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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 Feb. 26

Races	Wins	2 nd	3 rd	Win%	WIN ROI	WPS%	WPS ROI	A	A%
338	109	80	37	32.2%	\$1.71	66.9%	\$5.53	171	50.6%

Thursday, February 27, 2025

	Race Feel	A	B	C
Race 1 – 50-cent PK 5 (15%)	Trio of A's all drop in with a right to improve.	2, 3, 4	8, 7	
Race 2 – 50-cent PK 4	#3 & #5 look best with respective A-games, but at least #8 is in form.	3, 5, 8	4, 7	
Race 3 – 50-cent PK 3	Lone A #1 rested & ready for overdue Hartman. All four B's are capable.	1	5, 4, 7, 2	3, 6
Race 4 – \$1 PK 6 (15%)	#6 bred to turf sprint + tough team. #8 ran big at this trip last out, but with advantaged trip.	6, 8	2	5, 11, 3, 4
Race 5 – 50-cent PK 5 (15%)	#1 & #2 both drop into a win spot. Both B's proven at this weak level.	1, 2	7, 3	8, 9
Race 6 – 50-cent PK 4	#4 sharp + sneaky grass pedigree. #2 has the best turf resume + in top form.	4, 2	7, 8, 3	1
Race 7 – 50-cent PK 3	Longshot #6 overcame a tough trip to run 2 nd behind a well intended winner. Better than ever	6, 3	9, 2	5, 1

	with blinkers on now & earned hike. #3 also on the rise off a big effort.			
Race 8	#5 ran even better than it looks in a strong turf race last out. Norm Casse thought enough of #4 to run her at the Spa last summer & the barn is going well right now.	5, 4	12, 11, 8	3, 1, 2, 9
Race 9	#7 Delta raider fits like a glove for a high % barn.	7	9, 10	2, 8

Yesterday's Results: AACBBAAB

Most Likely Winner: Race 3 -- #1 Believe Her (3-1 ML)

Best Bet: Race 8 -- #5 Rather Distinct (8-1 ML)

Longshot: Race 7 -- #6 Petitfor (12-1 ML)

Favorite Against: Race 1 -- #6 Blondate (3-1 ML)

