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**Joe's '18 Top Pick Stats through February 3**

Races	Wins	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Win%	WPS%
175	43	38	29	24.6%	62.9%

**Thursday, February 8, 2018**

**Race 1**

- #3 **Heartbreak Hill** – Drops to claim level; arrow up.
- #8 **Princess Lu Lu** – Steady works since game win.
- #5 **I Hope You Dance** – Solid turf resume; fits well.
- #2 **Cause to Wonder** – Forgive “off the turf” clunker?

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 3-8-5-2/9-1/7**

**Race 2**

- #7 **Heavenly Gem** – Improved with blinks; edge.
- #8 **Gone Lucky** – Tossing hints; risk worth reward.
- #3 **Gator Tough** – Class edge; likely over bet here.
- #5 **Sergeant Granado** – Tough to gauge; gimmicks.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 7-8-3-4/1-5-6**

**Race 3**

- #5 **Don't Split Tens** – Tough to trust, but capable.
- #8 **Minister's Strike** – Just edged many of these.
- #9 **Wicked Stride** – Begging for a fast pace to kick at.
- #4 **Mizztic Tale** – Hung late in last; not out of this.

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

**Race 4**

- #9 **N. D. Free** – Falling short in routes; cuts back.
- #7 **Timuquana Place** – Knocking hard on the door.
- #3 **Medlin** – She is what she is; route to sprint helps?
- #8 **Malibu Song** – Placement makes sense in debut.

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

**Race 5**

- #6 **Hold Me Tight** – Strong closing 2<sup>nd</sup> in first try.
- #4 **Sweet Arithmetic** – Sneaky good pedigree/works.
- #1 **Devine Mischief** – ½ Vicar's in Trouble; watch \$\$.
- #5 **Sunny's Funny** – Well-regarded last summer; ??

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

**Race 6**

- #8 **Turner Time** – Very well intended for Mr. Brad.
- #1 **Potomac** – Chased toughie in last; cuts back.
- #7 **True Wisdom** – Has flashed talent at times.
- #3 **Mine My Time** – New gelding can step forward.

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

#### **Race 7**

**#6 Souper Shenanigans** -- \$500K buy steps forward.  
**#5 Shirli's Ready** – Owns the best turf resume; can.  
**#2 Turnaround** – Pedigree says yes to grassy dash.  
**#8 Olivia's Uncle** – Mr. Steve's other runner might.

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

#### **Race 8**

**#6 New Colossus** – Troubled 3<sup>rd</sup> in debut; talented.  
**#5 Late Nite Mischief** – Arrow pointing out; route.  
**#7 Triple Dog Dare** – Blinkers on; touch of class.  
**#12 Enjoy the Journey** – Post makes task tougher.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 6/5-7-12-4-10/1-9-8-3-11-2**

#### **Race 9**

**#2 Dewyalovemenow** – Sits pocket trip & fires.  
**#9 Hopeful Joy** – Solid turf runs off the claim.  
**#10 Iquique** – Begging for a fast pace to kick at.  
**#5 Royal Love** – Blinks back on; gimmick player.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 2-9-10/5-11-6/3-4**