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Selections are ranked on an ABC scale from A – top selections (limited to double the number of races on the card), B – tough to toss, and C – use in multi-race wager spreads & minors in intra-race wagers. Subject to change due to track conditions and scratches. Tune into the paddock show for the most up-to-date information. Check program numbers for accuracy.

Joe's 24-25 Top Pick Season Stats thru 1-24-25

Races	Wins	2 nd	3 rd	Win%	WIN ROI	WPS%	WPS ROI	A	A%
202	74	44	17	36.6%	\$1.91	66.8%	\$5.77	111	55.1%

Saturday, January 25, 2025

	Race Feel	A	B	C
Race 1 – 50-cent PK 5 (15%)	Off the turf. Scratched down to three horses. Sharp's barn #6 is hot.	6		10, 3
Race 2 – 50-cent PK 4	SPREAD. Top pick #6 longshot could get loose.	6, 3, 5, 7	1	2, 8
Race 3 – 50-cent PK 3	Off the turf. Two logicals in A, no B.	13, 16		5, 9, 1, 6
Race 4 – 50-cent PK 5	Lone A #6 looks like a standout. Go to B if willing to oppose in a cheap race.	6	7, 8	4, 1
Race 5 – \$1 PK6 (15%, no jackpot)	First timers #2 & #3 training well. #4 drops with experience edge.	2, 3, 4		6, 7
Race 6 – 50-cent PK 5 (15%)	FAST PACE expected. #5 gets first run on #2.	5, 2	7, 4, 1, 3	
Race 7 – 50-cent PK 4	Off the turf. #10 the most talented & dirt shouldn't be an issue.	10		12, 8, 2
Race 8 – 50-cent PK 3	First timers #7, #6 & #5 all training well.	7, 6, 5	2	4, 3

	One of them should win.			
Race 9	Off the turf. #13 just won under similar circumstances. Weak group after her.	13		6, 1, 5, 11
Race 10	#10 & #7 exit a key, common race & look best, BUT would not argue with spread to price shots in B.	10, 7	1, 8, 5	9, 6

Sunday's Results: BBBBBAAB

Most Likely Winner: Race 1 -- #6 Ize a Blast (ML N/A off turf)

Best Bet: Race 6 -- #5 F T W Slam (5-2 ML)

Longshot: Race 2 -- #6 Petitfor (10-1 ML)

Favorite Against: Race 8 -- #4 Our Favorite Son (7-2 ML)

