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Joe's 25-26 Top Pick Stats thru 2-14-26

Races	Wins	2nd	3rd	Win%	WIN ROI	WPS%
279	76	56	37	27.2%	$1.57	60.1%

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Race 1 – 50-cent PK 5 (15%)

#2 Wickedly Royal – Drops off the Jeansonne claim after showing speed last out. Hasn't much to beat in this one.

Joe's Picks: 2-6-/1-5

Race 2 – 50-cent PK 4

#6 Metatron's Muse – Finished 3rd behind a pair of today's rivals last out but was trip compromised. Can turn tables.

Joe's Picks: 6-1-2/5-3/4-7

Race 3– 50-cent CC 6 (15%)
Carryover = $57,862

#5 Mr. All In – Calhoun trained this guy's G2 placed sprint mare, the works leading up to this look solid. Watch the tote.

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

Race 4 – 50-cent PK 5 (15%)

#10 – Ain't No Disco – Ran better than it looks last out & drops into a win spot for Amoss. Tactical speed overcomes post.

Joe's Picks: 10/5-3-2

#9 Enlighten – 3rd as the odds on favorite for twice the price last out but now drops with blinkers on for Maker.

Joe's Picks: 9-7-2/11-10-8

#3 Midnight Vengeance – Drops in fresh as a newly-turned gelding. Has races to go back to that would make him tough.

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

#1 That's Right – Has only won once from his last 18 starts but he's faced good company and narrowly missed last out. Trip.

Joe's Picks: 1/3-7-4-6-2/5

#5 Pensacola – Had some promise early in his career but now drops to the basement off a troubled return run. Finds friends?

Joe's Picks: 5-9-1/10-3

Best Bet: Race 7 -- #1 That's Right (5-2 ML)
Longshot: Race 6 -- #3 Midnight Vengeance (6-1 ML)
Favorite Against: Race 2 -- #5 Guile (2-1 ML)