Handicapping Analysis
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Emily's Analysis

Hawthorne Race 1

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Analysis by Emily Gullikson

Chris Block is established and known for their turf runners and will be represented by the pair of Illinois bred fillies, **#1 MISS RIVER RAT** and **#4 AIR GERRI** in this race. Coty Rosin could be flying under the radar in that category here with **#12 MIZZEN GEE MA** as they have has success with a limited sample and could be coming in live here.

Amoss is also established and capable with debuting runners sending in **#5 GOLDEN STAR**. She has a long work tab and plenty of conditioning where fitness should not be the issue. Perhaps landing here is due to limited options to run on the turf where she was training in Kentucky and just announced the limited upcoming turf options at the Fair Grounds.

#7 KEEP LEFT debuted here for $25k against males and following a pair of scratches from Special Weight races in September at Saratoga. She was claimed from Ward out of the debut here and wheeled back to stretch out just two weeks later for Rodriguez. Despite lacking finish on October 14th, she stayed on as the “best of the speed” and was not asked after losing ground and should have the fitness coming back today. Her former stablemate **#6 STARS ON FIRE** projects to get a lot of attention given the connections and placement on debut. Overall landing here is not the highest sign of confidence and based on her visuals in running and works before debut left a lot to be desired and must show more.

Hawthorne Race 2

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As shown on OptixPLOT, **#1 LOUIS P** projects to find more pace pressure than she did when picking up the “*LONE*” lead win back in September at FanDuel with **#3 QUEEN’S MISSION** stretching out for this race and **#6 WATCHING THE WHEEL** also taking up a spot in Quad I.

The pace and trip set up for **#5 KIMBERLY FRANCES** stalking off that first flight (Quad I) with first run and strong finishing ability shown as a Large Square – the edge over the other off-the-pace runners, **#2 WEEKEND PASS** and **#4 DARING DAMSEL**.

Hawthorne Race 3

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#5 PINEDALE has buried form from his races here this season. He recorded the B OptixGRADE, a “winning” type GRADE for the level back on October 7th. That effort was validated on October 22nd with the BTL run. He recorded a 5th place finish that day and the BTL race was impacted by the rider (TACTIC-) and shows some positive intent returning here with a change as Mojica jumps aboard.

The contrast in trips for **#4 MILLARD’S SMILE** with the PERFECT trip on October 22nd and could find a similar trip today well-placed and positioned on OptixPLOT tracking **#1 AHEADOFTHEGAME** and **#6 CINDY’S STORM**. **#3 AMANI’S EAGLE** could be upgraded from his WIDE trip and fourth place finish coming into this race on an improving pattern for his third start of the form cycle. **#2 CO CONSPIRATOR** was dominant (B+ OptixGRADE) against the $12.5k restricted claiming group on October 21st and will be stepping back up in class today.

Hawthorne Race 4

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Maker will land here with **#8 MASTER OF THE RING** by default scratching from a Churchill Downs higher level allowance when the races were taken off the turf back on November 2nd. He has upside making his second start off the layoff and from a competitive race with TROUBLE back on October 12th at Keeneland.

#1 ULTIMATE IRONY recorded a BTL effort with his run closing ground through traffic under today's condition back on October 21st. The trip was also not ideal for **#3 GATE CREW** given the post and ride (TACTIC-) making a few ill-timed moves before lacking finish when needed. He could move forward off that race with the change in post, rider and foundation and should offer value getting overlooked off his recent running lines and finishing positions. **#5 DYNABLUE** also wheels back for this race and the turf after nothing more than a jog not asked (NO_PUSH) on November 4th.

#7 BEN'S MALICE should get the bulk of attention (value lacking) from that common race and his this place result. He tends to run the same race each time making that WIDE MOVE and then flattening out, something that must be improved upon and again projects to be short on the board. **#6 POWER THROUGH** could also get attention and with his early speed could compete on trip, though does have the class test here stepping up to open company.

#2 MYSTIFIER will receive a serious class test stepping up in class today following a scratch with the races taken off the turf here last Friday. He fit as "logical" type in that November 4th $17.5k claiming race with buried form coming into this race with the poor rider *TACTIC-* on September 14th and a *TRAFFIC* trip lacking racing *ROOM* on September 23rd and can *IMPROVE* off that race and 4th place result returning under similar conditions. The same class test and trip will be in play for **#12 CHICKEN TRUCK** drawn outside and as another entered and fit under the November 4th race conditions.

Hawthorne Race 5

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#8 COME ON SWEET PEA could hold a major class edge dropping to run in this restricted claiming event. She could require that edge shifting to the main track and sprint distance, conditions not her ideal though capable.

#1 GHAALEB'S MAGIC can be upgraded from the October 28th common race. The race had a higher OFR of 82-74 compared with today's 75-67 RANGE. In addition, the race shape did not have much of a change in running order with Ghaaleb's Magic making up ground and passing runners for fourth and earning a B- OptixGRADE, a higher GRADE than her rivals returning from that common race. **#2 TIME BREAK** earned a B- OptixGRADE at this condition back on October 9th and can be upgraded in her third start of this form cycle, a positive rider change and on the Plot as a Quad I Square.

Hawthorne Race 6 - PLAY OF THE DAY

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Analysis by Emily Gullikson

Today's feature stakes race for the juvenile fillies lacks a standout and could create and opportunity for a new face. Michele Boyce takes an unconventional path debuting **#7 CAT ROYALE** in this stakes race. This could be seen as an ambitious spot debuting in a stakes race, though with this entire field with the exception of **#9 PRIMITY** also still eligible for the maiden condition, Cat Royale fits and is upgraded. Boyce has a solid recent record in this particular stakes race winning this event last year with Purr Sea and finishing second in 2019 and in 2017.

Rivelli won the race in 2017 with Richie'slilwildcat as the favorite. It is tougher, though possible to see the three maiden runners for the barn favored here with all three taking their shot in this race and tougher to separate and make a strong case for on their form.

#2 LOVEYOULIKECRAZY recorded the field high 70 OptixFIG here on September 23rd running at the open Special Weight level and will make her first start against statebred finding class relief from those three starts to run here. **#1 JOYZELLA** finished behind Loveyoulikecrazy back on September 23rd though can also be upgraded showing some progress race-to-race and shifting to face statebred rivals today.

Hawthorne Race 7

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Analysis by Emily Gullikson

Assessing the “best” horses in this race, **#1 HIGH BROW** and **#2 BOURBON DELIGHT** check that box and fit here as contenders in this race. With that said, they must race here against each other and share a similar front running style. Both have benefit from favorable trips on the lead and will have to earn it here with the pair drawn side-by-side in this race along with the others rivals in **#5 SURPRISE CAT**, **#6 A BOLD RYDE** and **#8 MAJESTIC ATTACK** looking to keep things honest up front.

Value play alternatives: **#7 SCAT SHACK** ran a good second to a dominant winner in Co Conspirator at this level back on October 21st and should hold his form and have pace to run at once again. The race dynamic also should benefit **#4 FLASHY RICHIE** looking for a similar inside tracking trip to the run on October 21st and improve from the show finish with a slightly softer OFR this afternoon. He lacked the kick needed late even with all the right moves from Bendezu saving all the ground giving him his best chance. **#3 ZARMAE** finished behind that pair last month though has some back numbers that fit on par and shows a similar Surface/Distance Plot position.

Hawthorne Race 8

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Analysis by Emily Gullikson

Both **#5 JACK’S SPRING BREAK** and **#6 TAPIT SAM** were entered in an N2 $6250 claiming race on October 28th and scratched from that event. The higher race par presented challenges to both on that day, but fit right into this race par and are upgraded in this spot along with their current form.

Current form is lacking on **#10 GREAT PLAINES** as he makes his first start back off the 189-day layoff. The decision to run here at the claiming level could be the right move to compete noting he was entered in an allowance on November 6th. As shown on the Plot, Great Plaines positioned in Quad I above the ParLine could have a pace advantage returning with his top effort.

#1 FUTURE VISION lands here by default after the races were cancelled last Saturday due to weather and entered in a race that day. He has the current form (B- OptixGRADE) to support at this level and making his third start off the layoff with the likely “prep” running above condition on October 7th on his side. Trip will be key with the distance change cutting back to a sprint and with the rail draw once again.

Tough to make a conclusive assessment for **#8 STUN GUN** whether it was horse or rider that impacted the trips here in October. In both races he was in hand early and showed run in spots. A rider change will be made today with Lopez jumping aboard and will look for an all around change today.

Hawthorne Race 9

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Analysis by Emily Gullikson

Longshot on the ML, **#5 CHRISTIAN C** will return with a rider change (along with the barn going off the claim) returning from the EX – EXCUSE at this condition back on October 14th. Given the EX last out at this condition, he can move up to compete at this level and should hold his form for the new connections. **#2 WILD FOX** comes into this race with hidden form looking at the C+ OptixGRADES and Keywords showing run despite the running lines and finishing positions. The class relief for this race moves him up, a visual that is shown on the Plot as a Quad I Square.

The class drop also moves up **#6 GAGOOTS** in this race and with the intention to run at this level by Watkins noting they were entered unable to draw into a race under similar conditions back on October 29th. **#9 NOT VERY GENTLE** scratched from a similar conditioned race at HS Indy on October 27th with the intention to run here at Hawthorne. The form from the September 30th event has held up with two next out winners and the others from the race holding or improving their speed figures going forward. **#7 BIG PINES SANDY** is upgraded on the Plot from his current form in this race with the class drop. Distance wise he will still be tested over this two turn course though should have the fitness coming off the WIDE trip two weeks ago to support along with the class relief.