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**Joe's '18 Top Pick Stats through Feb. 10**

Races	Wins	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Win%	WPS%
212	49	47	35	23.1%	61.8%

**Saturday, February 17, 2018**

**Race 1**

- #1 **Jackpot Johnny** – Improved 2<sup>nd</sup> this level; edge.
- #9 **Chewing Candy** – Returns to claim level; watch \$.
- #7 **Doug's Bug** – Slop excuse; solid 4<sup>th</sup> two back.
- #3 **A Higher Wager** – Plenty of chances; gimmicks.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 1-9-7/3-4**

**Race 2**

- #12 **Cloak of Secrecy** – 3<sup>rd</sup> in key race; tough post.
- #1 **Big Blue Magic** – Just missed; improved gate.
- #11 **Brenda's Fever** – 3<sup>rd</sup> despite big trouble in last.
- #3 **Last Play** – Tough team; puts it all together?

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

**Race 3**

- #1 **Han Sense** – Better than ever; earned respect.
- #6 **Resiliency** – Tearing up work tab for Mr. Brad.
- #3 **Lookin At Lee** – Derby runner-up; underlay fresh?
- #2 **St. Louie Guy** – In fine form; gimmick price shot.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 1/6-3-2-7-4-5**

**Race 4 – The Colonel Power Overnight**

- #1 **Chublicious** – Price is right in grass debut.
- #5 **Holding Gold** – Squarely the one to beat.
- #11 **Will Call** – Proving he belongs; tough post.
- #6 **Commend** – Capable with A-game; fresh.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 1-5-11-6/4-10-2**

**Race 5 – The Mineshaft Handicap**

- #5 **The Player** – Blinks on; tearing up the tab.
- #1 **Cedartown** – Coming into his own; tough.
- #3 **Scuba** – Classy vet back in excellent form.
- #6 **Thirstforlife** – Better than ever; earned hike.

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

**Race 6 – The Albert M. Stall Memorial**

- #1 **Five Hearts** – Heady claim; better than ever.
- #11 **Susie Bee** – Floats like a butterfly; stings.
- #6 **Mom's On Strike** – On a serious roll; tough.
- #3 **Giada Vegas** – Deserved better in last; can do.

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

**Race 7 – The Rachel Alexandra (G2)**

**#2 Testing One Two** – LA-bred is the real deal; price?  
**#8 Monomoy Girl** – On edge for this; one to beat.  
**#4 Wonder Gadot** – Tough loss in Silverbulletday.  
**#5 She's a Julie** – Deceivingly good 3<sup>rd</sup> off the bench.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 2-8/4-5-7-6-3-1

**Race 8 – The Fair Grounds Handicap (G3)**

**#8 Synchrony** – New level on the lawn; on edge.  
**#6 Mr. Misunderstood** – Faces toughest task yet.  
**#12 Catcho En Die** – South American wild card.  
**#3 Galton** – Veteran rates high on consistency.

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

**Race 9 – The Risen Star Lamarque Ford (G2)**

**#9 Principe Guilherme** – Learned lessons in Lecomte.  
**#5 Instilled Regard** – Talented & professional; legit.  
**#1 High North** – Nightmarish trip in KY Jockey Club.  
**#7 Bravazo** – Game win in sizzling OP allowance.

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

**Race 10**

**#10 Messiah** – Just missed at 40-1; barn heating up.  
**#5 Mercertown** – Signs of talent; puts it all together?  
**#3 Valiantly** – Had a dirt sprint prep; turf route bred.  
**#1 More Than a Saint** – Bet down first try; watch \$\$.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 10-5-3-1-15-13/7-9-6-14

**Race 11**

**#5 Tensas Thought** – Game win in local debut; edge.  
**#3 Efforting** – Short money eater is capable; respect.  
**#2 Dr Liz** – Solid runs with open foes; fits like a glove.  
**#6 Princess Samurai** – Huge 2<sup>nd</sup> in last; square price.

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

**Race 12**

**#6 Delta Eighty Eight** – Improved 2<sup>nd</sup> with blinks on.  
**#8 Taft's Lil Boy** – New gelding; gate break is key.  
**#5 I Don't Fly Coach** – 0 for 22; not much else here.  
**#10 Arnaud** – Lit tote 4 of last 6; gimmick player.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 6-8/5-10/7