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**Joe's '18 Top Pick Stats through March 4**

Races	Wins	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Win%	WPS%
335	92	67	49	27.5%	62.1%

**Thursday, March 8, 2018**

**Race 1**

- #2 **Maho Bay** – Ready off works; Sharp chasing title.
- #6 **Hogans Holiday** – Slow start vs. better in debut.
- #5 **Mizz Fabulous** – Drops in off bench; go with Flo?
- #1 **Fashion's Touch** – Hustled, led and caught in last.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 2-6-5-1/4-3**

**Race 2**

- #2 **Aktabantay** – Wired similar in last; can repeat.
- #9 **Bushrod** – Trouble cost him off bench; reliable.
- #5 **Waging War** – Drops in for tough team; capable.
- #1 **The Imposter** – Sprouts wings late; up in time?

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

**Race 3**

- #2 **Run Away Ralph** – Checked out of it early in last.
- #3 **Masterly** – Usually runs his race on a fast track.
- #5 **Dr. Zipcity** – Runner-up in four of his last five.
- #6 **Fire Blaster** – Blinkers on; cozily drawn outside.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 2-3-5/6-4-1**

**Race 4**

- #1 **Time Flies By** – Second best to tough winners.
- #7 **Messiah** – Has some talent; puts it all together?
- #6 **Readyforperfection** – Bred to mow the lawn.
- #9 **Burnin Daylight** – Improved 1<sup>st</sup> turf; work a trip.

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

**Race 5**

- #7 **Timebobanna** – Forgive slop clunker; cozy draw.
- #1 **Avery Lynn** – Veteran mare back in fine form.
- #4 **Flashy Lynn** – Tough trip behind romping winner.
- #5 **Nyla Girl** – Forwardly placed; hangs around late.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 7-1-4-5/2-6-3**

**Race 6**

- #1 **Macho Gabacho** – Sits pocket trip in repeat bid.
- #7 **Broken Key** – Knocking on the door; good as any.
- #9 **King of All Media** – Begging for hot pace; closes.
- #6 **Crescent Drive** – Claim steps up in fine form; can.

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

### **Race 7**

- #3 Diamond Cutter** – Keeping good company; \$\$.
- #2 Efforting** – Spies speed; pounces in the stretch.
- #1 Play Unified** – Just smoked similar; pressured?
- #5 Dixie Brees** – Troubled 2<sup>nd</sup> to “Unified” in last.

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

### **Race 8**

- #6 Briar Jumper** – Bothered badly in last; Flo + price.
- #10 Go for Moonshine** – Finishing punch; gets up?
- #8 Vanquish** – Speed makes his rivals disappear?
- #11 Killeen** – Blinks off for tough team; respect.

**Joe’s SELECTIONS – 6-10-8-11-13/3-2-1-4-9-12-14-7**

### **Race 9**

- #10 Whatelse Igot Todo** – Bred to be a good one.
- #4 Chesed** – Cuts back with blinkers on; dangerous.
- #9 Aw Shucks** – Tough loss to big chalk; can do here.
- #8 Born Again George** – Sharp debut works for Sam.

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