Handicapping Analysis
Sun April 2nd, 2023

Jim's Picks

Hawthorne Race 1

Post Time 2:30 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

4 Electric Charge 6 Timehascome 2 King Zion

Two turn maidens open the day with a couple in here with some early speed. Looking to 4-ELECTRIC CHARGE to rate just off the pace and look to run on in the lane. He looked like a different horse his first start of the meet as he added blinkers in that spot and continued to improve. He should sit just a couple of lengths back early and come running in the stretch. 6-TIMEHASCOME is one of the two in here with speed as he also puts the blinkers on for today's race. He races for a hot barn and is likely to take a ton of action. 2-KING ZION is the other with early speed. He is long overdue for his first career victory but does figure to push things along upfront. He is at his best around two turns and may be able to hang around for a share underneath late.

Hawthorne Race 2

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Analysis by Jim Miller

2 Snooty 1 First Squadron 5 Wherethemoneywent

There is really no early pace in this race as 2-SNOOTY could be in a position to sneak away early and never look back. This barn has had a solid start to the meet and speed has been king thus far in sprint races. Let's see if she can shake loose early and never look back. 1-FIRST SQUADRON did show speed last out but that was also in a race that didn't have much along the lines of early pace. She wheels back quickly today as she makes her third start of the meet. But she has been sharp her first two times out. 5-WHERETHEMONEYWENT comes in from Indiana for today's race after making recent starts at Turfway. She is going to need some pace to chase as she tends to sit back early and make one run in the lane. Everything the Klopp barn has sent over has run well thus far and this one figures to contend late also.

Hawthorne Race 3 - PLAY OF THE DAY

Post Time 3:24 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

3 Gate Crew 7 Empty Holster 6 Big Blue

This field may have more pace to it than it even appears on paper. The class relief may be enough for 3-GATE CREW to settle behind and pick off horses in the lane. He faced a tough bunch of $25k company last out and gets class relief into here. A repeat of that last trip, along with a track that evens out a bit, will likely make him a winner. 7-EMPTY HOLSTER was a horse I liked last out and he just appeared to have a premature move in his last. He grabbed and extended lead into the lane but shortened up late. He steps up off the claim but may get the right pace setup ahead of him. 6-BIG BLUE should get a good stalking trip in this spot as he steps up off a nice win in his last. Colon rode him perfectly in that race and is back aboard once again.

Hawthorne Race 4

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Analysis by Jim Miller

4 Jack Van Berg 3 Follow the Signs 2 Medal of Fact

Had a really tough time with this race as there are a few different ways to go. Thinking 4-JACK VAN BERG will be the fastest to the front as he has a lot of back class and makes his second start of the meet. He's good at the distance and over the track. Let's see if he can shake loose early and never look back. 3-FOLLOW THE SIGNS had a good stalking trip and battled to the wire in his last start to win. He was claimed out of that race and steps up. 13/19 ITM at Hawthorne though is very flattering. 2-MEDAL OF FACT has three victories over the track and has the potential to push things along early on. He faced tougher in his last and with the class drop he should be able to contend at a bit of a price.

Hawthorne Race 5

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Analysis by Jim Miller

5 Unbridled Annsley 7 Lotta Roses 4 Pretty in Prado

Trying to make the determination on if we can beat Lotta Roses or not in this race. With that one having 12 tries and still not finding the winner's circle, have to look to another as 5-UNBRIDLED ANNSLEY comes in from New Orleans for this race. She has been sprinting in her starts but is gradually improving with each race. Let's see how she handles to stretch to two turns. 7-LOTTA ROSES is a standout speed figure wise and has been racing around two turns. She also has some speed but just hasn't been able to grab that first career score. Let's see if she tries to steal this race today. 4-PRETTY IN PRADO just missed in her only start around two turns last fall as she is one of the others to show some speed in here. Her sprint effort wasn't bad a few weeks ago but this may be the best spot for her.

Hawthorne Race 6

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Analysis by Jim Miller

1 Specializin 3 Lucksme 6 Flamand

Despite the shorter field this is a talented bunch as well. 1-SPECIALIZIN is making the return off the layoff as she was claimed last June into the Rivelli barn. She wintered in Florida and has been working consistently toward her return. With the addition of Lasix and the inside draw, she should get a good trip in here. 3-LUCKSME looks for her third straight victory to open her career as she comes off a nice win at Oaklawn last out. She has tactical speed and may actually be at her best coming from just off the pace. Let's see how things unfold for her in this spot. 6-FLAMAND has a couple of wins as well and also has some early speed. She tried a couple of tough stakes events last year before returning with a near miss at Fair Grounds in January. Expect to see some speed from her in this spot.

Hawthorne Race 7

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Analysis by Jim Miller

9 Journeyist 7 First Kitten 3 Stormy Empire

Let's see if the addition of Lasix is what turns things around for 9-JOURNEYIST in this race. She ran well off a long layoff in winning last October but her following starts were a bit flat. She worked very well since her last start and may get a perfect stalking trip in here. 7-FIRST KITTEN ran a nice race despite a troubled trip in her last. She broke well in that spot but steadied into the turn. She did respond well late and that came on a day where speed was king. Expect her to be much closer to the pace in here. 3-STORMY EMPIRE likes this track and always seems to run a solid race. She will benefit from the added 1/8 of a mile as well as the potential for a contentious pace upfront. She has had issues at times running by the final horses in the lane which is the only concern to not have her on top.

Hawthorne Race 8

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Analysis by Jim Miller

4 Tu Royal **3** Be My Bestie **6** Dominique

It wasn't a bad race last out, but the draw may have done in 4-TU ROYAL as she pushed the pace along from the outside before giving way in the lane. With a better draw today, along with the lack of early pace, expect to see her try to clear and never look back.3-BE MY BESTIE ran a nice race off the layoff in her last as she overcame some trouble to run on late. She won't be too far off the pace in here as she figures to take her share of action at the windows. 6-DOMINIQUE chased in her last but lacked some finishing kick in that spot. That was her first start of the meet and it is worth giving her another look, especially if she is able to catch a fast track this time out.