Handicapping Analysis
Sun July 2nd, 2023

Jim's Picks

Hawthorne Race 1

Post Time 2:30 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

3 Richie's Gal 4 Devil 5 Miss Saint

First two-year-old race of the meet! Short run to the turn as I'll look to 3-RICHIE'S GAL. She comes in with short, but quick breezes into this spot. I like her most recent gate drill as she make be able to scamper away early and try to wire these. 4-DEVIL looks to be a threat as she has worked well into this debut also. She was working in company with stablemate 2-Rumbrandt and the only reason I went to Devil is because she outworked her ever so slightly on June 11. 5-MISS SAINT has some snappy drills as well. She did stretch out for a gate work on June 8 and it wouldn't surprise me if she runs well in here at first asking.

Hawthorne Race 2

Post Time 2:57 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

5 Gettin Down 3 Sequaya 1 Bells of Joy

Many of these back from the canceled Wednesday card. Still thinking 5-GETTIN DOWN is fast enough to make the top and never look back. It was a good maiden score last out as she gets back at the same distance. 3-SEQUAYA doesn't like to win, but has 11 runner-up efforts on her career. She just missed in her last and should be chasing the pace in here. 1-BELLS OF JOY also rarely wins, but she has 14 combined 2nd and 3rd place efforts on her career. The inside trip should suit here.

Hawthorne Race 3

Post Time 3:24 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

3 Sonnyisnotsofunny 6 Timehascome 1 Dash to the Cash

Curious to see how this race unfolds as 6-TIMEHASCOME is likely to be sent for the top. He could be tough to catch if he clears off 5-Tee Burns but I think they will keep each other honest. I went to 3-SONNYISNOTSOFUNNY as he has some tactical speed and should be able to track the pace. He ran well at this level last out and the added 16th may help his chances today. That added distance will also help the chances of 1-DASH TO THE CASH as he has run well throughout the meet. He was closing ground late in his last and could get the right amount of pace to chase.

Hawthorne Race 4 - PLAY OF THE DAY

Post Time 3:51 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

2 Flying Comet 5 Blaze Beauty 6 Pacific View

Liked her last out and will give another look to 2-FLYING COMET as she makes her second career start. She was racing into contention in her debut when she was sawed off by 5-BLAZE BEAUTY heading into the turn and had to take up before giving way. Thinking we see speed from her today as she could look to shake loose and try to wire these. 5-BLAZE BEAUTY did run on to finish third last out but she has had gate issues in four of six career starts. She will need pace to chase but may be able to run on into the mix late. 6-PACIFIC VIEW ran a pair of good races early in the meet and took action last out. She just raced evenly in that spot though. Let's see if she can improve today.

Hawthorne Race 5

Post Time 4:18 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

9 Comiskey Park 4 Upbeat Melody 6 One Putt Richie

He comes out of two very tough races but 9-COMISKEY PARK figures prominently in here on the class relief. He has speed but doesn't need the top to win. Let's see if he can track the leaders and run on late. 4-UPBEAT MELODY is one of those with speed as he will be hustled away from the break. He likes this track and is another that is solid on turf or dirt. 6-ONE PUTT RICHIE has tactical speed as he figures to tuck in just off the pace and close in the lane. He ran well at a nice price last out and could get overlooked once again.

Hawthorne Race 6

Post Time 4:45 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

2 Ravin's Town 7 Five o' Somewhere 1 Classic Richie

Competitive bunch as I'll look to 2-RAVIN'S TOWN on debut. He has a consistent string of half mile drills and the inside draw should benefit with the short run into the turn. 7-FIVE O'SOMEWHERE has the benefit of a couple of starts in Kentucky coming into here. He ran well in his second start and returned off that race with a bullet drill from the gate. 1-CLASSIC RICHIE ran a decent race in his debut over the synthetic at Presque isle on June 14. He chased into the lane before giving way late. He will just need to get away from the rail to have a shot in here.

Hawthorne Race 7

Post Time 5:12 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

1 Larry the Poet 2 Gold Smoke 4 Armavir

Pretty significant class drop off what wasn't a terrible race last out for 1-LARRY THE POET. He ran into a tough winner in Tahoe Run on June 15 and battled with him into the lane before giving way. In here he should be lonely on the lead as he may be able to back things down early and never look back. 2-GOLD SMOKE has run some races against better as well that would make him competitive here. Centeno takes over in the saddle as he may look to get a bit more early speed from him today. 4-ARMAVIR could be a sleeper in here as he drops for today's race. He comes in off a snappy recent work and is bred to show some speed at two turns.

Hawthorne Race 8

Post Time 5:39 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

9 Go Stormin Girl 6 April's Gem 7 Stacy Attack

With the pace to the inside, going to look to 9-GO STORMIN GIRL as she comes off an unlucky DQ in her last. She missed the break in that spot and made a strong rally to win going away. An iffy call for interference at the top of the lane took her down but she is in good recent form and merits a look once again. 6-APRIL'S GEM has been solid in turf sprints. She closed some in her last couple but should get even more pace to chase in here. 7-STACY ATTACK has speed but doesn't need the lead to win. She ran a good second two races back before being overbet in her last. Let's see if she can rate and rally today.

Hawthorne Race 9

Post Time 6:06 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

1 G T Five Hundred 2 My Crazy Neighbor 5 Table Money

A field that has changed up quite a bit from the canceled race on Wednesday. 1-G T FIVE HUNDRED was not in that spot but races in here for a barn that has been sharp recently. He ran a good sprint in the Oaklawn slop in February and should rate close in a race that doesn't have a ton of pace. 2-MY CRAZY NEIGHBOR returns off the layoff as he drops for his first start of the meet. He figures to rate mid-pack early but should be closing quickly in the lane. 5-TABLE MONEY chased before giving way in his last. He drops for this spot as well as he figures to improve in his second start of the meet.