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Joe's 25-26 Top Pick Stats thru 3-18-26

Races	Wins	2 nd	3 rd	Win%	WIN ROI	WPS%
421	119	83	52	28.3%	\$1.58	60.3%

Saturday, March 21, 2026

<p>Race 1 – 50-cent PK 5 (15%)</p> <p>#2 Mount Vernon – Bet down to 3-1 on debut, he had a nightmarish trip. Draws inside with blinkers on. Improves.</p> <p>Joe's Picks: 2-5/6-9/1</p>
<p>Race 2 – 50-cent PK 4</p> <p>#2 Braken Poppa – Has won her last three while improving in every start. She beat the main threat by nearly 10 lengths.</p> <p>Joe's Picks: 2/1-6/7-4</p>
<p>Race 3 – 50-cent PK 3</p> <p>#6 Double Entendre – Took a solid step forward when stretched out in his 2nd start last out & now he adds blinkers.</p> <p>Joe's Picks: 6-4/8-1-5</p>
<p>Race 4 – 50-cent PK 4</p>

#6 This Is Your Time – A half to G1 winning sprinter Sconsin, he’s been away a year but has trained lights out. Trainer Greg Foley has two contenders here & Tyler lands on this one.

Joe’s Picks: 6-9-3-5-1

Race 5 – 50-cent PK 3

#4 Dapper Moon – 2nd in consecutive dirt sprints at this level, he cuts back off a failed mile turf run. Good as any in here.

Joe’s Picks: 4-1-6/11-2

Race 6 – 50-cent PK 3

#1 Ready for Shirl – Ran into a traffic jam in the comeback run against better at GP and draws the rail here. Good as any.

Joe’s Picks: 1-5-3/6-4-7-2

Race 7 – 50-cent PK 4

#9 Not to Worry – Plenty of turf distance in the pedigree but some sneaky good works leading up to this. Watch the tote.

Joe’s Picks: 9-7-1-8-10

Race 8 -- 50-cent PK 5 (15%) \$1 million estimated pool

#1 Nine Part – Fired a fresh shot off the bench & won going away. One of just a few in here who is a proven turf sprinter.

Joe’s Picks: 1-2-5/8-3-10-6-9

**Race 9 – \$1 Bayou/Bluegrass PK 5 (15%)
Crescent City Six (15%) Jackpot Carryover = \$6,408**

#2 Touchuponastar – The king of Louisiana might be better than ever at age 7. Likes the lead but may need to be tactical.

Joe’s Picks: 2-6/4/5-1

Race 10 – PK 5 (15%)

#1 Chasing the Crown – His recent form isn’t good but there are excuses. Rail drawn & more than capable at a price.

Joe’s Picks: 1-2-4/7-3-5/6

Race 11 – PK 4

#2 Newtown Pike – Has improved with every start & if not for a very wide trip, she may have won the Martha Washington.

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

Race 12 – PK 3

#9 Emerging Market – Highly regarded colt ran very fast & showed plenty of gears on debut. May be something special.

Joe's Picks: 9-5-3/1-7-8/4-2/6

Race 13

#4 Angels Envy – Bred for routing on turf, this Constitution filly debuted sprinting on dirt at Sam Houson. Very, very sneaky.

Joe's Picks: 4-5/1-11-7-9

Race 14

#7 Slewssongofthenile – Gave it all he had on debut at Delta, but a wide trip got to him & he finished 3rd. Can build off that.

Joe's Picks: 7-1/5-9-6

Best Bet: Race 5 -- #4 Dapper Moon (7-2 ML)

Likely Overlay: Race 13 -- #4 Angels Envy (15-1 ML)

Favorite Against: Race 10 -- #7 Program Trading (9-5 ML)

