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#### **Race 1**

**#1 Dixie Lover** - Sharp as a tack; no reason to think she won't run another big race.

**#6 Blonde in the City** - Fits like a glove on the drop; finds clear sailing from outside.

**#2 Jury Wise** - Chased "Lover" around at Churchill; has tables to turn in this one.

**#3 Thunder Wit** - Consistent recent form; needs her very best run to threaten here.

**Joe's SELECTIONS - 1/6-2/3**

#### **Race 2**

**#4 Right On By** - Solid efforts with better; simply looks faster than today's opponents.

**#6 Numbers Game** - Overmatched in last; major right to improve first time for a tag.

**#2 Sales Call** - Major disappointment in last; blinkers bring out the best in her?

**#5 Chasing the Buck** - Struggled in debut; drops with blinkers on looking for a spark.

**Joe's SELECTIONS - 4/6-2/5**  
**Race 3**

**#1 My Mystery** - No secret who looks best here; should smoke these at a short price.

**#2 Greely's Striker** - Slow starts often cost her; looks like the best of the rest here.

**#3 Sweet Betty** - Flashes speed on best days; can hang around for a share today.

**#8 Starship Aquarius** - Forces the issue from the outside post; must dig deeper late.

**Joe's SELECTIONS - 1/2/3-8**

**Race 4**

**#5 Justa Lady** - Visually impressive in recent runs; keeps getting better and up to task.

**#4 Melaleuca** - Narrow loss to tough customer in last; go to whoa threat w/ John.

**#6 Clairenation** - Fell short in comeback run; tighter for this and is very capable.

**#2 Simple Surprise** - Mr. Steve's other runner is proven at the trip; can't ignore.

**Joe's SELECTIONS - 5-4-6-2-1-3**

**Race 5**

**#5 Grantastica** - Tough loss in last; on top of her game and should handle this crew.

**#6 Twinkles** - Sharp maiden breaker; better than ever and well-drawn on the outside.

**#3 Timido** - Speedy filly drops in for tough team; should be prominent every step.

**#2 Greely's Comet** - Alert gate break is key; willing finisher picks up lots of pieces late.

**Joe's SELECTIONS - 5-6/3-2-1-4**

**Race 6**

**#5 United Stand** - Took a huge step forward to just miss behind a legit rival.

**#7 Hour City** - Has been running in tough luck; can upset top pick with a clean run.

**#13 Harangue** - Runs well on everything; fits well for a share if he can draw in here.

**#10 American Sea** - Hung wide but still closed in last on grass; on the improve.

**Joe's SELECTIONS -**

**5-7/13-10-12/9-14-8**

**Race 7**

**#7 Seven Trumpets** -- \$205K 2-year-old in training buy; dam a ½ to \$350K Black Bear.

**#2 Big Iron** - Got discouraged battling Baffin in debut; major speed threat here.

**#5 Fight On** - ½ to versatile \$250K Two Weeks off; must respect Mr. Steve baby.

**#1 John Tippmann** - Bred to sprint on both sides of pedigree; rail tough on first timers.

**Joe's SELECTIONS - 7-2-5-1/6-4**

**Race 8**

**#7 Bonnie Arch** - Taking big steps forward on the grass; looks tough to beat today.

**#8 Kaylen's Revenge** - Ran better than it looks in return; won debut race on grass.

**#10 Oh Dear Lord** - Tough loss in first run for Lovell; surely earned the class hike.

**#4 Egg Roll** - What you see is what you get; worthy of inclusion in gimmick equation.

**Joe's SELECTIONS - 7/8-10-4/1-6-5-11**

### **Race 9**

**#3 Family Label** - Gets a fresh start in a soft spot; Calvin lured to the saddle... tough call.

**#2 Social Icon** - Finds a slow bunch; may be fast enough to run them off their feet.

**#1a Babe Rahman Jan** - Experienced on the grass; drops in for a tag fresh... two for one?

**#5 Zemo** - Debuts for Buff with turf influences in the pedigree; fresh face might.

**Joe's SELECTIONS - 3-2-1-5-8**