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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%

**Friday, February 9, 2018**

**Race 1**

- #1 **Tale of Beaucette** – Huge 2<sup>nd</sup> to sharp rival in last.
- #6 **Timingiseverything** – Proved he can handle dirt.
- #3 **Cookies Are Good** – Willing finisher; late threat.
- #2 **Galatasaray** – Blinks off; capable with this crew.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 1-6/3-2/4-5/7**

**Race 2**

- #1 **Tapizone** – Blinkers can get him over the hump.
- #10 **Kierland** – Deep closer also puts a hood on.
- #2 **Great Cat** – Narrow losses as chalk last two.
- #3 **Desierto** – Improved post; forwardly placed.

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

**Race 3**

- #4 **Volgograd** – Respectable effort vs. much better.
- #3 **Rollin Smoke** – Claim adds blinker off the bench.
- #6 **Big E** – Game win on turf; form should convert.
- #1 **Something Bird** – Soared with easier; steps up.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 4-3-6/1-2-5**

**Race 4**

- #1 **Lynah Rink** – Falling short in routes; sprints.
- #9 **Miss Accuse** – Promising turf run at Ellis; fresh.
- #11 **Crackling Bread** – Excuse for clunker; price shot.
- #12 **Drift Away** – 2<sup>nd</sup> best in slow race for the level.

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

**Race 5**

- #8 **Nola Win** – Tough loss to talented foe in last.
- #6 **Tringale** – Deceivably good 4<sup>th</sup> in first try.
- #9 **Telekinesis** – Bred to be a good one; mature?
- #1 **Last Bad Habit** – Pedigree says route; keep tabs.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 8-6-9-1-5/7-2**

**Race 6**

- #11 **Satellite** – Trouble in last; bred to mow lawn.
- #9 **Good Offense** – Running in tough luck; can do.
- #10 **Time Flies By** – Go to whoa threat; favorite.
- #2 **You Split Tens** – Sneaky good pedigree; watch \$.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 11-9-10-2-4/5-7-8/6-15-13-14**

#### **Race 7**

- #6 Fairwell Tax Break** – On edge for bounce back.
- #4 Delusional K K** – Model of consistency; fits well.
- #2 Play Unified** – Runs on anything; cannot dismiss.
- #3 Dixie Brees** – Turf to dirt; begging for a hot pace.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 6-4-2/3/5-1**

#### **Race 8**

- #1 Dig Charlie Dig** – Trying to find his niche; capable.
- #8 Banana Thief** – Hot pace could set the table.
- #7 Belgian** – Tough loss in last; good as any here.
- #9 Faction Cat** – Blinks off; rates an upset chance.

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

#### **Race 9**

- #1 Helen Wheels** – 3<sup>rd</sup> behind solid top pair; drops.
- #2 Custom Paint Job** – Rates high if forgive clunker.
- #5 Tom and Ed's Girl** – Blinks on; go to whoa threat.
- #4 Bing** – Run along 2<sup>nd</sup> behind much the best chalk.

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