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**Saturday, July 1, 2017**

**Race 1**

**#8 Saturday Fun** – Forgive route clunker; can bounce back in today's sprint.

**#2 Dusty** – Tough loss in last; fits like a glove with this crew...very well intended.

**#3 Where's Lew** – Chased sharp winner; finishes willingly for top team.

**#6 Alabama Son** – Forces the issue; go to whoa threat dangerous if gets loose.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 8-2-3-6-13/5-12**

**Race 2**

**#5 Primal** – Better without blinkers; can win right back after confidence boosting score.

**#2 Confederate Rags** – Been chasing better; fits on drop into softer competition.

**#6 The Last Prophet** – Claimed out of clunker; tough team enters in right spot.

**#7 Halo Not Included** – Even effort in needed run; screws tighter for this.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 5-2/6-7-4**

**Race 3**

**#7 E. M. Maximus** – In excellent form; can win right back against slumping foes.

**#4 Didwick** – Drops off dull runs; can awaken for Mr. Steve, but tough to trust.

**#8 More Than Shirl** – Drops off dull effort; heading in the wrong direction.

**#6 Two If by Sea** – Usually runs his race; can sneak his way into the gimmick equation.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 7/4-8-6-5-2-3**

**Race 4**

**#5 In Focus** – Rank in debut with better; drops in to flash speed in turf debut.

**#9 Cantcatchchanneled** – Evenly in first try; fits well here for winning combination.

**#3 Driving Change** – Solid turf runs; blinkers off here could spark an even better run.

**#6 Boomtiderock** – Forwardly placed, hangs around late; trifecta/superfecta filler.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 5-9-3/6-8/7**

### Race 5

**#9 Hat of Jacks** – Invades with purpose for tough team; finds clear sailing outside.

**#4 Henderson Country** – Sharp closing score; can repeat if early pace is honest.

**#2 Knight of Dreams** – Cuts tag in half; big runs at Indy. Rates high with A-game.

**#6 Ted's Folly** – Passes beaten foes for tough team. Trifecta/superfecta filler.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 9-4-2/6-5-3-1**

### Race 6

**#7 Kupuri** – Faced tougher foes; stalk & pounce here for solid connections.

**#1 English Affair** – On the improve; sits advantageous pocket trip, then pounces.

**#2 Front Row Debbie** – Plenty of chances; turf proven. Spies the speed, can outlast.

**#9 I Remember Mama** – Intriguing pedigree; watch toteboard for clues.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 7-1-2-9-5/3-8**

### Race 7

**#5 Make Noise** – Succumbed to monster in last; speed can run them off their feet.

**#2 Morning Stride** – Sneaky good pedigree; springboard to future routes in the plan?

**#6 Shakedown** – Ready off the works for dangerous team; watch for tote clues.

**#8 El Rubio** – Strong female family; finds clear sailing. Price shot work including.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 5-2-6/8-4**

### Race 8

**#1 Rapid Red** – Better than ever; bred for turf on dam's side & the price is right.

**#8 Giant Payday** – Touch of sophomore class; in need of a confidence boost.

**#7 Derby Champagne** – Solid turf resume; knocking on the door, good as any here.

**#9 Nice Not Nice** – Traffic trouble in last; arrow pointing in right direction.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 1-8-7-9-11-6-2**

### Race 9

**#9 Caberneath** – Turf veteran just missed with better; drops in for top connections.

**#10 Gill's Terrace** – In fine form; solid turf resume, but needs better than best today.

**#13 Cruachan** – Welcome return to turf; needs scratch to get his chance today.

**#2 Sky Alert** – Dull recent form; removes blinks & return to turf hoping for spark.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 9/10-13-2/3-12-6**