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Joe's '18 Top Pick Stats through March 18

Races	Wins	2 nd	3 rd	Win%	WPS%
410	110	86	65	26.8%	63.7%

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Race 1

- #5 Turf Titan – Deceivingly good return run; price.
- #1 Dot Matrix – Tough loss; fresh grass to roam.
- #6 Dontblamerocket – Came through vs. deep field.
- #3 Patrick's Day – Reliable lawnmower can do here.

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

Race 2 – Crescent City Oaks

- #6 Testing One Two – Also entered in FG Oaks; edge.
- #7 Saints' Girl – Visually impressive wins last two.
- #3 Special Blessing – Keeps getting better; maybe.
- #2 Remember Daisy – Stakes winner in the slop.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 6-7/3/2-1/4-5

Race 3 – Costa Rising Stakes

- #7 Trust Factor – Cuts back off open stakes score.
- #1 Jack Snipe's – Sharp grassy dash score two back.
- #6 Eden Grey's Kitten – Toss out last; dash specialist.
- #4 Stand Him Up – Louisiana class on dirt; turf?

Joe's SELECTIONS – 7/1-6-4/12-13-14

Race 4

- #1 Last Bad Habit – Had a sprint prep; route bred.
- #11 Making a Marc – On the improve; tough post.
- #6 Red Right Hand – Nearly pulled off debut upset.
- #10 Marmello – Speed also entered in LA Derby.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 1-11/6-10-4/5-2

Race 5 – New Orleans Ladies Overnight Stakes

- #5 Mom's On Strike – Eyes fifth straight win; sharp.
- #9 Sully's Dream – Proved she belongs; dangerous.
- #1 Proud Reunion – Fits like a glove; dream rail run?
- #6 Five Hearts – On top of her game; must consider.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 5/9-1-6/2-8-3-4-7

Race 6 – Crescent City Derby

- #7 Gracida – Triple Crown nom; sharp works for this.
- #11 Pound for Pound – Beat Givemeaminut 2 back.
- #8 Grand Luwegee – Learning lessons; price shot.
- #10 Gladyou sawme – Likes getting his picture taken.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 7-11-8-10/13-9-6-3-2-12

Race 7

- #6 **Aspening** – Timing is right for stretch out.
- #13 **Miss Accuse** – Had a sprint prep; sneaky.
- #11 **Sweet Arithmetic** – Clean break would help.
- #12 **Hayworth** – Troubled debut; steps forward.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 6/13-11-12-9-5-1-10-2-3

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Race 8 – New Orleans Handicap (G2)

- #5 **Good Samaritan** – Primed for a big year; ready.
- #1 **The Player** – Blinkers helped; added distance?
- #3 **Scuba** – Troubled 3rd in last; more ground helps.
- #6 **Leofric** – Proved he belongs; needs bit more.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 5/1-3/6/4-2

Race 9 – Muniz Memorial Handicap (G2)

- #1 **Synchrony** – Explosive comeback win; repeat?
- #9 **Forge** – Has run some monster races; respect.
- #6 **Lucullan** – Arrow pointing up; stern test here.
- #11 **Ring Weekend** – Classy vet still has some spring.

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

Race 10 – Twinspires.com Fair Grounds Oaks (G2)

- #1 **Classy Act** – Keeps getting better; battles on late.
- #8 **Wonder Gadot** – Model of consistency; respect.
- #9 **Chocolate Martini** – Won off claim; worth a shot.
- #7 **Testing One Two** – Carries the Louisiana flag.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 1/8/9-7-4/6-5/2-3

Race 11 – Louisiana Derby p/b Twinspires.com (G2)

- #9 **My Boy Jack** – Proves Southwest was no fluke.
- #2 **Noble Indy** – Blinks on; another step forward.
- #1 **Bravazo** – Risen Star winner tough here too.
- #7 **Snapper Sinclair** – Tough loss in Risen Star; gritty.

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

Race 12

- #6 **Tap City Danzer** – Served notice in last; \$ is right.
- #2 **Marco Mischief** – Back in top form; one to beat.
- #3 **Quiet Concert** – Model of consistency on green.
- #5 **In the Navy** – Forgive slop clunker: gimmicks.

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

Race 13

- #10 **Southern Wind** – Claim won last; can again.
- #9 **Alivia's Lion** – Dream run 2nd in last; capable.
- #7 **Elle Les Yu** – Go to whoa threat can do.
- #11 **Zarba's Charm** – Is what she is; good enough?

Joe's SELECTIONS – 10-9-7-11-1-2-12

Race 14

- #9 **Mr. Old Hat** – Troubled 2nd in last; tough here.
- #10 **A Higher Wager** – Slow start cost him in last.
- #8 **Half Blink** – Sliding down the class ladder; fits.
- #11 **Scalpel Please** – Has run competitive races.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 9-10/8-11-6-12-3-2