BOB IKE'S SANTA ANITA SELECTIONS THURSDAY, APR. 3

THURSDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

Monday Results: Hit 3 top choice winners; and 5th race trifecta for \$209 on a \$54 investment.

Today's Best Plays: Races 5, 7, 8 and a \$54 Pick 4 ticket.

1st race--

1. TAMIS STORMTROOPER (3) 2. GOLD GODDESS (5) 3. DULCE MARIA (2) 4. I CATHERINE (7)

2nd race--

1. RUN KITTY RUN (1) 2. O BEE NAKI (3) 3. KENTUCKY WALTZ (2)

3rd race--

1. HONORED GOLD (3) 2. BRENDOLYN (2) 3. LA TEE (4) 4. SHIRA (6)

4th race--

1. FANTASY FREE (4) 2. DR. AU JUS (5) 3. KISS MY CROWN (3) 4. CHANGE YOUR MASK (6)

***5th race--

1. OLDTOPHATANDTAILS (2) 2. GO FLAGS BRO (1) 3. SMART DEMAND (11) 4. RINGMASTER (8)

In the first leg of the late Pick 4, I will put most of my eggs in the OLDTOPHATANDTAILS (3-1) basket. The Capestro-trained colt turned in a very good runner-up try at this level last time and is drawn outside main threat and pace foe Go Flags Bro. He should be able to get the best of that one and hold off the closers, so play a pair of trifecta tickets keying 'TAILS with the following five runners: GO FLAGS BRO (7-2), SLEWS THE BELIEVER (8-1), RINGMASTER (5-1), SEVEN BELOW (8-1) and SMART DEMAND (9-2).

Trifecta numbers: 2/1,5,8,10,11/1,5,8,10,11=\$20 and 1,5,8,10,11/2/1,5,8,10,11=\$20

6th race--

1. CARLY EFFECT (2) 2. SHEBANG (5) 3. CHERIE'S DREAM (6) 4. ALL SET (1)

***7th race--

1. BEHINDATTHEBAR (9) 2. DESERT COWBOY (6) 3. HIGH STAKES SILVER (1) 4. NITRO ACTIVE (2)

Although he flopped up north in the El Camino Real Derby, I think BEHINDATTHEBAR (2-1) will snap back to top form in this race. He catches a modest field of first-level allowance foes

and came back to work extremely well since that race. He must overcome the outside post but he's simply better than these based on his first two starts. I will play trifectas keying 'BAR with price contenders HIGH STAKES SILVER (15-1), NITRO ACTIVE (15-1), TREVOR'S CLEVER (15-1) and DESERT COWBOY (8-1). Play exact as with those four longshots over 'BAR.

Trifecta numbers: 9/1,2,5,6/ALL=\$28 and 9/ALL/1,2,5,6=\$28

Exacta numbers: 1,2,5,6/9

***8th race--

1. WARREN'S SASSY CAT (7) 2. TITAN QUEEN (2) 3. OVERT N OUT (3) 4. TRIPPED THE LIGHT (4)

In a difficult finale, I like the chances of second-time starter WARREN'S SASSY CAT (7-2). The Gutierrez-trained filly turned in a solid third-place effort in her debut and figures to move forward off the race. 'CAT should fall into a good spot behind the speed and be in the right spot turning for home. Make a **Win Bet on 'CAT at 3/1 or better**, and key her on a pair of trifecta tickets with the following five runners: TITAN QUEEN (10-1), OVERT N OUT (10-1), TRIPPED THE LIGHT (5-1), TUSCAN PRINCESS (6-1) and GROOVY LIGHTNING (8-1).

Trifecta numbers: 7/2,3,4,9,12/2,3,4,9,12=\$20 and 2,3,4,9,12/7/2,3,4,9,12=\$20

***\$54 PICK 4 TICKET (races 5-8):

5th race--OLDTOPHATANDTAILS

6th race--ALL

7th race--BEHINDATTHEBAR

8th race--TITAN QUEEN, OVERT N OUT, TRIPPED THE LIGHT, WARREN'S SASSY

CAT, TUSCAN PRINCESS, GROOVY LIGHTNING

(Alternate: NONE)

Pick 4 numbers: 2/ALL/9/2,3,4,7,9,12=\$54

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