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**Saturday, August 5, 2017**

**Race 1**

**#7 Li'l J** – Smoked easier foes in last; arrow pointing up and should find clear sailing.  
**#1 E. M. Maximus** – 3<sup>rd</sup> in both runs this meet; rates on consistency with these.  
**#3 Nobadeer** – Scratched in paddock couple weeks ago; capable if head on straight.  
**#5 Forest Mist** – Drops in off clunker; didn't see a visible excuse for last...willing to fade.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 7-1-3-5-6/4-2**

**Race 2**

**#2 Shaboxxo** – Invader drops in and finds a soft spot; appears very well intended here.  
**#5 Seba's Dancer** – Rates on consistency; added distance is the question today.  
**#1 Playing a Joke** – Deep closer is begging for an honest pace to kick at; gets one?  
**#6 Ellio** – Hasn't fired lately, but is capable of better; worth considering in gimmicks.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 2-5/1-6-3**

**Race 3**

**#6 Attribute** – Solid debut last fall; sharp works for sophomore debut for Mr. Steve.  
**#3 Insurgent** – Keeping good company; gets a fresh start for new barn...must respect.  
**#7 Scamp** – What you see is what you get; steps up in class and finds clear sailing.  
**#2 Gottsacker** – Trainer seeking first career win; under the radar works for debut.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 6/3-7/2-5-4**

**Race 4**

**#6 American Ride** – Plenty of excuses; blinkers off & right to improve at a price.  
**#8 Summer O Fiftyfour** – Wide & overmatched off claim; tactical advantage?  
**#4 Pontastic** – Checked out of it nearing turn in last; good as any in open race.  
**#2 Silver G T O** – Has run some decent races; willing finish too little, too late?

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 6-8-4-2-1-3-5**

### Race 5

**#5 Jeanne's Speight** – Claim adds blinkers & invades with purpose; hike makes sense.

**#7 Rocket Girl** – Disappointed as huge chalk in last with no visible excuse; Cox on fire.

**#4 Indian Trick** – Hot barn sends out speedy filly; cures seconditis off brief freshening?

**#1 Right On By** – Disappointed as chalk in last; capable of better...bounces back?

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 5-7-4/1-2/8-6**

### Race 6

**#1 Candir** – Drop makes business sense off allowance win; tactical advantage.

**#5 Northeast Bound** – Has fired some huge shots on turf; needs some pace to chase.

**#6 Claymaker** – Forgive recent dirt clunkers; much better on turf and Foley on a roll.

**#8 Rod McCloud** – Better since blinkers, but has never run on turf; chance to wire 'em.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 1-5/7-8-9-1a-2**

### Race 7

**#4 Ship Disturber** – Climbs up class ladder in search of fifth straight win; can get it.

**#1 Zander Zone** – Claimed out of romping win; might be his best around one dirt turn.

**#5 Medal of Courage** – Big win two back at CD; willing to excuse clunker in the slop.

**#2 Kapellmeister** – Claimed out of clunker two back; must respect team...gimmicks.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 4-1-5/2-7-6-3**

### Race 8

**#13 Katie's Reward** – 2<sup>nd</sup> to talented foe in debut; useful works since for hot barn.

**#3 Ippodamia's Girl** – Turf influences in the pedigree; "buffed" up in the mornings.

**#11 Vida Leva Eu** – Keeping good company; 2<sup>nd</sup> best in all three starts, but lacks upside?

**#14 Starving Artist** – Her dam was a talented turf miler; \$100K Paynter debuts.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 13-3-11-14-2-1-7-6-9**

### Race 9

**#1 Havana Moon** – Deceivingly good turf run off the bench; excuse Poly clunker.

**#4 American Cowgirl** – Model of consistency on the green stuff; good as any.

**#2 Wolf Gourmet** – Has held her own with talented lawnmowers; tough to dismiss.

**#6 Valentine Wish** – Tough loss to sharp Cox invader in last; arrow pointing up.

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