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Race 1

#11 Prado's Smokin – Deceivingly good turf run two back; edge in wide open contest.
#4 Slowhand – Late runner should have a fast pace to kick at for tough team; can do.
#6 Promises to Keep – Sire suggests he might like the lawn; must avoid speed duel.
#12 Arbiter's Strike – Sneaky good pedigree; tough post for career debut.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 11-4-6-12/7-3-13

Race 2

#2 Faction Cat – Finally broke the maiden with authority last out; good for another.
#4 Catanova – 3rd best behind tough top pair last out; on top of his game right now.
#7 Sir Douglas – Disappointed in last, but surely capable of better; finds clear sailing.
#5 Marksman – Just won turf route, but proven in dirt sprints too; gimmick player.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 2/4-7/5-1-6/3

Race 3

#3 Frigidish – Woke up on the wrong side of the hay last out; wins this with debut run.
#5 Classic Brit – Faded in first try; drops in with 1st Lasix and a cozy, outside post.
#6 Myth of Wealth – Slow but steady improvement; finds clear sailing.
#1 North Princess – Flashed speed this level; can improve with 1st Lasix.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 3/5/6-1-4-2

Race 4

#3 Counterforce – Just missed in deep Churchill dash; the one to beat here.
#6 All Shacked Up – Seriously improved gelding was ultra-impressive with easier.
#7 Cash Bonus – Happy return to dirt; forces the issues from cozy, outside post.
#2 Bourbon Cowboy – Rounding into form off extended vacation; rounds 'em up late?

Joe's SELECTIONS – 3-6/7-2-4-1/5

Race 5

#3 Arch Cat – Solid 3rd off brief freshening; pedigree says yes to mowing the lawn.

#7 Your Way – Improved with every start; timing is right to try something new.

#9 Pitch Count – Plenty of chances; rates high if he brings his A-game to the mound.

#6 One Last Strike – Turf-bred colt debuts for tough team; watch toteboard for clues.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 3/7-9-6-8-1-4-11-10

Race 6

#7 Seeking Bull – Chased runaway winner in last; drops into softer spot with blinks off.

#8 My Mystery – In form speed well drawn outside; fits this condition like a glove.

#1 Stella Nova – Found her consistency; will she step on the gas from the rail post?

#4 Greely's Striker – Usually runs her race; closes into a fast pace to sneak a share.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 7-8-1/4

Race 7

#3 Belles Orb – Her dam won at two and she hails from a versatile family; on edge.

#7 American Alphabet – Chased monsters in first two runs; fits nicely with this group.

#10 Party Club – Her dam earned \$160K sprinting; sneaky good works for Coach.

#11 Buskinfoalivin – ½ to \$\$210K earner Miss Cobblestone; Wiggins good with 2yo's.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 3-7-10-11-4-1-5

Race 8

#3 Araminta – Overcame trouble to win last; flies under the radar on class hike.

#11 American Cowgirl – Has been facing tough lawnmowers; fits like a glove here.

#6 Domonette – Overcame tough post to wire maidens in grass debut; repeat score?

#1 Valentine Wish – Blinkers on; could be in line for advantageous, pocket trip here.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 3-11-6/1-2-7-8-9-10-12

Race 9

#4 Costa Mesa – Welcome return to turf; price shot in an absolute crapshoot.

#7 Kielbasa – Solid turf form as a 2yo; chance to awaken on the class drop.

#6 Gladtogether – Even run with much better last out; rates high for tough team.

#12 Samicean – Slide down class ladder continues for '17 debut; does run late.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 4-7-6-12-11-14-13-5-1