

SANTA ANITA

1/6/24

SA 1 50C PICK 5 \$300

RACE 1: 1,4,5,6,8
RACE 2: 1,3
RACE 3: 2,3,4,5
RACE 4: 3,4,6
RACE 5: 2,3,4,9,10

SA 5 50C PICK 5 \$336

RACE 5: 2,3,4,7,8,9,10,11
RACE 6: 4
RACE 7: 1,2,3,4,8,9
RACE 8: 3,4
RACE 9: 2,5,7,8,10,11,12

SA 6 50C PICK 4 \$252

RACE 6: 1,2,4
RACE 7: 1,2,3,4,8,9
RACE 8: 1,2,3,4
RACE 9: 2,5,7,8,10,11,12

BEST BET
#4 BIG CITY LIGHTS (6TH)
LONGSHOT
#10 HULA CANDY (9TH)
LIKELY
#3 MUTH (8TH)

1 – SANTA ANITA (3:00 ET) 79
MSW 65K, 1M TURF

1 JESSEBEAR 2-1
4 ASHLEYS SANDCASTLE 8-5
8 IN HER PRYME 6-1
6 CANDY ON TOP 6-1

PICK: 1 JESSEBEAR

VALUE: 8 IN HER PRYME

A) 1,4 B) 5,6,8 C) 2,3

2 – SANTA ANITA (3:30 ET) 82
OPT CLM 50K, 6F DIRT

1 MAN CHILD 3-1
3 CALIFORNIA TIGER 2-1
2 EL REY DORADO 5-1
4 TOLEDO ROCKET 15-1

PICK: 1 MAN CHILD

VALUE: 3 CALIFORNIA TIGER

A) 1 B) 3 C) 2,4

6 – SANTA ANITA (5:34 ET) 82
OPT CLM 69K, 6.5F DIRT

4 BIG CITY LIGHTS 2-1
1 NEWGATE 4-1
2 SIR ATTICUS 5-2
6 ESCAPE ROUTE 8-1

PICK: 4 BIG CITY LIGHTS

If not for the superstar The Chosen Vron, this might be the best Cal-bred sprinter going at the moment. Beaten by The Chosen Vron in 4 consecutive starts but not disgraced. Really did not have a good trip last out and it cost a better place. Adds Lasix and Prat. Great form.

VALUE: 1 NEWGATE

Dangerous Baffert runner comes off a layoff with Lasix and a couple of very sharp works for this. Baffert is 3 for 8 at SA at under 4-1 w/ a comebacker like this, route to sprint on dirt in allw or opt clm. Talent is there for this 850k purchase. Obviously the layoff is the concern.

A) 4 B) 1,2 C) 3,6

3 – SANTA ANITA (4:00 ET) 67
OPT CLM 69K, 6F TURF

3 CARMEN MIRANDA 9-5
5 BELLA D 12-1
2 KITTY KITANA 6-5
4 SHE'S GOT A WAY 5-2

PICK: 3 CARMEN MIRANDA

She ran a big race in the 100k stakes last out. She hit the gate and was wide but just missed 2nd in the end. The winner won a 75k stakes at GG next. 5th won the G3 Las Flores here on Jan 1st at 8-1. Third two back won 150k stakes next at 24-1. Back on Lasix and picks up Prat.

VALUE: 5 BELLA D

Has some excuses in the last few starts. Was in the same key stakes race as the top choice last out. That was on the dirt. Bck to the turf and back on Lasix for this. Steadied at 22-1 in the start two back. Pressed a fast pace going long three back. She will come flying on late.

A) 3 B) 2,4,5 C) 1

7 – SANTA ANITA (6:07 ET) 46
ALLW 67K, 6.5F TURF

4 MISS LIZZY 5-1
2 CAST MEMBER 7-2
9 REAL FIRE 12-1
8 DIAMONDS DANZING 6-1

PICK: 4 MISS LIZZY

Doug O'Neill has had a decent start to the SA meet with 6 of 15 in the exacta. He brings in this 4YO filly off a win and a close runner-up finish. The works have been sensational and the clockers have given her high grades. This rider up in the near win two back. Late move.

VALUE: 9 REAL FIRE

Late runner has won 2 of her 3 starts at this 6.5F distance on the grass. She was over 5-1 in each of those wins. 5F is too sharp for her so she never really had a chance in the last start. Off slow, sans Lasix two back. Big rider addition to Rosario. Knapp won 3 times on Fri.

A) 2,4 B) 1,3,8,9 C) 5,6,7

4 – SANTA ANITA (4:30 ET) 65
MSW 65K, 6F DIRT

4 SAFA 8-5
3 WAILEA SUNSET 7-2
6 LOVME LIKEAFOOL 15-1
1 FIAMINA 5-2

PICK: 4 SAFA

She's been in the money in 4 of 5 starts so far for Gary Stute. That is the good news. She has been the beaten favorite in the last two. The runner-up in last won a MSW next. Winner two back was the 8-5 second choice. She was 2nd a half in a 100k stakes next in a big run at LRC.

VALUE: 3 WAILEA SUNSET

This trainer is much better when a horse has a few starts, as this one does. Slow start but came running late in the debut at big odds in Sep. Another bad break and traffic going long on the turf last out. Adds Lasix and goes back to the debut rider Maldonado. Expecting best.

A) 4 B) 1,3,6 C) 5

8 – SANTA ANITA (6:40 ET) 87
SAN VICENTE (G2) 200K, 7F DIRT

3 MUTH 4-5
4 PILOT COMMANDER 5-2
2 SLIDER 4-1
1 MOONLIT SONATA 6-1

PICK: 3 MUTH

This is a \$2M purchase who was last seen as the runner-up in the BC Juvenile. He won the G1 American Pharoah before that. Obviously there are bigger plans for him. Baffert has 11 wins in this race including 3 of the last 4 years. Have to expect Baffert has him ready in here.

VALUE: 4 PILOT COMMANDER

This is the "other" Baffert but could be more for this spot. Baffert won 3 of the last 4 years in this race and 2 of those winners were 2nd timers off a MSW win. Interesting that clocker reports say he was better than Muth on 12/26 when they were working together. Prat is up.

A) 3,4 B) 1,2 C) 5,6

5 – SANTA ANITA (5:00 ET) 36
MSW 65K, 6F TURF

3 EL REY REY 5-1
10 ISLAND CRUISER 4-1
4 DE'MEDICI 12-1
2 MONEY MAKES MONEY 4-1

PICK: 3 EL REY REY

Nice runner-up finish going a mile last time out. Consider she closed into that slow pace and the runners who were 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th at the half-mile pole finished 5th, 1st, 4th and 3rd. This was the only closer. Might have been best if not for trouble in debut. Prat is aboard.

VALUE: 4 DE'MEDICI

Not sure if the pedigree supports the turf but think she'll fire here if she handles the switch to grass. Winner of debut won the G3 Bob Hope for Baffert by nearly 9 next. Climbing in both of his starts. Gelded since last and gets first time Lasix, blinkers & Dettori. A lot changing.

A) 3,4,10 B) 2,7,8,9,11 C) 5,6

9 – SANTA ANITA (7:13 ET) 55
OPT CLM 67K, 1M 1/8 TURF

10 HULA CANDY 10-1
7 MALTESE FALCON 8-1
2 LEGISLATOR 7-2
12 SBAGLIATO 4-1

PICK: 10 HULA CANDY

This one has found trouble in basically every start thus far. And it hasn't been insignificant trouble. Hopped at the start last out and then had nowhere to run while trying to close into a slow pace. Was only beaten a bit under two lengths in there. 3 long works since last start.

VALUE: 7 MALTESE FALCON

This is a G3 winner (at Del Mar 5 back). Comes out of the same race as the top choice and is also a closer who was hindered by such slow fractions in there. Trainer is streaky and has won 2 of 5 at the meet. Rosario up adds to the appeal. He should be one finishing well here.

A) 2,7,10,12 B) 5,8,11 C) 1,3,4,9