Handicapping Analysis
Wed June 28th, 2023

Jim's Picks

Hawthorne Race 1

Post Time 2:30 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

2 Shadow Belle - 5/2 | 5 Couger - 7/2 | 1 Ineedagirllikeyou - 4/1

This race comes down to pace. A couple in here with speed as I think 2-SHADOW BELLE stalks the speed of 5-COUGER. These two could follow each other around the entire way as we will see if Shadow Belle can take over in the lane. 1-INEEDAGIRLLIKEYOU has the ability to close some ground in the lane as she comes in with a bullet drill into this spot.

Hawthorne Race 2

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Analysis by Jim Miller

4 Bali Baby - 4/1 | 1 Ghaaleb's Dreams - 3/1 | 3 Maystart - 5/2

If 4-BALI BABY can get the distance, I think she has a shot with this move back to the grass. She's run some good turf sprints and may have a couple ahead of her to set decent fractions. 1-GHAALEB'S DREAMS ran a respectable race off the long layoff in her last. She has an easy work since that start and only needs to improve slightly to contend in here. 3-MAYSTART has been away from the winner's circle for some time but has also faced tougher company up until this spring. Look for her to sit in the second flight early and move in the lane.

Hawthorne Race 3

Post Time 3:24 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

1 My Crazy Neighbor - 3/1 | 6 Baladine - 4/1 | 5 Table Money - 7/2

Easily the toughest race on the card. 1-MY CRAZY NEIGHBOR comes in off the layoff for a barn that is great at getting horses ready to return. He gets class relief here and should get a good stalking trip. 6-BALADINE likely will improve with the move back to the main track today. We typically see more speed from him in dirt sprints as he may look to clear from the outside in here. 5-TABLE MONEY chased before tiring in his first start of the meet. He has some tactical speed and could improve on the drop.

Hawthorne Race 4

Post Time 3:51 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

4 Sonnyisnotsofunny - 5/2 | 6 Follow the Signs - 3/1 | 1 Simpson Bay - 9/2

Based off of recent consistency, 4-SONNYISNOTSOFUNNY appears to be in a winning spot here. There isn't a ton of pace today as he may rate closer early, much like he did in his last start. 6-FOLLOW THE SIGNS is another that could show a bit more speed today. He was claimed back into the Reavis barn off a solid win last out and should handle the step up in class. 1-SIMPSON BAY ran a remarkable race last out. He dropped to his knees coming out of the gate, spotting the field five lengths. He rallied in the lane to win going away. Let's see what he does with a clean start today.

Hawthorne Race 5

Post Time 4:18 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

6 Lawmaker - 2/1 | 2 Undismayed - 3/1 | 1 Storm's Reflection - 5/2

Sometimes it just takes a win for the lightbulb to go on and maybe that's the case for 6-LAWMAKER. He was running some decent races and then battles to a good win last out. He has improved with each race this year and could continue that trend in here. 2-UNDISMAYED comes in from Indiana as he is lightly raced and has some speed. The distance should suit as he shortens up slightly off a good turf try in his last. 1-STORM'S REFLECTION is the other that could show speed, but surprisingly has take back in his two starts this meet. Neither race has been bad by any means but I wonder if he is better on the front end.

Hawthorne Race 6

Post Time 4:45 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

4 Gettin Down - 5/2 | 1 Sequaya - 4/1 | 5 Bumper Girl - 15/1

Thinking 4-GETTIN DOWN is going to be the fastest to the front and may never look back. She isn't being asked to do too much off her recent win and should outkick the others to the front. 1-SEQUAYA has to hope for some pace to chase as she will be closing in the lane. She did show more speed last out around two turns and had a solid sprint two starts back. 5-BUMPER GIRL could be the sleeper in this spot. He races two and three back but her in the mix in here as she will look to close ground late.

Hawthorne Race 7 - PLAY OF THE DAY

Post Time 5:12 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

11 Noble Creeker - 12/1 | 8 Aquacat - 6/1 | 7 Monsteronthemidway - 5/1

Wondering if there could be a decent amount of pace in here that comes back to the field. Giving a shot to 11-NOBLE CREEKER as he has run his best races on the grass. Tavares picks up the call in here as he should have this one rolling in the lane. 8-AQUACAT improved in his last and figures to be a factor once again. He has some tactical speed as he figures to tuck in behind the pace and get first run on the late closers. 7-MONSTERONTHEMIDWAY was another that closed some ground late last out. He should also benefit from the early pace in here as he runs for a barn that has had a solid meet.

Hawthorne Race 8

Post Time 5:39 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

1 Wildwood Secret - 5/1 | 7 Barefootbootlegger - 7/2 | 5 Born Again George - 4/1

Not a ton of pace in here as 1-WILDWOOD SECRET potentially could steal this race from the inside. He ran a big race against similar two starts back before taking on tougher on the grass in his last. Let's see if he can shake loose early and steal this one. 7-BAREFOOTBOOTLEGGER has been solid while sprinting on the year. He has shown the ability to uncork a strong kick in the lane as the distance isn't an issue for him either. 5-BORN AGAIN GEORGE was a good winner last out as he was able to clear and never looked back. He typically runs from a bit off the pace though, and with the speed on the rail, a tracking trip could be a great trip today.