Handicapping Analysis
Sat December 3rd, 2022

Jim's Picks

Hawthorne Race 1 - PLAY OF THE DAY

Post Time 12:55 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

5 Valiantly Discreet - 8-5 | 7 Rocket Man Attack - 4-1 | 4 Ready Made - 8-1

A better break, along with the class drop, is all it should take for Valiantly Discreet to win in this spot. He was working well going into his debut and everything just went sideways at the break in that race. I wouldn't be surprised to see this one win, and win easily in here.

Hawthorne Race 2 - PLAY OF THE DAY

Post Time 1:20 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

6 Rank and File - 5-2 | 3 Hey Hey - 6-1 | 4 April's Gem - 7-2

On paper it would appear April's Gem is going to be very tough but that one is such a major unknown on the dirt. The question is if the drop is solely to become Starter eligible once again. Rank and File stays at this level but shifts barns for today's race. She has tactical speed and gets one of the hottest riders of late in the saddle in Tavares. Look for her to rate close and take over late.

Hawthorne Race 3

Post Time 1:48 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

6 Awesome Sunday - 7-2 | 5 Moment to Shine - 5-2 | 7 Midnight Society - 8-1

Have to think Moment to Shine is going to take a lot of action in here for a top barn and should be a solid threat. Moment to Shine is the one who debuts and has been working well leading into this race. She gets Lasix for this spot and I like seeing multiple gate works leading into the race.

Hawthorne Race 4

Post Time 2:18 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

1 Jolie Ruler - 2-1 | 8 Princess Consuela - 20-1 | 9 Cookin Roses - 9-2

The distance could make the difference in here as there's not a ton of pace in the race. Speed should be holding but I'm not sure if Cookin Roses can get the three quarters. Would have to think Jolie Ruler gets a perfect tracking trip and is the first to take over when Cookin Roses comes back to the field. Princess Consuela is an interesting longshot as I think the rider change to the 10 lbs. bug is a positive off an effort where she ran on late in her last.

Hawthorne Race 5

Post Time 2:48 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

10 Richiesgotswagger - 5-2 | 9 Applicant - 9-2 | 1 Master Guns - 7-2

Richiesgotswagger is one I was on last time out and all hope for the victory was lost at the break. Hopefully the outside draw is actually a benefit here as he should be able to get away cleanly and take advantage of the long run down the backstretch. If he can sit 3rd or 4th heading into the turn he should be able to wear down the leaders in the lane.

Hawthorne Race 6

Post Time 3:17 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

9 Mom's Town - 3-1 | 4 Cat Royale - 7-2 | 3 Joyzella - 6-1

An interesting race as many of these have faced off in the Showtime Deb last out. The post isn't great but Mom's Town should get a good tracking trip as she looks to repeat her winning performance from last out. The question is how much does Cat Royale improve in her second career start?

Hawthorne Race 7

Post Time 3:49 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

1 W W Cookie Monster - 2-1 | 3 W W Scout's Honor - 7-2 | 2 Richiesgotgame - 4-1

Another spot where Becker has two entered but not sure if both will run. Both of the W W horses are speedy types but Cookie Monster should be faster to the lead. If they both stay in, Richiesgotgame may actually be the horse who gets the right setup ahead of him. But if only one Becker stays in then it will be very tough.

Hawthorne Race 8

Post Time 4:19 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

3 Imperial Moment - 9-2 | 5 Move On Over - 3-1 | 7 Westa Waverly - 4-1

This distance suits as does the fact that Baird sticks in the saddle with this one today. Imperial Moment has enough speed to rate close early but doesn't have to be committed to the lead to win. Let's see if we can catch a little bit of a price in here.