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Race 1

#1 Darion's Dream – Sharp debut score; excuse slop clunker, gets back on track.
#6 Jersey Heist – Drops in fresh with blinkers on; finds clear sailing outside.
#5 Pretty Greeley – Has run some big races; can threaten for top spot with A-game.
#2 Karmic Destiny – Shelved off maiden breaker; appears well-intended off bench.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 1-6-5/2-3-1

Race 2

#4 Title Seeker – ½ to \$270K Seeking the Title & \$275K Perfect Title for Mr. Steve.
#6 Attorney Al – Sneaky good pedigree for the trip; under the radar connections.
#1 The X – His sire hails from turf family; Ben lures BJ for debut...watch tote clues.
#2 Street Cat Sam – Pair of decent runs so far; experience counts versus first timers.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 4/6-1/2-7-3-5

Race 3

#6 Secret Trick – Won last three dirt runs with similar; forgive even turf run w/better.
#2 Kat N Abs Reward – Just missed to top choice two starts back; go to whoa threat.
#4 Princess Dinah – 11-time winner is the model of consistency; tough to ignore here.
#1 Yooou Den – On top of her game; saves ground with hopes of firing into fast pace.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 6/2-4-1-3

Race 4

#11 Stormfield – Slow starts have compromised her chances; turf awakens?
#5 Divining Change – Tough loss as tepid favorite in last; owns best turf resume.
#7 In Focus – Sold improvement in second career try; has a better idea this time.
#10 Unbending – Not much so far; invader drops in with 1st time Lasix for grass debut.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 11-5-7-10/2-9

Race 5

- #1 Abboccato** – Overmatched in grassy dash; sharp 2nd start before on CD dirt.
- #4 Tiz Gig Gee** – Takes a sizeable drop off turf route clunker; fits like a glove here.
- #6 Bodelicious** – Adds blinkers & returns to dirt first off the claim; good as any here.
- #3 Nautia** – Has run two big race at the meet; drops a notch into win spot.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 1-4-6-3-7/8-2-9-5

Race 6

- #3 Southern Wild** – Model of consistency on grass and better than his record.
- #13 Siem Riep** – Ran fast to wire Monmouth maidens in grass debut.
- #4 Giant Payday** – Talented 3yo with a touch of class; good as any in here.
- #6 Mucho Macho Bets** – Has his share of excuses; can make an impact at \$\$ odds.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 3-13-4/6-5-1a-2-11-10

Race 7

- #5 Shut the Box** – Game win in last & better than ever; repeat edge in super tough call.
- #8 Vaporman** – Upset win two back & held his own in stakes; on top of his game now.
- #1 Pinson** – Has run some huge races; new gelding has his mind on business now.
- #7 Handiwork** – Strong close into a sizzling pace in last; dangerous late kick.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 5-8-1-7-10-2/9-6-4/3

Race 8

- #6 Guilty streak** – Lit tote in half of 16 starts; finally gets over the hump today?
- #1 Demands Attention** – Tossed a big hint in last; flies under the radar in grass debut.
- #5 Alpha Project** – Held his own on turf with tougher; fires a fresh shot on drop?
- #9 Jumpin Jack Cash** – Has failed to factor with much tougher; takes needed drop.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 6-1-5-9/7-10-4