

# BOB IKE'S SANTA ANITA SELECTIONS

## THURSDAY, MAR. 27

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

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

**Today's Best Plays: Races 6, 7, 8 and a \$72 Pick 4 ticket.**

1st race--

1. PERFECT QUALITY (4) 2. INSPIRED STORM (5) 3. ROSANGELA (6)

2nd race--

1. SHERRY'S HIGH (2) 2. CHRISTIANA'S HEAT (5) 3. CELEBRATION (1)

3rd race--

1. AGGRESSIVE (5) 2. SHOOTIST (1) 3. POWER SHIFT (6)

4th race--

1. R LUMBER (3) 2. FOLLOWS NONE (6) 3. SIR CARSON (8)

5th race--

1. RESPECTTHEOFFICER (1) 2. ONEFUNSONOFAGUN (2) 3. LOVE HAPPENS (5)

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

**1. MT. ORIENT (8) 2. BITTER BILL (5) 3. BRAVE SUN (7) 4. DIAMOND DAVE (9)**

In what looks like the most interesting race on the card, I will give the edge to MT. ORIENT (5-2). The Mitchell-trained gelding drops another peg and shortens back up to the hillside distance as he tries to get back on the winning track. He is most effective when he can control the early pace and may get that opportunity today. I will play a pair of trifecta tickets keying 'ORIENT with main contenders BITTER BILL (5-1), BRAVE SUN (7-2) and DIAMOND DAVE (9-2).

**Trifecta numbers: 8/5,7,9/ALL=\$24      and      5,7,9/8/ALL=\$24**

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

**1. SCRUMPY (4) 2. COST OF FREEDOM (1A) 3. AUSTIE (6)**

Although not too creative, I think the two favorites stand out in this heat. I will give a slight edge to win machine SCRUMPY (5-2), a winner in nine of 17 lifetime starts and coming off a nose defeat to similar first-level Cal-breds. COST OF FREEDOM (9-5 entry) returned from a long layoff to crushed softer starter allowance foes and strictly looks like the one to fear. Key these two on a pair of trifecta tickets, then include AUSTIE (10-1) in a three-horse exacta/trifecta box.

**Trifecta numbers: 1,4/1,4/ALL=\$12      and      1,4/ALL/1,4=\$12**

**Exacta/Trifecta Box: 1-4-6**

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

**1. HERE IS DJ'S BUDDY (5) 2. CHICKS RULE (1A) 3. REMEMBER SEATTLE (2) 4. TEXAS DOLLY (1)**

Maiden claimer to close out the card and I will give the edge to HERE IS DJ'S BUDDY (4-1), who offers a little value at the morning line price. 'BUDDY showed good improvement last time when finishing second while well clear of the third horse. He has good tactical speed and is drawn favorably outside his main rivals. Make a **Win Bet on 'BUDDY** and key him on three trifecta tickets with main threats TEXAS DOLLY/CHICKS RULE (5-2 entry) and REMEMBER SEATTLE (3-1).

**Trifecta numbers: 5/1,2/ALL=\$14 and 5/ALL/1,2=\$14 and 1,2/5/ALL=\$14**

**\*\*\*\$72 PICK 4 TICKET (races 5-8):**

**5th race--RESPECTTHEOFFICER, ONEFUNSONOFAGUN, LOVE HAPPENS**

(Alternate: NONE)

**6th race--BITTER BILL, BRAVE SUN, MT. ORIENT, DIAMOND DAVE**

(Alternate: SAXOPHONE)

**7th race--RIVER ECHO/COST OF FREEDOM (entry), SCRUMPY**

(Alternate: AUSTIE)

**8th race--TEXAS DOLLY/CHICKS RULE (entry), REMEMBER SEATTLE, HERE IS DJ'S BUDDY**

(Alternate: BOOK'EM BABE)

**Pick 4 numbers: 1,2,5/5,7,8,9/1,4/1,2,5=\$72**

**\*\*\*NCAA BASKETBALL\*\*\***

Louisville (-2) over Tennessee

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