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Joe's '18 Top Pick Stats through March 18

Races	Wins	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Win%	WPS%
410	110	86	65	26.8%	63.7%

**Friday, March 23, 2018**

**Race 1**

- #7 **A Thousand Tears** – Clear sailing; can win again.
- #4 **Pam's Meadow** – Fits like a glove; one to beat.
- #2 **Penny Coin Toss** – Drops to lowest level; maybe.
- #6 **Ease On West** – Usually runs her race; gimmicks.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 7-4/2/6-3/1-5

**Race 2**

- #8 **Wicked Stride** – Names says it all; sprouts wings.
- #6 **Vigilante** – Big drop off extended vacation; ???
- #7 **Twenty Four Seven** – Very competitive w/similar.
- #9 **Big E** – Claim earned class hike; forward factor.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 8-6-7/9-2-5-3-4-1

**Race 3**

- #6 **Desierto** – Drops in for dirt debut; bred for it.
- #7 **Wild Will** – Dangerous stretch out speed.
- #3 **Teddy B** – Deceivingly good turf runs; dirt?
- #5 **Campioni** – Lit tote both starts this level.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 6-7-3-5/4

**Race 4**

- #10 **Mr. Tickle** – Drops in off Cox claim; laughter?
- #9 **M C Squared** – In form sprinter stretches out.
- #4 **Romeo Lima** – Route timing is right; price shot.
- #7 **Day Six** – Fits well, but speed has company.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 10-9/4-7-2-1-8-6

**Race 5**

- #1 **Hansen's Holiday** – Drop + blinks + stretch out.
- #8 **Get It to Geaux** – Clear, pressing trip; can last?
- #9 **Ride** – Deceivingly good 3<sup>rd</sup> in last; blinks off.
- #4 **Courtney's Gift** – 0 for 24 but does light tote.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 1-8-9/4-3-2

**Race 6**

- #8 **Speedmeister** – Drops out of salty allowance.
- #3 **Mizztic Tale** – Excuse for last; capable here.
- #2 **Itsthebourbontalkn** – Might trip out; game.
- #4 **Deep Explorer** – Consistent & fits very well.

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

#### **Race 7**

**#4 Crimson Feline** – Turf to dirt drop; tough call!

**#9 Blessed Song** – Delta claim earned class hike.

**#8 Grand Turner** – Fits well; good as any here.

**#6 Our Golden Girl** – Smoked softies; capable.

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

#### **Race 8**

**#8 Our Valor** – Freshened for this; on edge.

**#10 Calamity Jane** – Classy LA-bred; one to beat.

**#9 Wind Chill Factor** – Has fired big at the trip.

**#5 Diamond Cutter** – Consistent on all surfaces.

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

#### **Race 9**

**#5 Lookingforroses** – Blinks on; I can forgive last.

**#3 My First Guitar** – Signs of improvement; fits.

**#16 Custom Bling** – Speed stuck outside if gets in.

**#15 Jr's Sauvage** – Solid runs at Delta; sure fits.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 5-3-16-15/12-1**