



Handicapping Analysis

Fri December 2nd, 2022

Jim's Picks

Hawthorne Race 1

Post Time 12:55 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

5 Happy Quest - 4/1 **7** Miss Mia - 5/1 **3** Her Time Is Now - 7/2

An intriguing race to kick off the Friday card as we shift to the earlier post time of 12:55 PM. Some familiar names in here but also some potential to find a bit of value. While the Rivelli entrant will take action, that one recently shifted barns and locales and may need a race over the track. Happy Quest may be worth the look as this one debuts for the Rosin barn. She is well bred and gets Lasix for her first start for a barn that wins at a 20% clip first time out. She comes in with six consistent works. Let's see how she looks in the paddock and if she takes any early action at the windows.

Hawthorne Race 2

Post Time 1:25 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

7 Balimos - 3/1 **6** My Lady Slew - 20/1 **2** Pretty in Prado - 2/1

Balimos could be the second half of what I'm hoping will be a Rosin-trained daily double. Jock Centeno has ridden extremely well this meet and gave this one a nice race last time out. There is a little bit of early speed in here as a tracking trip could lead to a victory today.

Hawthorne Race 3

Post Time 1:55 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

1 Mister Charming - 6/1 **6** Dust Dancer - 9/5 **3** Hela - 2/1

Not a great bunch for this level but it is a race where the pace should be honest upfront early on. I like the turn back in distance off what was a good effort out of Mister Charming last time out. His speed figures put him right in the mix with these and he should be picking off horses in the lane. A second start start with Colon in the saddle is a plus as well.

Hawthorne Race 4 - PLAY OF THE DAY

Post Time 2:25 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

2 Usa Usa Usa - 5/1 **6** Wildwood Dreamer - 5/2 **9** Tense - 9/2

A little class relief may be all that is needed for Usa Usa Usa as she has raced competitively against better company and drops in for the tag here. The pace should be honest upfront early as a trip from 4-5 lengths back may be the route to go. Felix is one win from 3,400 on his career and it could come right here.

Hawthorne Race 5 - PLAY OF THE DAY

Post Time 2:55 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

- 2 Wild Fox - 3/1
- 1 Buxterhooter - 7/2
- 3 Kramden - 8/1

Based on the class drop alone, Wilde Fox looks to be a standout in here. Although Colon goes to Buxterhooter today, Santiago picks up the call and should get a perfect stalking trip. The distance suits and we will see if we get any type of a price.

Hawthorne Race 6

Post Time 3:25 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

- 1 High Brow - 5/2
- 6 Aheadofthegame - 7/2
- 7 Forward Curve - 9/2

I may be completely wrong but I fully expecting either Aheadofthegame or Forward Curve to scratch out of here as both come from the Becker barn and have very similar running styles. High Brow looks to be very tough in this race as he came off a six month rest into his last and ran a big race on the return. He does step up in class today but if he can settle like he did last out there's no reason to think he can't repeat that performance.

Hawthorne Race 7

Post Time 3:55 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

- 8 Ghaaleb the Great - 7/2
- 4 Beyond Proper - 4/1
- 2 Trail Ridge Road - 5/2

Initially it appears like this is a no brainer that Block horses will run 1-2 and they may still but Ghaaleb the Great is very much worth a look. This is a horse that is bred to run all day for a barn that does a great job off the claim. Would have to think this one is very much in the mix.

Hawthorne Race 8

Post Time 4:25 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

- 10 Deora Store - 6/1
- 7 Christmas Present - 5/2
- 4 Valley Vista - 9/2

This is a very tough race to close out the Friday card and provides some price opportunities as well. I really like how Tavares has been riding, especially the last two weeks as Deora Store steps up off a nice win last time out. Would have to think the added distance will only help as there appears to be enough pace to chase in this spot as well.