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Race 1

#5 Rompicapo – Takes big drop off needed run for Mr. Kenny; blinkers + bug boy.
#4 Haynesome – Hung wide in turf sprint vs. runaway winner; fits like a glove here.
#2 Cool Ambition – 2nd best to solid winner last out under these conditions; can do.
#6 Red Again – Forward factor for dangerous team; hangs around gimmicks.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 5-4-2/6-3-1a

Race 2

#4 Will Wants Candy – Representative races on dirt; turf-bred on dam's side.
#2 Midnight Tale – Decent grassy dash runs with better; the one to beat on paper.
#7 Miss Discreet – Eliminated at the start in last; drops into soft spot for sneaky team.
#3 Rusty Halo – Drops in fresh with blinks on; might relish sprinting on the lawn.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 4-2-7-3/8-5-6-1

Race 3

#3 Alice Roadtrain – Extended vacation off claim; finds soft spot for return run.
#4 Titfortat – 2nd best to legit winner under similar conditions in last; good as any here.
#6 Our Adieu – Solid runner-up performance as lukewarm choice in last.
#8 Equulei – Tossed in a clunker first off the claim; may not have enjoyed the footing.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 3-4-6-8-7/5-1/2

Race 4

#9 Audrey's Double – Versatile performer runs on anything; can end dry spell here.
#2 Tizthesound – Overmatched in last; go to whoa (start to finish) threat with these.
#3 Scatmeifucan – Proven on the turf; should be in a perfect, pressing position.
#8 Play the Break – Has the best resume, but recent runs not up to her standards.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 9-2-3-8-1/5-4-6-7

Race 5

#8 Abbaa – Worn down in game effort in last; claim finds clear sailing at square \$.

#1 Mesoma – Better than ever; flashes sharp speed and digs very deep late.

#6 Manhattan Mischief – Just missed to chalk in local stake; causes trouble again.

#5 Hey Bro – Returns from extended vacation for top team; watch tote clues.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 8-1-6-5/2

Race 6

#1 High Tech – Lesson-learning debut in dirt sprint; bred to route on the green stuff.

#6 Savour the Moment -- \$360K buy bred to route on turf on both sides of pedigree.

#5 Starving Artist -- \$100K buy 1st crop Paynter; turf influences on the dam's side.

#4 Miss Accuse – Lost 10 lengths at the start of debut; tries on sleeper shoes here.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 1-6-5-4-8-11-7-3-2

Race 7

#9 Pastime – Major traffic trouble cost her a fair crack in last; edge in wide open race.

#5 White Gold – Showed a new dimension in tough loss; arrow is pointing straight up.

#6 Bella Bailar – Ran big races at the trip this spring; finds her rhythm off bench?

#8 Miss Vicki – Broke through in a big way last out; may be good for a repeat score.

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

Race 8

#6 Fleet Week – Bred to be a good one; gets a fresh start for Mr. Steve here.

#5 Lifefullofreinbows – Sharp efforts at Churchill; same runs make her tough.

#8 Magna G Force – Outperformed lofty odds last wo; gets some respect today.

#5 I've Got Grace – Spotty return run on turf; blinkers may be in her near future.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 6-5-8-3-1/9-4-7