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**Race 1**

**#2 Dahlia's Foxy Lady** – Beaten chalk in four straight; just needs a trip against this bunch.  
**#8 Very Elegant** – Big runs over local turf; can bounce back off recent Indy clunker.  
**#1 Open Invitation** – Drops in off decent turf runs with better; third race of cycle.  
**#7 Lady Temple** – Proven on the grass; closed to be 2<sup>nd</sup> behind chalk in last.

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

**Race 2**

**#4 Kutuzov** – Drops below claim level; finds a group he should handle...stalk & pounce.  
**#8 King Coral** – Early trouble cost him with better; fits like a glove at this class level.  
**#7 Sky Blue Magnolia** – Back on top of his game; reunites with Corey for this one.  
**#5 Cheyenne Blues** – Mare takes on the boys; her best run good enough to share.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 4/8-7/5-1-6-3**

**Race 3**

**#1 Bud's Bayonet** – Ran fast to score game win in last; edge to repeat in tough call.  
**#2 Rippin Ranger** – Back on top of his game; sits catbird's seat trip & pounces on speed.  
**#6 Private Time** – Guttled out 3<sup>rd</sup> after tough trip; can add some spice to the gimmicks.  
**#3 Greely Is Back** – Model of consistency; on edge to fire fresh off a short break.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 1-2-6-3-5-8-7**

**Race 4**

**#6 Marquee Miss** – Edged "Lady" under similar circumstances; good for another.  
**#2 Justa Lady** – Sharp as a tack; versatile performer can turn the tables on "Miss".  
**#5 Marquee Cal Gal** – Full older sister to Marquee Miss should relish the trip.  
**#8 D'boldest** – Speed has run some huge races; just missed in grassy dash stake.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 6-2-5-8/3-7-1**

### Race 5

**#4 Moon Gate Warrior** – Has held his own with better; brief freshening off the claim.

**#7 Nite of the Hunter** – Held well for 2<sup>nd</sup> after battling hot pace; on top of his game.

**#1 Whyruawesome** – Cooked early in last two; capable of rating and finishing.

**#6 Sharm** – Model of consistency; can get the job done for formidable human team.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 4-7-1-6-2-8-3-5**

### Race 6

**#6 No More Misery** – Has legitimate excuses; chance to light up the toteboard.

**#10 Blue Ridge Girl** – Fits like a glove on the drop; might peak in third run off the bench.

**#3 Desert Poem** – Proven on the green; blinkers addition can get her over hump.

**#9 Susie's Daddy** – Even finish in needed race; should take a solid step forward.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 6-10-3-9-5-4-7**

### Race 7

**#5 Wetumka** -- \$700K buy bred to win early; barn knows how to get one ready.

**#9 Flat Lucky** -- \$50K buy bred to sprint; works say he's ready for Mr. Steve.

**#14 Gambit** – Out of versatile & very productive mare; needs scratches.

**#10 Ripe** – ½ to \$1.3 million Ravallo; sharp works have him on edge for the debut.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 5-9-14-10-6-8-7-3-4**

### Race 8

**#11 Amaze Me Grace** – Dominant win in first dirt try with blinks on; price is right.

**#10 Toasted** – Game win in Churchill slop; consistent & versatile = safe play here.

**#6 Dream Dance** – Deep closer begs for a fast pace to kick at; late rally falls short?

**#3 Naylor** – Has run some big races; tossing hints in the morning for the Cat Man.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 11-10-6-3-7-9/2-8-1-5-4**

### Race 9

**#7 I Remember Mama** – Impressive 2<sup>nd</sup> in debut run; similar effort makes her tough.

**#3 Moonlit Garden** – Set and honest pace and held on well for 2<sup>nd</sup> in turf debut; fits.

**#8 Meister Legend** – Held her own with solid lawnmowers; brief freshening.

**#5 Tiz My Lady** – Respectable turf runs; capable of stepping forward at a price.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 7-3-8/5-2-16-12**