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Joe's '18-19 Top Pick Stats through March 17

Races	Wins	2 nd	3 rd	Win%	WPS%
1119	320	225	176	28.6%	64.4%

Saturday, March 23, 2019

Race 1

#9 Outlaw X – Closed through traffic in debut
 #8 Malasong – Adds blinks off disappointing 1st try
 #11 Mr. Production – Promising runs at Delta
 #4 Saint William – Capable but tough to trust

Joe's SELECTIONS – 9-8-11-4/1-6-10-12

Race 2 – Crescent City Oaks

#5 Goodprofit – Should have won last; 2-turn edge
 #7 Midnight Fantasy – Learned a lot in loss; can do
 #4 Fugitive Lady – Dangerous if gets away early
 #1 Crescentcitypretty – Also entered in FG Oaks

Joe's SELECTIONS – 5/7-4-1/3-6/2

Race 3 – New Orleans Ladies

#3 Vagabond Princess – Sneaky good; tactical edge?
 #2 Beau Recall – Sprouts wings late; up in time?
 #5 Flower Party – Overseas class; tough to gauge
 #7 La Sola Ranger – Sharp closer proves she belongs?

Joe's SELECTIONS – 3-2-5/7-8-9-6/4-1

Race 4

#2 Big Bella Brown – Solid 3rd behind toughies in last
 #3 State Treasurer – Blinks on; intrigued by the move
 #9 Charge the Line – Begging for a hot pace to kick at
 #5 Queeten – Speed to burn; likely has company

Joe's SELECTIONS – 2/3-9-5-11-6/10-1

Race 5

#8 Gold Standard -- \$1.2 million buy unveiled
 #5 Temple City Terror – Better than she looks
 #9 Be Nimble – Tough loss in last; \$ Maker
 #4 Meghan – Respect pedigree & connections

Joe's SELECTIONS – 8-5-9-4/6-10-1-3-2-7-14-15-16

Race 6 – Crescent City Derby

#2 Shang – Keeps getting better; Louisiana star
 #3 Inspector Eddie – Bred to handle added ground
 #8 Sharp Witted – Perfect so far; pedigree says sprint
 #12 Jus Lively – Eyes hat trick; tougher task here

Joe's SELECTIONS – 2/3-8-12-5/10-6-11

Race 7

#2 Higher Authority – Sneaky turf influences; price
#8 Crafty Daddy – Adds blinkers off brief freshening
#12 Hitch – Dam ½ to \$700K turfer Startac; steps up
#1 Candizar – Better than he looks; gimmick bomb

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

Race 8

#8 Awesome Wok N Roll – 2nd to legit foe off bench
#13 Flatout Winner – Promising debut; draws in?
#12 Tony Small – Bred to be a good one; tough post
#6 Parade Field – Has excuses; runs late for a piece

Joe's SELECTIONS – 8/13-12-6-1-3-11-10-5-4

Race 9 – Costa Rising

#1 Win Lion Win – Loves the trip; well drawn on rail
#7 In the Navy – Turf class might enjoy the cut back
#9 Monte Man – Win machine converts dirt form?
#11 Afleet Ascent – Welcome return to grass; can do

Joe's SELECTIONS – 1-7-9-11-5/12-2-4-13-6

Race 10 – New Orleans Handicap (G2)

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#3 Souper Tapit – Razorback excuse; wide open race
#2 Lone Sailor – More pace to chase this time
#6 Silver Dust – Sharp Mineshaft score; respect
#10 Copper Bullet – Capable; must overcome post

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

Race 11 – Muniz Memorial (G2)

#1 Hot Springs – Gets the right trip; good enough?
#3 Synchrony – Perfect from four starts on course
#7 Bricks and Mortar – Big runs off bench; underlay?
#2 Divisidero – Late kick usually falls short; gimmicks

Joe's SELECTIONS – 1-3-7/2-8/6-9

Race 12 – Twinspires.com Fair Grounds Oaks (G2)

#2 Serengeti Empress – Won Rachel for fun; repeat
#8 Liora – Ca blinkers help her turn the tables?
#6 Eres Tu – She is what she is; best falls short
#3 Street Band – Can step forward at a price

Joe's SELECTIONS – 2/8-6-3/4/1-7/5

Race 13 – Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby (G2)

#6 War of Will – Distance suits; wows us again
#8 Country House – Threat to turn the tables
#3 Limonite – Trouble in Risen Star; price shot
#10 Spinoff – Tested for class here; is TAP

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