Handicapping Analysis
Sun December 11th, 2022

Jim's Picks

Hawthorne Race 1

Post Time 12:55 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

6 Krewe Chief - 3/1 | 4 Bulldog of Bergen - 4/1 | 3 Pachi - 5/1

Even though there's only six in here, hopefully all six remain as there is a good amount of early pace to keep things honest upfront. Krewe Chief was a solid winner for $5k last out and I'm a bit surprised to see him back in for this tag as he could be ripe to be claimed. He has an excellent record at the distance and if any moisture remains in the track it will benefit his chances.

Hawthorne Race 2

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Analysis by Jim Miller

3 Lucy's Lookin Left - 3/1 | 5 Samarita - 9/5 | 2 Shez Reckless - 5/1

For a three-year-old filly having a solid year, Lucy's Lookin Left looks to be a good claim in recent starts. She has stalking ability which will allow for her to track the pace and run on late. She's never finished worse than second from four starts over the track and gets a top jock in Santiago in the saddle.

Hawthorne Race 3

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Analysis by Jim Miller

5 Yankee Agate - 8/5 | 1 Chasing Ghost's - 3/1 | 3 Cowgirl Frankie - 8/1

After a lengthy layoff, Yankee Agate has been sharp in a pair of starts this meet. She faced a quality bunch in her last and was able to hold her own as she made the top and battled the entire way. Unless one of the first timers steps up, this one should be sitting on a victory in here.

Hawthorne Race 4

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Analysis by Jim Miller

1 My Redemption - 4/1 | 5 C F V Wicked Red - 7/2 | 4 Pistol Box - 6/1

My Redemption has really taken nicely to this track, winning around two turns as well as sprinting. Sullivan claimed this one back off the last start and Reyes returns to ride. That is enough for me to endorse his chances once again.

Hawthorne Race 5 - PLAY OF THE DAY

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Analysis by Jim Miller

6 Baladine - 5/2 | 3 Boone's Path - 9/5 | 8 Tea With Lemon - 6/1

Unlike last out where Baladine was pressed every step of the way, it appears he will be the one who gets clear early and may be able to catch a breather down the backside. He gets Emigh back in the saddle once again which is a plus as well.

Hawthorne Race 6

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Analysis by Jim Miller

2 Khozan's Valentine - 10/1 | 4 Bring Me a Check - 7/2 | 7 Impressed - 5/1

Had to go back and take a look at Khozan's Valentine's replay tow back where he was declared a non-starter. Probably a questionable call at best as he got away slightly slowly but he should have been called a start IMO. His last race was a very game effort around two turns. He picks up a big boost with Tavares in the saddle in here and has the tactical sped to sit just off the early pace and run on in the lane.

Hawthorne Race 7

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Analysis by Jim Miller

8 Megan's Honor - 3/1 | 7 Gita's Lad - 6/1 | 10 Current - 5/2

Like the move back to two turns for Megan's Honor as he has run back to back solid races. He has enough speed to clear if he chooses to do so and there isn't a ton of pace in this race. With Current likely to take a lot of action, there's a chance Megan's Honor gets away at a solid price as well.

Hawthorne Race 8

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Analysis by Jim Miller

6 Weekend Pass - 9/2 | 3 Imagine Gold - 8/1 | 5 Rental Pool - 9/5

Can't discount the recent efforts out of Weekend Pass as he has gradually improved, running on last in his last couple. What speed that is in here looks to give way rather early but the pace should remain honest enough upfront that he will be closing ground late.