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Joe's 25-26 Top Pick Stats thru 1-9-26

Races	Wins	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Win%	WIN ROI	WPS%
132	37	24	15	28%	\$1.68	57.6%

**Saturday, January 10, 2026**

**Race 1 – 50-cent PK 5 (15%)**

#6 White Whale – Stretched out of the claim & finally broke through with a maiden win last out. Off the turf helps cause.

Joe's Picks: 6-4-7/2-5-3

**Race 2 – 50-cent PK 4**

#2 Berlaine – Ran against the bias to finish a solid 2<sup>nd</sup> off the bench last out. She got hot here last meet & can step forward.

Joe's Picks: 2-3-5-4/1-7

**Race 3 – 50-cent PK3**

#2 Cincy's Anna – Enters today's assignment on a two-race winning streak for a solid operation. Looks good for another.

Joe's Picks: 2-3/5-8-7

**Race 4 – 50-cent CC 6 (15%)**

**Carryover = \$3,921**

**#8 Ocala Gala – Appeared home free in the stretch last out, only to be caught by longshot stablesmate. Should handle dirt.**

**Joe's Picks: 8-14/16-15-9-7**

**Race 5 – 50-cent PK 5 (15%)**

**#1 Blue Fire – Has only gotten the best of Secret Faith once in their careers but she almost got the best of her last time.**

**Joe's Picks: 1-5/2/4-3**

**Race 6 – 50-cent PK 4**

**#3 Something Stronger – Fell short in consecutive routes, but cuts back what appears to be her best distance in this one.**

**Joe's Picks: 3-7-9-15/6-4-5**

**Race 7 – 50-cent PK3**

**#2 Rising Inflation – As a LA-bred she's eligible under today's 1x condition despite having six wins and several stakes victories.**

**Joe's Picks: 2-6-1/7-8**

**Race 8**

**#9 Lotsandlotsofcandy – Won her last despite not being at her best. Talented & handled with kid gloves. Sharp works.**

**Joe's Picks: 9/1-7-6-4**

**Race 9**

**#1 Benoit – Has been routing for most of his career, but I like the cutback for him here. Tactical enough to stay close.**

**Joe's Picks: 1-5/2-7-4**

**Best Bet: Race 7 -- #2 Rising Inflation (5-2 ML)**

**Likely Overlay: Race 9 -- #1 Benoit (6-1 ML)**

**Favorite Against: Race 3 -- #8 Izzy's Monster (3-1 ML)**

