Handicapping Analysis
Sun May 21st, 2023

Jim's Picks

Hawthorne Race 1

Post Time 2:30 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

4 Bakeneko - 5-1 | 1 Sierra Hotel - 5-2 | 5 Ioya Again - 9-2

A mix of turf runners and some possibly hoping for dirt. 4-BAKENEKO will be good on either surface. He has tactical speed and should get a good trip from the second flight. 1-SIERRA HOTEL is as honest as they come. He has found the board in 20 of 32 grass starts and looks to be running on late. 5-IOYA AGAIN is also a legit turf runner. He tends to close from a bit further back but should welcome the return to the grass.

Hawthorne Race 2

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Analysis by Jim Miller

3 Behavin Myself - 4-1 | 4 Not Very Gentle - 7-2 | 5 Pistol Box - 2-1

No speed in here so have to think 3-BEHAVIN MYSELF is the one to set slow fractions and run on late. Maybe 4-NOT VERY GENTLE rates closer early with the lack of pace. He chased around two turns two back and ran on late. He could get a good trip off a slow pace. 5-PISTOL BOX needs speed to close into. He likes this track, tries hard, and gets class relief into today's race.

Hawthorne Race 3

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Analysis by Jim Miller

4 Blaze Beauty - 2-1 | 6 Positiondumoni - 8-5 | 3 Freedom Attack - 4-1

Hard to find value here but maybe 4-BLAZE BEAUTY sneaks off at a bit of a price. If the pace is contested, she should be able to sit back early and run on in the lane. 6-POSITIONDUMONI has run well in her last couple and figures to take a lot of action in this spot. She figures to get sent away early and may be quick enough to clear. 3-FREEDOM ATTACK chased last out and ran on in the lane. She faces open company today but this is the right spot with three other state-bred horses in here.

Hawthorne Race 4

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Analysis by Jim Miller

2 D'fever - 5-1 | 7 Alebrije - 4-5 | 6 Mud Island - 8-1

Something just seems off here but if right, 7-ALEBRIJE should easily handle this field. He just ran well for $25k and takes a plunge. It was enough to scare me off as I went to 2-D'FEVER on top. He has tactical speed, picks up Mojica again and should get a perfect tracking trip. 6-MUD ISLAND has run well here in the past. He has faced tougher in three starts on the year and the class drop may make all the difference.

Hawthorne Race 5

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Analysis by Jim Miller

7 Dowagiac Chief - 3-1 | 4 Protonic Power - 4-1 | 5 Captivating Moon - 7-2

Really good bunch on the grass here. So much back class with 7-DOWAGIAC CHIEF as he makes his second start of the year. He has speed and this race doesn't have a ton of pace. 4-PROTONIC POWER was a good winner on the grass here last fall. He ran well on the main track last out and should transfer that form to turf. 5-CAPTIVATING MOON is another with past turf form. He will need pace to chase and should be closing quickly late.

Hawthorne Race 6

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Analysis by Jim Miller

8 Devlish Hour - 4-1 | 7 Santino's Fantasy - 7-2 | 5 Stan the Cameraman - 3-1

Hopeful for a price with 8-DEVLISH HOUR as he comes in from the tough Oaklawn meet. He should rate closer early and may get a perfect stalking trip. 7-SANTINO'S FANTASY showed improved speed in his last, battling to the wire. Figure he sits back slightly here as there's a couple of others with more speed. 5-STAN THE CAMERAMAN is one of those with speed. He battled last out before giving way late as the favorite.

Hawthorne Race 7 - PLAY OF THE DAY

Post Time 5:12 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

5 Oeuvre - 7-5 | 1 White Lies - 8-1 | 9 Rainy Mountain - 15-1

So much class in here from 5-OEUVRE as she can run on any surface and compete. She has been exceptional at Hawthorne and figures to sit just off of a contested pace. 1-WHITE LIES will likely come charging quickly late. She has run some good races over this track as well and figures to pick up the pieces. 9-RAINY MOUNTAIN also should be closing well in the lane. She has been solid in all three starts on the meet as she makes her first stakes appearance.

Hawthorne Race 8

Post Time 5:39 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

10 Mo Time At All - 9-2 | 7 Three Rough Shods - 5-1 | 9 Out of Deductions - 5-1

I think there are six horses in here that can win. Gave the nod to 10-MO TIME AT ALL ah this six year old got a late start this his career but has posted a couple of good turf efforts. He has some tactical speed and should be looking to clear from the outside. 7-THREE ROUGH SHODS is bred well to handle the grass as he may have needed his last. He could be a completely different racehorse on turf. 9-OUT OF DEDUCTIONS ran a solid race at Tampa in his debut. He has since worked well here at Hawthorne and could be sitting on a big race.