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Joe's '18 Top Pick Stats through January 7

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

Sunday, January 14, 2018

Race 1

- #1 **In the Chamber** – On lead or from the pocket.
- #2 **Broken Key** – Spies speed & pounces; dangerous.
- #3 **Rapid Red** – Big turf win two back at Churchill.
- #5 **Lu Rae's Lucky Sky** – Solid turf resume; respect.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 1-2-3/5-4-6

Race 2

- #5 **Nonikas Thunder** – Lightning strikes on the drop?
- #3 **Bellissima Indy** – Fits like a glove; fast track helps.
- #4 **Timuquana Palace** – Forwardly placed; gets jump.
- #6 **Taylor's Wildcat** – Finishes w/energy; gimmicks.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 5-3-4-6/1-2

Race 3

- #5 **Penny Coin Toss** – First time tag; tough call.
- #1 **Runningdowndreams** – Claim rates on the rise.
- #3 **Vinton's Vin Geaux** – Even efforts with better.
- #6 **Helen Wheels** – Fits well; fights for every yard.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 5-1-3-6-4-8/2-7

Race 4

- #2 **Zarb's Gift** – Overcame tough post to win last.
- #4 **Social Misfit** – Win machine gets rare turf test.
- #5 **Quiet Concert** – Claim fits very well on the rise.
- #1 **Well's Gold** – Rates on consistency; pocket trip?

Joe's SELECTIONS – 2-4-5-1/3-6-7

Race 5

- #1 **Lady Loretta** – Dropper rounding into form.
- #5 **Ide Better Move** – Speed has tactical advantage?
- #7 **Star Too** – Fits better here; solid Maryland form.
- #2 **Pam's Meadow** – Alert gate break would help.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 1-5-7-2-3-6-4/8

Race 6

- #2 **Remember Daisy** – Connections have high hopes.
- #6 **Uncle Nearis** – Won turf bow despite shoe repair.
- #3 **Big Gig** – Sharp dirt efforts convert to the grass?
- #7 **Vapor Viper** – Broke maiden on turf; fast enough?

Joe's SELECTIONS – 2-6-3/7-5-4-1-8

Race 7

- #9 She's Coal Fired** – Gets rare dirt try; should finish.
- #7 City Seduction** – Good as any; must avoid duel.
- #1a Devine Teaching** – Speed of the speed drops in.
- #2 Bohemian Bliss** – Biscuit works magic from rail?

Joe's SELECTIONS – 9-7-1a-2-1-5

Race 8

- #2 Vanquish** – Major post switch in crapshoot.
- #3 Take Charge Easy** – Has the best resume; turf?
- #1 Go For Moonshine** – Respectable on grass; drops.
- #6 Blue Mesa** – Fits like a glove; good as any here.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 2-3-1-6-9-12-11-8-7-4-1a-10

Race 9

- #4 Royal Mocha** – Beat similar at this level two back.
- #9 Snapper Bite** – Finds clear sailing pressing pace.
- #5 Too Dim** – Closed to win last; begs for hot splits.
- #3 I'm Formidable** – Speed has plenty of company.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 4-9-5/3-8-7-1-6-2