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**Sunday, August 13, 2017**

**Race 1**

**#9 Golden Fire Fly** – Ran deceptively well last out; faces slow field of foes today.  
**#2 Name It After Me** – 0 for 20, but knocking on the door; gets over hump?  
**#8 Whiskey Chick** – Hasn't shown much, but gets a fresh start of solid operation.  
**#3 Heart Shaped Box** – Signs of life in last; forwardly placed, hang around late.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 9-2-8/3-5**

**Race 2**

**#9 Empire Taker** – 1 for 25, but in fine form; late runner would appreciate honest pace.  
**#1 Beachdown Benny** – Disappointed on turf; returns to dirt, sliding down ladder.  
**#3 Colonel Swanson** – Competitive in Florida; Scooter lures Brian to saddle.  
**#8 Coach Moore** – What you see is what you get; consider in gimmick equation.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 9-1-3/8-7-10-4**

**Race 3**

**#5 Bryzzo** -- \$500K buy, ½ to \$900K Time and Motion; souvenirs anyone?  
**#2 Ship Stalker** – Mr. Bred lures Corey for debut; sneaky good turf pedigree.  
**#6 Bantu** – 2<sup>nd</sup> as favorite in debut; forwardly placed stretching out today.  
**#1 French Curve** – Stall debuter ½ to \$800K Square Eddie; turf influences in pedigree.

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

**Race 4**

**#4 Such a Tease** – Promising debut at CD; steps forward for McGee with 1<sup>st</sup> Lasix.  
**#1 Yondering** – Disappointed as chalk; promising runner adds blinkers for this.  
**#5 Tapsolute** – Knocking on the door vs. solid competition for Mr. Steve/Corey.  
**#8 Leading Cause** – Narrow misses in last four runs; as good as any in this race.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 4-1-5-8-2/9-10**

### Race 5

**#9 Wabel** – Forgive slop clunker; recently gelded...must overcome post to score.

**#7 Cowboy Rhythm** – Sharp as a tack; stalker as good as any in this race.

**#2 Rise Up** – Returns from brief freshening for Mr. Tom; go to whoa threat today.

**#8 Ironclad** – Better than ever; forwardly placed and fights for every yard.

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

### Race 6

**#7 Strategic Ekati** – Lots of stamina in the pedigree; Mr. Steve lures Corey for debut.

**#3 Nickie's Papa** – Bet down in first two starts; may appreciate turf stretch out.

**#2 Bo Tee** – Blinkers on off solid turf debut; might fly under the radar for hot team.

**#10 Grandpa Frank** – Even effort as debut favorite; must overcome post for Mr. Brad.

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

### Race 7 – The Cliff Gilliams Handicap

**#11 Pleuven** – Defending Gilliams champ has a sensational turf resume; fires fresh.

**#7 Flashy Chelsey** – Respectable run in Stars & Stripes; one of three live shots for Maker.

**#10 Hawaakom** – Proved his class on dirt; first turf run in ages, but bred to like it.

**#2 Chocolate Ride** – Talented turfer does his best work on the lead; has company.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 11-7-10-2-1-9-3-12-8-5**

### Race 8 – The Groupie Doll (G3)

**#1 Put Da Blame On Me** – Better since blinkers; seed drew advantageous post.

**#11 Student Body** – Visually impressive allowance romp; 3yo must overcome post.

**#10 Pinch Hit** – Legitimized herself for Mr. Brad; sophomore's arrow pointing up.

**#7 Danzatrice** – Sharp stakes win in Iowa; sits catbird's seat behind lots of speed.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 1-11-10-7-8-9-5-12-6**

### Race 9

**#8 Kielbasa** – Back in fine form; speedy and game win on Ellis turf two starts back.

**#2 Conquest Goinggone** – Claim fits like a glove; versatile performer does it all well.

**#4 Afleet Jay** – Disappointing of late; turf stretch out and drop might awaken.

**#5 Mr. Haire** – Decent turf resume; picks up pieces into legitimate early fractions.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 8-2-4/5-3-7-10**