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Race 1

#8 Out of the Office – Has run deceptively well on all surfaces; tough to deny today.
#9 Laughing Levi – Drops in for Dale and Robby; welcome return to the lawn.
#12 Distorted Ransom – Tosses blinkers aside & Corey stays; finds clear sailing.
#2 Misterpuppetmaster – Signs of improvement; 2nd to big chalk in last.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 8-9-12/2-10-5-11-3

Race 2

#5 Awesome Fu – Popular claim keeps getting better; go to whoa threat again.
#6 Funny Questions – Solid form & takes another drop; finally has the answer?
#8 Joey B – Model of consistency; finds clear sailing with Corey at the helm.
#1 Dos Cuernos – Finished ahead of “Joey” two back; traffic trouble in last...price shot.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 5-6-8-1/3-4-7-2

Race 3

#7 Eternal Force – His dam was a sharp, minor stakes winning sprinter; Mr. Steve.
#8 Gambit – Well-bred colt debut for tough team off forward series of workouts.
#5 Beautiful Game – Shaun lands here for Mr. Steve; pedigree isn't all that much.
#2 Smart Remark -- \$4,000 buy may turn out to be a bargain sure looks ready.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 7-8-5/2-6-4-3-1

Race 4

#3 Tiz Howie's Hope – Troubled start in lone run; adds Lasix & drops in off bench.
#9 Indian Trick – Knocking on the door with better; tosses blinks aside + cozy post.
#2 Happy Anniversary – Drops in fresh for sneaky good team; very tough to ignore.
#5 Abboccato – Lights tote most of the time; cuts back and fits like a glove.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 3-9-2-5/7-1-4-8

Race 5

#5 Archangel Rose – 0 for 7 since the claim, but drops into muuuuuuuuch easier spot.

#15 All Hansens Ondeck – Tossed in a clunker in last; capable of much better.

#1 Kittens for Granny – Fits well for formidable team; well-drawn on rail.

#3 Prado's Smokin – Game maiden turf winner two back; excuse for follow-up?

Joe's SELECTIONS – 5/15-1-3/11-9-7-2-6-4

Race 6

#5 Macho Orb – Her dam was a \$230K, G1 stakes placed sprinter; lures Robby.

#3 Vision of Justice – His half sibling won at two; firing Churchill bullets...watch tote.

#11 Tiger Lisa – Under the radar team lures Shaun; looks ready off the morning drills.

#4 Touchdown Trojans – Respectable efforts for Mr. Steve; experience counts.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 5-3-11-4-14-6-8-9-10

Race 7 – The Ellis Park Debutante

#12 Upset Brewing – Finally got a fair crack and romped last out; name says it all.

#8 Sunny Skies – Debutante at Churchill winner can add another stakes to resume.

#2 Flight Queen – Smoked Texas maidens; upset minded for formidable human team.

#4 Laudation – We've seen some good and bad so far; could go either way, Mr. Steve.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 12-8/2-4-3/11-5-7

Race 8 – The Ellis Park Juvenile

#12 Dak Attack – Edged talented foe in debut score; Dale's best 2-year-old?

#7 Ten City – Edged a very troubled Copper Bullet in Bashford Manor (G3); one to beat.

#8 Ebben – 3rd in salty debut race and returned to win; flies under the radar.

#5 Big Iron – Romped in 2nd try and the horse he beat came back to break maiden.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 12-7/8-5/6-4-3-11

Race 9

#8 Teletap – Knocking on the door with sharpies on dirt; bred to handle grass too.

#9 Conquest Gladiator – Outperforming his odds; blinkers addition may prove key.

#7 All Day Trip -- \$400K buy debuts for high profile owners and under the radar trainer.

#12 Gostisbehere – Has run some big races on grass; needs to work a trip from here.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 8/9-7-12-3-10-5/2-4-11