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Race 1

#4 Family Label – Strong close to earn the show dough last out; tough to deny late.
#6 Numbers Game – Caught late in last; should enjoy perfect, pressing trip here.
#2 Insidious – Guns from the gate in turf debut; employs hot bug rider from rail.
#1 Prose in Motion – Turf influences in pedigree and sneaky good works; maybe.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 4-6-2/1-5-8

Race 2

#1 Catanova – Game win here two back; on top of his game and the price is right.
#5 Rhythm Park – Doesn't miss a beat; go to whoa threat could win yet another race.
#2 Ironclad – Close 4th in key race in last; in position to do some damage down the lane.
#6 Royal Blessing – Good as any of these on best day; springboard to Kentucky Downs?

Joe's SELECTIONS – 1-5-2-6/4-3-7

Race 3

#4 Glennwood – Zayat home-bred debuts for Mr. Brad; appears on edge off drills.
#2 Trappezoid – Placement makes sense for \$28K buy; debuts for dangerous team.
#3 Revolutionize – Drops in off a pair of credible runs; experience sure counts.
#6 Bigb's Anniversary – Home-bred debuts in logical spot; Calhoun's other runner.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 4-2-3-6-7-8-1-5

Race 4

#5 Im Chillin – Disappointing return run, but stretches out to preferred distance here.
#3 Pontastic – 2nd best last out in tougher race for the level; the one to beat today.
#6 Doctor Lee – What you see is what you get, and today it might be good enough.
#9 Polar Bear – Four-year-old finally debuts for Dale; patience pays off with a win?

Joe's SELECTIONS – 5-3-6-9/7-8-1

Race 5

#2 Providence – Even run in key race last out; drops far below claim price to score.

#4 Rippin Ride – Usually runs his race and fits like a glove with these; alternative.

#1a Northern Ranger – Better than ever now; must step up again to win this one.

#8 Utmost Intensity – In fine form now; worth including in gimmick equation.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 2/4-1a-8-9-7-5

Race 6

#8 No Fault – Plenty of chances; appears to be in the right spot to get the job done.

#2 Kai Nalu – Deceivingly good debut; right to improve stretching out for Kenny.

#5 Cuddle Kitten – What you see is what you get and today it might be good enough.

#7 I'm the Reason – Returns on edge for red hot stable and should offer a price.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 8/2-5-7-4-3-6-9

Race 7

#3 Beltway – In fine form; turf route a question for him in wide open race.

#1 Brave John – Forgive mud clunker; adds blinks & stretches out of needed race.

#6 Rock Shandy – Even run off extended layoff; back class drops to lowest level.

#8 Bowman West – Makes turf debut fresh for hot barn; pedigree says yes to the lawn.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 3-1-6-8-2-7/5-4

Race 8

#5 Rehearsed – Cuts back with blinkers on; price is right in race full of question marks.

#9 Golden Amber – 2nd best as odds on chalk in last; the one to beat again Mr. Brad.

#8 Drossy – Nailed late in last; on the improve for Mr. Steve and can hold safe.

#2 Gull Island – Didn't get a fair crack in return race; can step forward at a price.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 5-9-8-2/7-10-3-4