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Race 1

#1 Nobadeer – Has run some huge races; changes venues & fits like a glove here.
#4 Political Justice – Woke up to edge similar foes on the drop; can repeat.
#2 Sky Blue Mongolia – Came to life to win last over a mile; not as sharp sprinting.
#3 E. M. Maximus – What you see is what you get; consider in gimmick equation.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 1-4-2-3/1a-5/6

Race 2

#2 Forty Christina – Cuts tag in half of a pair of solid runs; third race of form cycle.
#1 Boomtiderock – Turf back to dirt; drops to lowest level and hasn't much to beat.
#7 Say When Club – Blinkers could provide a big boost; should offer a square price.
#6 Shot Glass – Bet down in even debut; experience could help her improve.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 2/1/7-6-8-4

Race 3

#4 Star a War – Ran into buzz saw in last; plenty of weapons for today's battle.
#7 Gray Ransom – Edged the top choice in their last encounter; good as any here.
#2 Benny Special – Ran fast in maiden score w/softer; go to whoa (start to finish) threat!
#1 The Last Prophet – Fits like a glove; hot pace sets the table for his late kick?

Joe's SELECTIONS – 4-7-2-1/9-10

Race 4

#7 Jet Away Sue – Found her niche dashing on grass; trouble cost her w/similar in last.
#4 Zipperini – Finally got over the hump; sits catbird's seat behind speed duel.
#5 On Probation – Outperformed her odds under similar circumstances in last; respect.
#6 Angelo's Ashes – Corey stays in return to turf; fits well, but might be an underlay.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 7-4/5-6-3/1-2

Race 5

#9 Sky Promise – Failed as turf favorite at Arlington; can make amends here.

#1 Creative Capital – Exits key race; stretches out on grass with 1st Lasix.

#2 Breakin Daylight – Slow improvement; first route for super tough team.

#4 Just Like Richie – Decent performances so far; adds blinkers for turf/route debut.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 9-1/2/4/8-3-6-7

Race 6

#4 My Eminence – Knocking on the door behind solid winners; gets over the hump.

#9 Leading Cause – In fine form; cuts back and needs to learn how to seal the deal.

#8 Arch Cat – Disappointed on the lawn in last; can bounce back on the main track.

#1 Hear Bout It Later – Chased toughie in lone run; gets a fresh start with Corey.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 4/9/8/1/2-5-3

Race 7

#9 Morning Stride – ½ to top turfer Keystoneforvictory; had dirt sprint prep.

#3 Grandpa Frank – His mom ran 2nd in the Ellis Park Turf; debuts for red hot barn.

#8 Rushin Tothecircle – Dug deep and finished 3rd in turf route debut; consider.

#1 Fred'stwirlincandy – Evenly behind monster in debut; 1st Lasix for turf route.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 9-3-8/1-6/2-5-10

Race 8

#7 Seventh Sense – Ran a monster race off the bench; earned class hike...price is right.

#1 Wilbo – 2nd to classy chalk in Grade 3 in last; sits catbird's seat behind hot pace.

#5 The Truth of Else – Sprouts wings late, but can't get too far back on this track.

#8 Big Squeeze – Dull route effort in return; capable of better...price shot in gimmicks.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 7-1-5/8-3-6-10

Race 9

#2 Prado's Spark – Claustrophobic debut; experience helps him take a step forward.

#6 Malibu West – Improved with every start; the one to beat here for tough team.

#12 Cedarville – Decent efforts behind the chalk in last two; consider if draws in.

#3 Wathnan – Barn has been firing some live bullets off the bench; fits on the form.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 2-6/12-3-10/4-5-7-8