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**Race 1**

**#3 Cataroux** – Signs of life in last; should sit catbird’s seat trip behind contested pace.  
**#1 Gray Ransom** – Faded on turf in race he may have needed; returns to dirt tightened.  
**#8 Start a War** – Very capable with this field; go to whoa threat finds clear sailing.  
**#2 Confederate Rags** – Failed favorite in last two; blinkers might get him over the hump.

**Joe’s SELECTIONS – 3-1-8-2**

**Race 2**

**#1 Aint There No More** – Trainer sneaky good with first timers; not much to beat.  
**#6 Mr. Gibbs** – Finished willingly following slow start in debut; right to improve here.  
**#2 Red Alert** – Fits like a glove for top stable; has experience on his side.  
**#3 Just Parkes** – By solid freshman sire; drops in off debut debacle...sleeper?

**Joe’s SELECTIONS – 1-6-2-3-7-4-5**

**Race 3**

**#6 Lucy Goosey** – Romped in only career start last fall; sitting on go for return run.  
**#5 Cara Blythe** – Speedy gal won last via DQ; contends every step of the way again.  
**#3 Mythical Tale** – 2<sup>nd</sup> best to monster off the bench; could fly under the radar here.  
**#4 Bombona** – What you see is what you get; best of the rest with this crew.

**Joe’s SELECTIONS – 6-5-3/4-2-1**

**Race 4**

**#8 Mucho Mas Grande** – Sneaky good close behind solid winner in last; gets the nod.  
**#3 American Ride** – Middle move in needed run; new gelding takes another drop today.  
**#1 Aggro Crag** – 0 for 25, but has run some decent races on grass; graduation day?  
**#5 Trenton Bridge** – Drops in fresh for turf debut for red hot stable; tough to ignore.

**Joe’s SELECTIONS – 8-3-1-5-6-7-4**

### Race 5

**#9 Tiz Gig Gee** – No match for top two in last; cuts tag in half and offers square price.

**#10 Shot Glass** – Just missed in improved 2<sup>nd</sup> start; good as any in absolute crapshoot.

**#6 Big Sigh** – Willing finishes with tougher foes; could close best of all in this one.

**#3 Chargers Miss** – Run into the ground in needed race; speed faces much easier here.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 9-10-6-3-4-8-2-12-1-5**

### Race 6

**#9 Vedelago** – Old timer still has spring in his step; on the verge of \$500K in earnings.

**#12 Ft Davis** – Has run credible races with much better; must respect if draws in.

**#7 Caberneigh** – Aptly named 12-year-old won for the 17<sup>th</sup> time last out; in tougher.

**#10 Ferocious Tiger** – Fits like a glove for tough team; dangerous speed can do.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 9-12-7-10/4-6-5**

### Race 7

**#8 Empressive Road** – Her dam was a stakes placed turf sprinter; tough team.

**#4 All the Juice** – Hidden class that says she should relish the trip; flies under the radar.

**#2 Mrs Rocco** – 2<sup>nd</sup> best as favorite in debut; should love mowing the lawn.

**#1 Lovelily** – Bred for the trip; hot Foley stable lures Papa Jon to the saddle.

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

### Race 8

**#7 The Player** – Loaded with ability; laid back dude wakes up for today's run.

**#4 Enchantera** – Better than ever and sharp as a tack; battles all the way down to wire.

**#2 Shut the Box** – 4<sup>th</sup> in key race last out; on top of his game and must be respected.

**#1 Discreetness** – Flashed uncharacteristic speed in last; the best is yet to come?

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 7-4-2-1-3-6-5**

### Race 9

**#11 Hot N Hectic** – Mr. Kenny dangerous with this kind of dropper; edge if draws in.

**#10 Bodelicous** – Best efforts have come on grass; must work a trip from outside post.

**#3 In Focus** – Tough loss under similar conditions in last; good as any in here.

**#1 York Avenue** – Has shown modest improvement; drops in & saves ground.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 11-10-3-1-5-6-8**