



Selections provided by Ellis Park morning-line odds maker Joe Kristufek, who has an extensive background in the horse racing industry as an analyst, on-air talent and producer and fan development specialist. He is well recognized for his diverse handicapping skills and suggested wagering tactics and he loves interacting with racing fans. **Follow on Twitter @JoeyDaKRacing**

Selections subject to change due to scratches. Check program numbers for accuracy.

Sunday, July 9, 2017

Race 1

#9 More Than Shirl – Confidence boosting win; back quick & even better on turf.
#1 War Ready – Proven at the trip; swings back off game with over solid competition.
#7 If You Build It – Dominant on Ellis Park green; tight enough off extended break?
#4 Billy Two Hats – Disappointed on dirt; back quick...welcomes return to turf.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 9-1-7-4-8-6-3-5

Race 2

#5 Seems a Fortune – Held her own with better; drops into win spot for tough team.
#3 Gingermore – Drops in with blinkers on; can take a big step forward in this one.
#2 Yooou Den – Third as heavy favorite in last; mile distance suits her better.
#1 Kate N Abs Reward – Nailed by chalk late as longshot in last; go to whoa threat.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 5/3-2-1-6/4

Race 3

#2 Tickety Boo – Blinks on, drops in & cuts back; good as any in tough race to cap.
#1a Midnight Tale – Success at trip; stronger 1/2 of entry drops below claim.
#10 Run to Glory – Fits like a glove for team Castanon; forces the issue from outside.
#8 Maximum Edge – Can big drop and the addition of blinkers provide wake-up call?

Joe's SELECTIONS – 2-1a-10-8-/9-6-4

Race 4

#4 Minegold – Hand ride for place behind runaway stablemate in last; looks tough.
#1 Scamp – Slow start cost him in solid return run; expect solid step forward here.
#3 Out of the Office – Better than he looks; can with this if top two choices disappoint.
#2 It Is Dejavu – Representative runs on turf; first time tag for main track debut.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 4-1/3-2-5/6-7

Race 5

#6 Bodelicious – Ran big off the bench despite trouble; arrowing pointing up.
#2 Very Elegant – Tossed in a clunker in last; turf route can awaken with these.
#5 Shareeha – Slow but steady improvement; forwardly placed.
#4 Strict – Second best in a pair of slow races; pedigree says yes to turf.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 6-2-5-4-8-1-7/3

Race 6

#1 Gretsie – Hoping he sits the pocket with Calvin; edge in very competitive affair.
#6 Rippin Ride – Overmatched off claim; drops below purchase price...clear sailing.
#4 Sounds Divine – Battled hot pace and hung on for 3rd last out; can he repeat it?
#5 Northern Ranger – Gave Jon Court his 600th win at Ellis Park last week; repeat?

Joe's SELECTIONS – 1-6-4-5/7-2-3

Race 7

#3 Donwell – Close 4th behind talented trio in last; looks like a standout with these.
#2 Harmac – Breakout win two back; chased home monster in follow-up run.
#1 Flash Attack – Disappointed in last; can bounce back with blinkers on for Mr. Steve.
#4 Reedini – Proven at the Pea Patch; distant 2nd in very fast race off bench.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 3/2-1-4-5-6

Race 8

#4 Emerald Candy – ½ to \$900K multiple stakes winner Sarah Sis; very well intended.
#5 Go Noni Go – Chased talented winners in first two tries; might relish the trip.
#8 Flat Awesome Jenny – Her dam was graded stakes placed on turf; lured Corey.
#3 Gentle Ruler – Solid siblings; learns lessons today, eventually stretches out.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 4-5-8-3/2-10-1

Race 9

#8 Conquest Hiosilver – Game 2nd to class dropping winner in last; on top of his game.
#6 Thamaan – Proven on turf; takes a big drop and cuts back for better here.
#4 Sandhill Sammy – Dangerous speed; solid 2nd in lone grassy dash attempt.
#9 Key to the Bank – Drops off needed run; finds clear sailing...might like the trip.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 8-6-4/9-3-5