Handicapping Analysis
Sun December 4th, 2022

Jim's Picks

Hawthorne Race 1

Post Time 12:55 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

6 Keen Response - 9/5 | 5 Bon Deux - 3/1 | 3 Morant - 5/1

New connections in charge of Keen Response now and I like that he isn't being asked for more off the claim as he stays at the same level. He had no business losing last time out but was given just a horrible trip. He got away slowly and was shuffled well back and then was hung wide the entire way. He still only missed by a neck. No reason he shouldn't win here.

Hawthorne Race 2

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Analysis by Jim Miller

6 She's Xtremely Hot - 8/5 | 1 Askew - 5/2 | 2 She Takes Flight - 7/2

Not a whole lot of value in here but She's Xtremely Hot looks to be the most consistent and has enough tactical speed to contend the entire way. She's back at the same level once again and will likely be a very short priced favorite.

Hawthorne Race 3

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Analysis by Jim Miller

6 On a Tour - 2/1 | 4 Way too Smarte - 7/2 | 1 Hot Dame - 6/1

A short field but still a decent amount of pace in this race as well. Tavares has been the hot hand of late and is aboard On a Tour once again, a filly that has won her last two on the dirt. She is 8/9 on the board at Hawthorne and gets a perfect spot being a starter eligible horse.

Hawthorne Race 4

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Analysis by Jim Miller

6 It's Greek to Me - 3/1 | 3 Hallie's Rainbow - 5/2 | 5 Summer Belle - 7/2

Didn't think it was a bad effort by any means from It's Greek to Me last time out as she made her first start at Hawthorne. She tracked the leaders in that race and ran on late through the lane. There is some pace to the inside here and Baird won't be riding but have to think she improves in her second over the track.

Hawthorne Race 5

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Analysis by Jim Miller

2 Daigle - 9/2 | 7 Kimberly Frances - 7/2 | 5 Watchin the Wheels - 4/1

Not a whole lot of pace in this race which should lead to Daigle being able to make the top rather easily. Her best races have come on the grass but she does have a main track victory. There are some snappy dirt works this past summer in Minnesota and this is a much easier level that she faces today.

Hawthorne Race 6

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Analysis by Jim Miller

4 Irish Declaration - 4/1 | 8 Comfort Me Now - 5/1 | 1 Danville - 7/2

Curious to see what the pace scenario is here as there really isn't any horse committed to the front. There's a couple with potential to go so we will have to see if the pace is honest. Irish Declaration would benefit from some pace to chase but may be saved by the distance in here. The 1 1/16 gives him enough real estate to close in the lane as if he can get back to his start two races back, he should be right there at the wire.

Hawthorne Race 7

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Analysis by Jim Miller

6 Beealea - 9/2 | 4 Follow the Signs - 5/2 | 1 Redneckerthanyou - 6/1

Here's hoping for a better trip than last time for Beealea as he makes his fourth start of the meet. In his last he got away very slowly and was last early. He angled to the center of the lane to close but ran on too late. There's some more pace to chase in here as any type of ground saving trip will be beneficial.

Hawthorne Race 8

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Analysis by Jim Miller

1 Stun Gun - 20/1 | 7 Future Vision - 8/5 | 5 Madelyns Heat - 3/1

Not a great bunch to close out the card while should give everyone in this race a chance. Stun Gun has had a tendency to get away slowly in sprints and just get left with too much to do late. On the stretch in distance there could be more potential to get into the race early and run on late. A break in weight in the saddle will be beneficial as well.