Handicapping Analysis
Wed June 14th, 2023

Jim's Picks

Hawthorne Race 1

Post Time 2:30 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

3 Behavin Myself - 5-2 | 4 Gagoots - 3-1 | 1 Pistol Box - 7-2

Wasn't sold on 3-BEHAVIN MYSELF going into last race but was impressed by how far he ran on late after being pushed much of the way. I expect he clears in here and looks to continue to good firm he has raced into. 4-GAGOOTS will have to hope the pace comes back to him. His last couple have been improved efforts as his best races have come over this track. 1-PISTOL BOX also needs that pace to chase. He tends to pick up the pieces too late at times but is still one that has to be looked at underneath in the gimmicks.

Hawthorne Race 2

Post Time 2:57 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

4 Grand Hideaway - 4-1 | 1 Dragon Drew - 7-2 | 5 Winging Ways - 8-1

It was a really solid performance last out from 4-GRAND HIDEAWAY as he sat just off the pace and took over late. He returns to the grass today and should get a similar trip to last out. 1-DRAGON DREW is the likely pace of the race. He was pushed every step of the way last out and held well into the lane. If he can shake loose in here he may never look back. What may compromise those chances is 5-WINGING WAYS as he is also quick from the gate. He pushed Dragon Drew last out and also didn't give way until late.

Hawthorne Race 3

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Analysis by Jim Miller

5 Isabellacannetella - 7-2 | 4 Rainy Mountain - 4-1 | 2 White Lies - 3-1

Curious to see if anyone can go with 5-ISABELLACANNETELLA or not. I think she may be the fastest to the front. Let's see if she can shake loose and never look back. 4-RAINY MOUNTAIN will have to hope for a pace battle upfront as she figures to settle in the second flight early and run on in the lane. She skipped the stake for the June 1 Allowance and returns to face state-breds today. 2-WHITE LIES ran well in the Third Chance as she settled in the second flight early and ran evenly late. She doesn't figure to be too far back in here but just needs a little more finishing kick.

Hawthorne Race 4

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Analysis by Jim Miller

6 Judy's Ms. Officer - 4-1 | 1 Move It Baby - 7-5 | 5 Crystal Snow - 6-1

A really tough race to figure as a couple of horses wheel back quickly in a race where the pace looks to be honest. 6-JUDY'S MS. OFFICER is one that can improve with the return to dirt after a flat effort on the grass just last week. I like how she rated and ran on late two back as the Hawthorne dirt could be her best surface. 1-MOVE IT BABY is going to take a lot of action based just on the connections. She has some speed but could have some company if she goes. 5-CRYSTAL SNOW is the second Mark Cristel entrant in here as she also wheels back quickly. Her lone score came while sprinting on the dirt, but I'm not sure if she's quick enough to make the lead in here today.

Hawthorne Race 5 - PLAY OF THE DAY

Post Time 4:18 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

6 Campisi - 7-2 1 Fabricator - 4-1 7 Tea With Lemon - 3-1

There's a little bit of pace in this race as I expect 6-CAMPISI to tuck in just off the early leaders and look to get the first run on the closers in the lane. He has steadily improved in his last three as the race two back was against much tougher than what he will see today. 1-FABRICATOR just grabbed his maiden score here last out. He sat closer to a pace that wasn't swift upfront. He may sit a bit further back early today but should benefit from the rail trip. 7-TEA WITH LEMON was a bit disappointing last out as I expected more from him in that spot. He got pace to chase and just flattened out in the lane. With a slight improvement off that start he should be closing in the stretch.

Hawthorne Race 6

Post Time 4:45 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

5 Overdue Honor - 5-1 1 Sharp Stick - 3-1 11 Ice Shard - 15-1

We know the 5-OVERDUE HONOR will be ready for this spot as the Roussel barn always places their horses well. He likely needed his last off a year and a half layoff but battled into the lane in that spot. He may be quick enough early today to beat the others to the lead. 1-SSHARP STICK will have to go a bit early to avoid getting shuffled along the inside. He switches over to the grass as he comes off a sharp work into this spot. Let's see if he gets sent for the top. 11-ICE SHARD debuts as he is bred to handle the turf. He gets Lasix for the debut and the outside draw isn't bad in turf sprints as he should be able to get a good angle into the turn.

Hawthorne Race 7

Post Time 5:12 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

4 W W Hotshot - 7-2 7 W W Candy - 3-1 9 Wildwood Sicilian - 9-2

A really solid field here as there is nobody truly committed to the top. Thinking 4- W W HOTSHOT has the potential to show speed and possibly make the lead. He runs his best races upfront as he is 10/12 ITM at this distance. 7-W W CANDY likely hopes that multiple horses head for the top as he figures to settle back and make one run late. His main issue is the break as his last three races have produced some gate issues. 9-WILDWOOD SICILIAN has tactical speed as he shouldn't be too far back in here. He's back in for the tag after being claimed at this level for $40k two starts back.

Hawthorne Race 8

Post Time 5:39 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

5 Modifier - 10-1 8 Gate Crew - 4-1 9 Jealous Eyes - 5-2

Looks to be potential for multiple horses to look for the lead in here. If that's the case, 5-MODIFIER could be the price play that comes charging in the lane. He ran a big race on the grass two back and may have just been in too tough last out. The distance suits here as the race flow should benefit his style. 8-GATE CREW is that runner that always seems to come on just a little too late. He has eight runner-up efforts in 17 turf starts and is worth a look underneath in the gimmicks. 9-JEALOUS EYES has had some turf success but still looks for his first win on the grass. He has enough speed to clear off some runners from the outside as the long run into the first turn should allow him to get tucked in.