Handicapping Analysis
Wed May 31st, 2023

Jim's Picks

Hawthorne Race 1

Post Time 2:30 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

6 Not Very Gentle - 5-1 | 1 Pistol Box - 3-1 | 2 Wildwood's Warrior - 9-2

The pace should be much different from the last time many in this group met up. Thinking we see things contested upfront as 6-NOT VERY GENTLE should run on late. He closed to finish second off the slow pace in his last and should have much more to close into today. 1-PISTOL BOX also needs that pace to chase. He loafs along early but can uncork a strong late rally. 2-WILDWOOD'S WARRIOR should be part of the early pace. He will keep things honest for Behavin Myself upfront and may actually be fast enough to clear.

Hawthorne Race 2

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Analysis by Jim Miller

3 Katie M'lady - 3-1 | 7 Timeless Rose - 7-2 | 5 Trail Ridge Road - 5-2

Don't really see anyone going with 3-KATIE M'LADY upfront in here. If she shakes loose and is allowed to settle, she may be long gone. 7-TIMELESS ROSE ran well at this level last fall. She has tactical speed and could rate the closest to Katie M'Lady early. 5-TRAIL RIDGE ROAD is very classy. She won the Illini Princess here last fall and has been sharp over this course.

Hawthorne Race 3

Post Time 3:24 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

7 Docs Seven - 6-1 | 6 Long Tall Woman - 9-5 | 5 First Kitten - 5-2

Seems to be a decent amount of pace in this race. 7-DOCS SEVEN could possibly get a perfect trip as she may rate and rally in the lane. The price will be right for sure. 6-LONG TALL WOMAN has tactical speed and has been great here at Hawthorne. Curious to see if Loveberry comes in to ride as he fits her well. 5-FIRST KITTEN figures to show speed as she has also been great here. It was a solid performance in her last as she is game, even when challenged early.

Hawthorne Race 4

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Analysis by Jim Miller

7 Verrazanointhesky - 9-5 | 1 Swiss Guard - 7-2 | 5 Chief Mystique - 8-1

He may take some action but 7-VERRAZANOINTHESKY could get a good trip if the inside two runners go. He takes a big class plunge but may just be looking for a confidence boost. 1-SWISS GUARD has tactical speed. He may have faced too tough of company in his last couple and could find things easier in here. 5-CHIEF MYSTIQUE is another that will benefit if the pace upfront is solid. He has a good maiden score three back and should be a solid price.

Hawthorne Race 5 - PLAY OF THE DAY

Post Time 4:18 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

6 Fit to Fly - 5-2 | 9 Racarino - 6-1 | 1 Twirling Roses - 8-1

Curious to see how this bunch handles the grass as some seem better suited for dirt. 6-FIT TO FLY can run on either surface. He has good tactical speed and just missed last time out in Indiana. 9-RACARINO has never run on the grass. He has run well thought in both starts this meet and should get a good tracking trip. 1-TWIRLING ROSES has found the board in half of his ten turf starts. He ran well in a grass sprint in New Orleans this winter and could sneak off at a price.

Hawthorne Race 6

Post Time 4:45 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

2 Sangfroid - 6-1 | 9 Lunarchy - 5-2 | 5 Short Straw - 8-1

Only a few with early speed in here. Curious to see how 2-SANGFROID bounces back as she has been away for a year. She raced with mixed results in her three most recent starts and has been working consistently toward her return. 9-LUNARCHY rated close last out and ran on to the wire. It was an improved effort on the drop as she figures nicely in here. 5-SHORT STRAW has speed but needs stamina. I expect she clears early, but how far will she be able to carry her speed?

Hawthorne Race 7

Post Time 5:12 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

8 High Brow - 2-1 | 5 Thrill Ride - 4-1 | 1 Gun Rush - 5-1

8-HIGH BROW loves this track. He has never missed the board in nine starts here and should be able to tuck in right behind the pace in this race. 5-THRILL RIDE faced two tough runners last out. Uncashed went on to win a stake while Omaha Red stepped up to win a tough allowance here. Thrill Ride figures to sit mid pace early and should be closing well in the stretch. 1-GUN RUSH has won his last two as he steps up once again. He showed good speed last time out and went unchallenged the entire way.

Hawthorne Race 8

Post Time 5:39 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

6 Summer Day - 9-5 | 1 Cat Royale - 9-2 | 7 Quilting Party - 5-1

6-SUMMER DAY is the most proven runner on the grass. She makes her first start of the meet and should be able to rate mid-pack early and charge in the lane. 1-CAT ROYALE stretches out as she tries turf today. Look for speed from her along the inside and she may try to steal this one. 7-QUILTING PARTY was a good winner against open-company last out. She should be able to rate close early and could figure late if she takes to the turf.