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

Races	Wins	2 nd	3 rd	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 2nd 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 stablemate. 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)

