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Race 1

#2 Red Hot Cherry – Conditions suit to a tee; edge.
#1a Miss Dreamsicle – Smoked easier; arrow up.
#1 Catty Kryz – Speedy ½ of entry; two for one?
#5 She’s Got the Mojo – Is what she is; enough?

Joe’s SELECTIONS – 2-1a-1-5/3-6

Race 2

#2 Freda’s Smooth Air – Forgive slop clunker; drops.
#3 Gunna Get Even – Debut placement makes sense.
#1 Reece’s Dilemma – Took \$ in debut; drops fresh.
#6 Jus Wow – Debuts cheap for Mr. Steve; over bet?

Joe’s SELECTIONS – 2-3-1-6-7/5-4

Race 3

#4 Ghurair – Claim stormed home to win last; edge.
#8 Crescent Drive – Blinks on; sliding down ladder.
#1a Letthebigshot Roll – Might inherit the lead here.
#2 Resilient Rick – Always in the thick of the battle.

Joe’s SELECTIONS – 4-8-1a/2-1-9-7-3

Race 4

#1 Deadly Ruler – In the absolute right spot; solid.
#2 Judge N Ruler – Fits like a glove; Ruler exacta?
#3 It’s Mike’s Turn – Drops in for tough team.
#6 Victory Shout – Tighter for this; gimmicks.

Joe’s SELECTIONS – 1/2-3/6-5-4

Race 5

#5 La Flor – Rock solid on turf; disrespected again?
#10 Henry’s Honey – Can overcome difficult post.
#2 Shook – Turf-bred invader well-drawn inside.
#8 Glory Train – Grassy influences; can step forward.

Joe’s SELECTIONS – 5-10-2-8/4-3-11-7

Race 6

#1 Midnight Candle – Well spotted; peak effort.
#4 Notation – Stretch out speed; tough to catch.
#2 Burnt Bluff – Steady improvement; can repeat.
#3 Good Play – Edged by Bluff two back; Mr. Brad

Joe’s SELECTIONS – 1-4-2-3/6-5

Race 7

#3 Coco Mon – Toss out last; huge win at Kee.

#1 Chip Leader – Should dictate terms; can wire.

#2 One Mean Man – Always in the thick of it.

#7 Mo Tom – Touch of class; gets 1st turf try.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 3-1/2-7-6-4/8-5

Race 8

#2 Supreme Aura – Plenty of promise; wants route?

#8 Trapezoid – Checked hard, but ran on; ready.

#4 Steel Shot – 2nd at 1/5 in Sugar Bowl; amends?

#5 Potential Danger – Name says it all; gimmicks.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 2-8-4/5-1

Race 9

#6 Rock N Sake – Forgive slop debacle; class edge.

#4 Gunther – Proven at the trip; back on track.

#2 Princetonian – Excuse for last; rates with A-game.

#5 All Dat Brees – Fires on occasion; tough to trust.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 6-4/2-5/8-3-1