



Handicapping Analysis

Sun December 18th, 2022

Jim's Picks

Hawthorne Race 1

Post Time 12:55 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

6 Bows N Lace - 6/1 **2** Watchin the Wheels - 2/1 **3** Lindalouimage - 4/1

A shorter field and not a ton of early pace to kick off the racing day. Bows N Lace is one of three in here coming out of an open \$5k claimer to the conditioned ranks. This is a far easier spot as this one raced well off the layoff last out. Have to think she tracks the leaders in here early and gets the jump on the closers in the lane.

Hawthorne Race 2 - PLAY OF THE DAY

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Analysis by Jim Miller

7 Chopper - 5/1 **5** Applicant - 3/1 **2** Easter Music - 9/5

Out of nowhere Chopper looked like his old self last time out. After a string of four horrendous efforts he nearly stole his last at 80-1 while winging it from the gate. Today we go a 16th shorter, there isn't much pace to challenge and Ulloa returns in the saddle. Have to think he goes unchallenged early and never looks back.

Hawthorne Race 3

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Analysis by Jim Miller

4 Northern Alliance - 5/2 **6** Rental Pool - 9/5 **8** Askew - 9/2

This isn't a great bunch and there's some unknowns with a pair that have spent the majority of their time on the turf taking class drops. Northern Alliance raced well in his last couple on the grass but has won six races on the main track in his career. He should rate a bit closer in here as there doesn't appear to be much along the lines of early pace in this race.

Hawthorne Race 4

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Analysis by Jim Miller

1 Carte Blanche - 7/2 **7** Yak - 5/2 **4** Two Cookie Rule - 6/1

Carte Blanche looked really sharp nearing the end of the meet at Fanduel racing and was able to carry that form over here this fall. All three starts have been solid and he finds a spot where he should be able to stalk the likely pace of Bourbon Delight and take over when that one comes back to the field.

Hawthorne Race 5

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Analysis by Jim Miller

2 Storm's Reflection - 4/1 **4** Ministry of Art - 9/2 **8** Future Vision - 5/2

There's no pace in here as Storm's Reflection looks to be the lone speed in the field. He is really a one run type of horse as he needs to clear to win and will be sent early. If he lucks out and is able to catch a breather on the backstretch he may never look back.

Hawthorne Race 6

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Analysis by Jim Miller

- 6 Stopshoppingamy - 7/2
- 3 Sharp Hero - 5/2
- 2 Keepmeinthe Moment - 5/1

A quality bunch in a field that has quite a bit of early pace as well. Stopshoppingamy looks to make amends off what wasn't a great trip last time out. She had a good spot early before racing very wide through the turn and going even wider in the lane. All the lost ground clearly cost her but she was still able to finish third. Maybe we catch her at a little bit of a price in here.

Hawthorne Race 7

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Analysis by Jim Miller

- 1 Going With Style - 4/1
- 9 Gita's Lad - 3/1
- 4 Baba's Boy - 15/1

Looks to be a decent amount of pace in here which will hopefully set things up for one to come from off the pace. Going With Style ran on late while facing better here two starts back and should get a great trip in here. Two of his best recent figures have come at Hawthorne as the class relief may make the difference.

Hawthorne Race 8

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Analysis by Jim Miller

- 3 Catchusifyoucan - 4/1
- 1 Maureenlovesfrank - 6/1
- 5 Avasarala - 8/1

Scott Becker has two entered in here as you have to think Catchusifyoucan is the one he is higher on as Santiago typically rides his number one horse in a race. She has won her last two, being claimed out of an easy win at Churchill in her last. Look for her to stalk the pace early in here and get the jump on the late closers.

Hawthorne Race 9

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Analysis by Jim Miller

- 2 My Lady Slew - 8/1
- 10 Mud Hut - 7/2
- 7 Frost Warrior - 6/1

Not a great bunch and also not along the lines of early pace in this race. Have to think the connections of My Lady Slew are looking for the same trip as her last where she made the top and never looked back. She draws favorably and Centeno has been riding well. Let's see if the lightbulb went on with the victory last out and she can repeat that performance.