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Race 1

#6 Por Favor – Back quick and drops in off solid return run; gets first run on closers.
#8 Cape Diva – A new horse since stepping on turf, and even better with blinkers on.
#5 Lady Lt. – Has run some big races on the lawn; drops into much softer spot here.
#3 My Sugar – Edged slow group of maidens on the green for top team.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 6-8-5-3/7-4

Race 2

#7 Mystery Train – Takes big drop with hopes of ended long dry spell; Mr. Brad.
#4 Golden Causeway – Closed well in needed sprint; appreciates added ground.
#8 Seba's Dancer – Lit toteboard last three runs; rates on consistency...gimmicks.
#5 Flying Frank – Second in weak sprint in last; best of the rest with this bunch today.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 7/4-8/5-1-6

Race 3

#2 Mine My Time – ½ to \$360K turfer Trend; should relish the grassy dash.
#6 Field of Dreams – Bet down in failed debut; adds blinkers and lures Corey.
#3 One Thirsty Nine – His dam has dropped productive sprinters; dangerous team.
#7 Closing Strike – His dam won over 10 furlongs on turf; keep tabs for later.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 2-6-3/7-1-8-4-5

Race 4

#7 Soft Cheese – Kenny trained her dam, and she relished distance races on turf.
#2 Conquest Bad Uncle – Proved herself at Woodbine; gets a fresh start for Mr. Brad.
#1 Upstage – Some sneaky turf influences in pedigree; might enjoy pocket trip from rail.
#4 Oh Dear Lord -- \$30K claim earned the class hike; should run another big race.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 7-2-1-4/3-6

Race 5

#6 Seeking Bull – Drops down to claim level and returns to favorite surface & distance.

#7 Bill's Wealthygirl – Excuse for clunker; rates on consistency against this bunch.

#1 Native Indy – 2nd to odds-on chalk in last; consider in gimmick equation here.

#3 Liberty Fire – Speed is the name of her game; can hang around for a piece of it.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 6/7/1-3-2-4-8-5

Race 6

#6 Candy My Boy – Invades with purpose; very tough if he controls the early action.

#4 Cutacorn – Sliding down the class ladder in good form; Van Berg on fire.

#5 Walker's Way – Versatile runner claimed out of sharp win; fits well on the class rise.

#8 Perfect Movement – Fits like a glove for very dangerous team; finds clear sailing.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 6-4-5-8/7-1/3-2

Race 7

#7 Bluegrass Beat – Battled fast pace and held on well to be third; price shot here.

#10 Forever Sure – Old-timer still has plenty of spring in his step; can win for 21st time.

#5 Belvin – Game turf tally two back; fits like a glove against this bunch for Tommy.

#9 Poseidon's Way – Dig deep into past performances to find big run on the green.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 7-10-5/9-6-2-8-1

Race 8

#4 Rocking the Boat – Kellyn sends very ready off the bench for Team Valor; edge.

#7 Athletic Temper – Classy pedigree says route; tough to ignore sharp return works.

#5 Inca Chief – Million-dollar buy 2nd in only career run; gets a fresh start in Kentucky.

#11 Dig Charlie Dig – Blinkers on + Corey + clear outside post; tough to ignore here.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 4-7-5-11/3-2

Race 9

#5 Guilty Streak – Knocking on the door for a long time; in position to get the job done.

#1 Magician Man – Big trouble in last in what came back as a slow race; capable.

#3 Slowhand – Late runner sliding down the class ladder for top stable; needs fast pace.

#10 Sevenheartswarrior – Claimed out of clunker; capable of much better at a price.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 5-1-3/10-9-14-11