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Race 1

#1 Xanto – Solid form in grassy dashes; hoping dropper handles dirt just as well.
#6 Flying Frank – Even effort off the bench; should take a solid step forward in this one.
#5 Renn Lake – Disappointed in last; lured BJ and capable of better...gimmick player.
#2 Razorback Red – 2nd at 24-1 last out at this level; similar effort puts him right there.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 1/6-5-2-3-7-4

Race 2

#6 Mistletoe – Failed in the Belmont mud; takes a big drop off the trip to Kentucky.
#3 No Partners – Even runs behind sharp foes; adds blinkers off loss to stablemate.
#7 La Femme Royale – Showed little in debut with better; adds blinks and drops.
#5 Indysuglyduckling – Clear 2nd last out at this level; go to whoa threat with these.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 6-3-7-5-4

Race 3

#1 Major Munnings – Patience paid off in romping debut run; good for another here.
#6 Dark Arden – Keeps improving while climbing up the ladder; might like the trip.
#2 Running Back – Lures Corey off big win; steps up and must prove himself on turf.
#3 Crawford – Proven grassy dasher saddles up for tough team; can't ignore, over bet?

Joe's SELECTIONS – 1-6/2-3/5-4-7

Race 4

#1 Stella Nova – Claimed out of easy win with similar; no reason she can't do it again.
#3 My Mystery – 2nd best behind top choice in last; returned to score romp of her own.
#4 Candrasa – Claim drops in off claim & six-week break; catbird's seat behind speed.
#8 Liberty Fire – Has run some big races; finds clear sailing, but appears best of rest.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 1-3-4/8

Race 5

#8 Wathnan – Rough start & middle move in local debut; edge in tough call here.

#1 Serious Ink – Major improvement in grassy route debut in last; cozy rail trip.

#3 Aggro Crag – Back quick off clunker; capable of better & flies under radar.

#6 Where's Lew – Fits like a glove under these conditions; go to whoa threat.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 8-1/3-6-2-9

Race 6

#11 Much Trouble – Mr. Tom Amoss lures Corey; his grand dam was a G1 winner.

#5 Alexandros – Slow start behind talented winner in debut; sharp works for second go.

#3 Rubus -- \$260K 2yo in training buy; bred to sprint on both sides of the pedigree.

#7 Dream Baby Dream – \$210K 2yo in training buy; Mr. Steve + Shaun = hot team.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 11-5-3-7/4-2-8

Race 7

#2 Conquest Archie – Distant 2nd behind monstrous winner; better with blinkers.

#5 Dig Charlie Dig – Fresh colt proven at the trip; Team Foley + Corey = hot team.

#9 Big Dollar Bill – Routed on dirt in both Gulfstream starts; using this to tighten?

#7 Unmoored – Tough loss as favorite this trip; proved he belongs with this kind.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 2-5-9-7-8-4/10-3-6

Race 8

#10 Baby Run to Me – Solid turf resume; drops in and invades with purpose.

#3 Hold Me Tight – Claim adds blinks & return to turf; main threat to top choice.

#1 Fog Happens – Mr. Steve's other runner failed as favorite; gimmick player from rail.

#7 Too Cool – Scored 10-1 upset at this level in last; faces tougher task here.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 10-3/1-7-8-9