Handicapping Analysis
Thu May 18th, 2023

Jim's Picks

Hawthorne Race 1

Post Time 2:30 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

6 Prancipants | 2 Fancy Empress | 4 Snooty

Three in here with speed sets things up for 6-PRANCIPANTS to close in the lane. This barn has had success this meet and the turn back in distance off a win won't hurt. 2-FANCY EMPRESS also gets a great pace setup ahead of her. The added 16th off her last start helps. 4-SNOOTY may be the fastest of the fast. Lets see if she is able to run on in the lane if pressed.

Hawthorne Race 2

Post Time 2:57 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

5 Palace Magic | 3 All American Jewel | 6 She's Xtremely Hot

Not a ton of pace in here. Look to 5-PALACE MAGIC as she takes a class drop and could be quick enough to clear and wire these. 3-ALL AMERICAN JEWEL chased in her last and ran evenly in the lane. Let's see if she improves off that race. 6-SHE'S XTREMELY HOT turns back in distance and may need pace to chase. Let's see how many she picks off in the lane.

Hawthorne Race 3

Post Time 3:24 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

1 Egomaniac | 7 Triple Chrome | 2 Pirate Bird

Pace should be contentious in here, setting things up for 1-EGOMANIAC to run on in the lane. He comes in off the tough Oaklawn meet and fits well. 7-TRIPLE CHROME likely sits a bit closer early in here. He ran well last out and let's see how the form transitions to two turns. 2-PIRATE BIRD may be below these others for speed figures but the pace could be perfect for him. He's worth a look at a price.

Hawthorne Race 4

Post Time 3:51 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

1 Blame Shifter | 7 Minnesota Moon | 2 Gold Smoke

Tough spot but the lightly raced 1-BLAME SHIFTER looks to be improving and should improve in his second start around two turns. 7-MINNESOTA MOON has speed. If he is able to shake loose early, he could run back to his race from two starts back and hang around late. 2-GOLD SMOKE ran a big race at a big price last out. He has some tactical speed and may be able to rate close to the early pace.

Hawthorne Race 5

Post Time 4:18 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

7 Izeondec 10 Storm Born 5 Right On Richie

Thinking the pace will be quick early on as 7-IZEONDEC should be able to settle early and run on in the lane. He ran well on the dirt last out but has past turf races that show he will handle the lawn. 10-STORM BORN is another that may move up with the move to the turf. He figures to settle in the second flight early and run on in the lane. 5-RIGHT ON RICHIE is one with speed in here. If he shakes loose he will be tough but he could be pushed along.

Hawthorne Race 6

Post Time 4:45 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

4 Danville 1 Moment 2 Asti Sky

Sure looks like a lot of pace in this race. 4-DANVILLE ran well last out and may get the perfect trip in here. He has found the board in six of eight starts over the track. 1-MOMENT has speed but can also rate and battle if challenged. He's going to take a lot of action in this spot. Hoping 2-ASTI SKY can stalk and pounce in the lane. He sometimes steps up when you least expect it.

Hawthorne Race 7

Post Time 5:12 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

2 Papa Rocket 3 Twirling Roses 4 Tee Burns

Thinking there's enough pace for 2-PAPA ROCKET to rate behind and close into in the lane. He comes out of a tough Oaklawn meet and merits a look. 3-TWIRLING ROSES has had success over the track and also figures to run on late. He may be overlooked. 4-TEE BURNS does have speed but has also had success over this track. Let's see if he tries to clear in here.

Hawthorne Race 8 - PLAY OF THE DAY

Post Time 5:39 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

3 Command Point 2 Ghaaleb's Dreams 6 Wanda Strong

There won't be value here but 3-COMMAND POINT is the best horse in the race. She posted a good win two starts back and should come charging in the lane. 2-GHAALEB'S DREAMS is another likely to close in the lane. The biggest question for her is the long layoff. Consistent works show she should be ready. 6-WANDA STRONG is maybe the price play in the race. She has tactical speed and has won her only start at this distance.