate: CYPRUS LADY)

**7th race--TO B. DEVON, STERLING MISTY, UNUSUALLY HOT, MY MALOOF ROCKER, BRIAN'S MARK**

(Alternate: SUZIQCUTIE)

**8th race--POET OF CLOTH, MASS APPEAL, MIXED BERRIES**

(Alternate: CALL TRANSFER)

**Pick 4 numbers: 5/2,3,4,5,6/2,3,4,5,7/3,7,8=\$75**

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