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Race 1

#3 Reward's Girl – Takes big drop off clunker; looks best of slow bunch.
#2 Glistening Star – Big 2nd on dirt two back; may appreciate added distance.
#4 Indy's Finesse – Drops to lowest level; turf to dirt, should finish with some punch.
#6 Say When Club – Distant 2nd with first blinkers last out; gimmick player here.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 3-2/4-6-1

Race 2

#6 Natchez Pass – Just missed last try on dirt; gets first run and holds off closers.
#2 Budget Cut – Plenty of chances; in the right spot and can certainly get it done.
#1 Three Natty Patty – Can take a step forward in third race of form cycle.
#5 I Got It – Drops out of it early; finishes willingly to run past tired rivals.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 6-2/1-5

Race 3

#7 Appealing Way – Tough loss in last; just needs a trip to get the job done today.
#3 Leave It to Marie – Improved with every start; inside post helps cause, main threat.
#6 Shy – Rounding into form; well-timed move puts her in winning position late.
#1 Nautia – Better with blinkers; saves ground and displays finishing punch.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 7-3/6-1-2-9

Race 4

#2 Nasty Critter – Slow start cost him in debut; offers square price in puzzler.
#6 Dr Spaulding – Drops to lowest level with blinkers on; experience counts.
#1 Red Alert – Must respect the team; horse fits, but tough to be confident.
#4 Stonewall Boy -- \$14,000 buy debuts for Mr. Brad; fresh face could easily win this.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 2-6-1-4-7-3-5

Race 5

#10 Star A War – Lone turf run was deceptively good; edge in crapshoot.

#1 Gray Ransom – Rested off the claim; fits like a glove for smoking hot stable.

#5 Thamaan – 2nd best on the cut back last out at this level; claim as good as any here.

#8 Max Factor – Disappointment with slightly better at Arlington; can't dismiss.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 10-1-5-8-2-11

Race 6

#7 Downwind – Bet down in disappointing debut; right to improve for tough team.

#5 Harbor Lights – Dam was graded stakes placed; pedigree says route in future.

#4 Talk Veuve to Me – Sneaky good breeding; likely to fly under the radar.

#6 Jinx Johnson – \$10K buy ready off the works for Mr. Brad; keep tabs for later.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 7-5-4/6-8-2-1-3

Race 7

#9 Distortress – 2nd best to sharp winners in last two; finds clear sailing from outside.

#6 Misseventhirteen – Rounding into form for hot barn; main threat to the top choice.

#8 Spice Drop -- \$240K buy debuts; well-bred, but might eventually want route.

#10 Pocket of Aces – Decent runs as a 2yo; makes sophomore debut off forward works.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 9-6/8-10-4-1-7

Race 8

#6 Enrage – Dam was G3 placed, talented & versatile; could be a big day for Brian.

#9 Tiz a Treasure – Dam had promising career cut short; Ingrid sends them ready.

#3 Southern Moon – Bet down in a pair of failed runs; blinkers could unlock ability.

#1 Sultry – Dam won G2 over 10 furlongs on turf; springboard to a route for this gal?

Joe's SELECTIONS – 6-9-3/1-8-2-4

Race 9

#3 Oh Dear Lord – Just missed two back; troubled trip with tougher in latest try.

#9 I'm With Miller – Broke through with sharp maiden turf score in last; can repeat.

#5 Jemrose – 2nd best to odds-on winner last out at this level; fits like a glove here.

#4 Merry Memories – On the improve; major threat with well-timed move.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 3-9-5-4-1/2-8-6