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Joe's '18 Top Pick Stats through January 7

Races	Wins	2nd	3rd	Win%	WPS%
37	9	8	8	24%	67.6%

Race 1

- #1 **Saved At Sea** – Fits for top team in open affair.
- #7 **Sun and Sand** – Consistent; finds clear sailing.
- #2 **Cash First** – Slightly suspicious drop off bench.
- #3 **Theoryintopractice** – Sprinter wants route?

Joe's SELECTIONS – 1-7-2-3/6-5

Race 2

- #3 **Wyeth** – Claim drops again off win; red flag?
- #7 **Aktabantay** – Clunked in last two; rebounds?
- #4 **Alabama Tide** – In fine form; doing a rain dance.
- #1 **Whiskey Bravo** – Finishing punch; gimmicks.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 3-7-4-1/6-5-2

Race 3

- #3 **Little Blinkey** – Right to improve on the drop.
- #5 **Conner Clark** – Fits like a glove; should like route.
- #7 **Lucky Inferno** – Can step forward for tough team.
- #6 **Personal Conflict** – Solid efforts so far; consider.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 3-5-7-6-1

Race 4

- #5 **Bitsy's Afleet** – Stormed home in promising win.
- #1 **Singing Deacon** – Hand forced early; capable.
- #3 **Prayer Boy** – Touch of Louisiana class; fits.
- #4 **General Tone** – Fits well; forces the issue.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 5/1-3-4-7-6

Race 5

- #2 **Pearl of the Nile** – Took a major step forward.
- #4 **Tapany** – Blinkers off; fresh start for Buff.
- #7 **Proud Talike** – Right to improve off debut.
- #5 **She's Plan Jane** – Cuts back; arrow pointing up.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 2-4-7-5-1/1a

Race 6

- #5 **Brexit** – Cuts tag in half; bred to handle dirt.
- #2 **Sterling Warrior** – Stretches out & drops; fits.
- #3 **Flatexel** – In tough off bench; drops in here.
- #1 **Something Bird** – Sliding down ladder; can do.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 5-2-3-1-4-6/9-7-8

Race 7

- #9 Roar of the Lion** – Begging for an honest pace.
- #6 Humor** – Might get first run & the last laugh.
- #2 Alaskan Son** – Hung a bit with better; underlay?
- #7 Aviator Parks** – May still have some upside; price.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 9-6-2-7/5-8

Race 8

- #7 Crackling Bread** – 2nd to sharpie in debut; price.
- #4 Nucla** – Right to improve for Mr. Brad; underlay?
- #5 Absolute Love** – Experience counts; solid team.
- #8 Make It Run** – Tough loss in last; must respect. .

Joe's SELECTIONS – 7-4-5-8-3/1-6-10-9-2

Race 9

- #10 Mighty T** – Lots going on here; price is right.
- #4 Tylers Bandit** – Keeps getting better; one to beat.
- #11 A Higher Wager** – Fits well; 13th try a charm?
- #8 Run to Fame** – Drops in for 3rd start of form cycle.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 10-4-11-8-2/9-6