

BOB IKE'S HOLLYWOOD PARK SELECTIONS

FRIDAY, MAY 23

FRIDAY SELECTIONS, BETTING STRATEGY AND PICK 4 TICKET

Thursday Results: Hit 4 top choice winners; 5th race trifecta for \$90 (\$36 investment); and late Pick 4 for \$164 (\$32 ticket after scratch).

Tonight's Best Plays: Races 4, 5, 6 and a \$32 Pick 4 ticket.

NOTE: Steady overnight rain hit the Los Angeles area, so I would expect the 7th race to come off the turf.

1st race--

1. HAPPY CELYNA (4) 2. LUPITA'SLUCKYANGEL (6) 3. STRESS FREE (1) 4. KENTUCKY WALTZ (2)

2nd race--

1. MOST DECORATED (7) 2. SMART DEMAND (1) 3. FAMOUS TOUCH (5) 4. CADEAUX DU MONDE (6)

3rd race--

1. STINGOFTRUTH (3) 2. QUEENOFTHEBRAHMS (2) 3. MY MANHATTAN (4) 4. HELMSGOLD (8)

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

1. PERFECT CAST (5) 2. BURNT (4) 3. PERFECT HONEY (12) 4. WARREN'S KISS (1)

Coming off a pair of runner-up efforts and claimed by Hollendorfer (30% first off the claim), PERFECT CAST (5-2) looks like the one to beat. She's got tactical speed and might tuck into a good trip as she faces a full field of bottom level maiden claimers. I will play a pair of trifecta tickets keying 'CAST with the following five runners: WARREN'S KISS (12-1 entry), BURNT (7-2), MAGNIFICENT VALOR (8-1), SOPHIA FORUS (20-1) and PERFECT HONEY (6-1).

Trifecta numbers: 5/1,4,7,10,12/1,4,7,10,12=\$20 and 1,4,7,10,12/5/1,4,7,10,12=\$20

*****5th race--**

1. SHERRY'S HIGH (4) 2. MUD SWEAT 'N TEARS (6) 3. TOO PHAR (2) 4. SENSITIVE SOUL (5)

In the first leg of the late Pick 4, I will try to get out of the race by using just my top two runners. Preference to SHERRY'S HIGH (2-1), who got a horrible ride last time when inexplicably put on the lead by Rosario, then paid the price through the lane. Shortening up to 7 1/2 furlongs and getting a rider switch, look for 'HIGH for fire a good shot like she did on Apr. 27. Main threat

could be improving MUD SWEAT 'N TEARS (6-1), who comes off a sharp maiden claiming win over the strip and is finally putting it all together for Sherman. Box these two in the exacta.

Exacta Box: 4-6

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

1. HANDSOME THOMAS (7) 2. STAG ON THE RUN (6) 3. ONE TRACK MIND (3) 4. TEMPTING TREASURES (9)

With a full field of maiden claimers going in here, I will box my top four runners in the exacta/trifecta. In post position order, use ONE TRACK MIND (8-1), who “debut” for Mullins after earlier works at the CBT (an unrecognized track where horses may have raced but doesn’t show in Form); STAG ON THE RUN (5-2), who also is sent out by Mullins and comes off a runner-up try to similar last time out; HANDSOME THOMAS (3-1), who was well-bet when debuting against straight maidens but tired after showing good early speed; and TEMPTING TREASURES (8-1), who drops back into a claimer after outrunning his odds one race back.

Exacta/Trifecta Box: 3-6-7-9

7th race--

1. SOUTH COAST (4) 2. MR. CHAIRMAN (2) 3. BRIAN THE BOLD (8) 4. COMOROS (6)

8th race--

1. PRINCE OF DARKNESS (2) 2. MAJ. TROUBLE (4) 3. SCOTTY JONES (7) 4. BODACAT (5)

*****\$32 PICK 4 TICKET (races 5-8):**

5th race--SHERRY’S HIGH, MUD SWEAT 'N TEARS

(Alternate: TOO PHAR)

6th race--ONE TRACK MIND, STAG ON THE RUN, HANDSOME THOMAS, TEMPTING TREASURES

(Alternate: HASTY COURT)

7th race--MR. CHAIRMAN, SOUTH COAST, COMOROS, BRIAN THE BOLD

(Alternate: WARRENS ATTACK CAT)

8th race--PRINCE OF DARKNESS

Pick 4 numbers: 4,6/3,6,7,9/2,4,6,8/2=\$32

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