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Joe's '18 Top Pick Stats through January 7

Races	Wins	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Win%	WPS%
37	9	8	8	24%	67.6%

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**Race 1**

- #1 **Big Kick** – Amoss be jammin’; tough to hold off.
- #6 **Liberty Lane** – Cuts tag in half; gets jump on Kick.
- #4 **Modern Medicine** – Gets rare route try; capable.
- #2 **Cutacorn** – Logical spot off claim; not out of it.

Joe’s SELECTIONS – 1/6-4-2-5-3

**Race 2**

- #5 **Guitar King** – Grass pedigree; improved w/blinks.
- #2 **Nippy Red** – Run down late in turf debut; can do.
- #4 **Grand Luwegee** – Promising debut; extra turn.
- #3 **Nothings Changed** – Blinks off; needs to relax.

Joe’s SELECTIONS – 5-2-4/3/7-1a-1

**Race 3**

- #5 **Bowknot Billy** – Beaten chalk last three; amends.
- #4 **Heavenly Gem** – Improved 2<sup>nd</sup> with blinks in last.
- #2 **Noisey Boy** – Turf dropper vulnerable on dirt?
- #3 **Spasini** – Back with state-breds; gimmick player.

Joe’s SELECTIONS – 5-4/2-3/6-1-7

**Race 4**

- #3 **Dontmesswithjoanne** – Class edge; hers to lose.
- #4 **Temple Shadow** – Rates on consistency; threat.
- #6 **Reine des Animaux** – Proven turf vet; respect.
- #1 **Believeinsomething** – Dangerous speed; turf?

Joe’s SELECTIONS – 3-4-6/1-2-5

**Race 5**

- #3 **Halifax** – Even effort behind sharp winner; drops.
- #1 **Chesapeake City** – Blinks off; speed needs spark.
- #2 **Chuck’s Quest** – What you see is what you get.
- #5 **Gator Tough** – Slightly better on turf; gimmicks.

Joe’s SELECTIONS – 3/1-2-5-4-6

**Race 6**

- #8 **Sky Force** – Homebred w/sneaky good pedigree.
- #2 **Great Kat** – Knocking on the door on the grass.
- #4 **Tapizone** – Improved with every start; respect.
- #9 **Kierland** – Re-claimed by money Maker; fresh.

Joe’s SELECTIONS – 8-2-4-9-11-12-13-10-1-6

### **Race 7**

- #3 Great Sky** – Drops in fresh with blinkers on.
- #1 Fearless Kitty** – Sharp speed ran big in debut.
- #7 Kikinboy** – Slow start cost him in first try.
- #2 Bye Bye Shanghai** – Intriguing debuter; watch \$.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 3-1-7/2-6-4**

### **Race 8**

- #5 Lyric Tale** – Stretches out for 2018 debut; price.
- #11 Big Blue Magic** – Sprint prep; mom liked turf.
- #4 Last Play** – Trouble in last; tosses blinks aside.
- #8 Torfio** – Intriguing invader for under radar team.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 5-11-4-8-15-14-1-3/6-2-7-10-13**

### **Race 9**

- #2 Watch My Smoke** – Grizzled vet won last for fun.
- #6 Kayne'spotofgold** – Watches his smoke again?
- #8 Fist Full** – Fits like a glove; go to whoa threat.
- #1 Beauty's Pioneer** – Claim adds blinks; capable.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 2/6-8-1-1a-5-4-7**