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Joe's 24-25 Top Pick Season Stats thru March 16

Races	Wins	2nd	3rd	Win%	WIN ROI	WPS%	WPS ROI	A	A%
437	138	98	43	31.6%	$1.76	63.8%	$5.48	211	49.2%

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

	Race Feel	A	B	C
Race 1 – 50-cent PK 5 (15%)	#3 has really improved & he might have another step forward in him. #6 ran against the bias & won last out at OP. Any of the B's winning would also be no surprise.	3, 6	1, 5, 2	4
Race 2 – 50-cent PK 4	#6 the one to beat with blinks on, but #1 was super game last out & he might get the trip at a better price. Lone B #5 an off the pace price threat.	1, 6	5	4, 7, 2, 3
Race 3 – 50-cent PK 3	#1 plummets but it looks like he could run backward & win this. 6 or 8 if you're not convinced.	1	6, 8	3, 7
Race 4 – 50-cent PK 6	#10 hung wide in super key race last out. #3 has rediscovered his form on turf. Super game last out. #7 super consistent.	10, 3, 7	6, 9, 4, 8	1, 2, 5

Race 5 – 50-cent PK 5 (15%)	Battle of the Bret's -- #2 the grizzled, classy vet & #5 the young hotshot. Reach to B for a price.	2, 5	7, 4	8, 3, 1, 6
Race 6 – 50-cent PK 4	What is #6 doing here? We will soon find out. If not her, it could B one of many.	6	5, 9, 7, 4, 3	1, 8
Race 7 – 50-cent PK 3	Inside run may make the difference for #2. #3 also with an inside draw and will run his race.	2, 3	6, 1, 5, 8	
Race 8	#8 blinkers on, outside draw, tough team & ran into a monster last out. #6 has a class edge & ran against an extreme bias in So. Cal last out.	5, 8, 6	7, 2, 1, 3, 4, 9	3, 4
Race 9	WOOF. #3 super game last out in defeat. #7 closed off the bench behind a filly who has since returned to win again. Stretch to B (and beyond) encouraged.	3, 7	10, 11, 8, 9	

Yesterday's Results: AAAXACAA

Most Likely Winner: **Race 3 -- #1 Guile (6-5 ML)**
Best Bet: **Race 1 -- #3 Golden Ice (9-2 ML)**
Longshot: **Race 4 -- #10 My Boy Tony (6-1 ML)**
Favorite Against: **Race 7 -- #5 Le Monstre Rapide (5-2 ML)**