Handicapping Analysis
Wed July 5th, 2023

Jim's Picks

Hawthorne Race 1

Post Time 2:30 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

2 Cherry Orchard - 5/2 | 4 King Zion - 5/1 | 6 One Ace - 9/2

Since the class drop, 2-CHERRY ORCHARD has been racing competitively with each start. The switch to Tavares in the saddle may put him over the top. 4-KING ZION is waaaaaaaaaay overdue for the maiden score. He has speed though in a race that has very little pace. 6-ONE ACE has been gradually improving. Have to think he improves in his second start around two turns.

Hawthorne Race 2

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Analysis by Jim Miller

4 Electric Charge - 5/1 | 8 Monsteronthemidway - 5/2 | 1 Mining Camp - 9/2

Off turf as most should stay in this race. 4-ELECTRIC CHARGE has three straight runner-up efforts in dirt routes. He should be able to stalk early and take over late. 8-MONSTERONTHEMIDWAY ran a decent race on the dirt last November. He may have needed his last and has trained well on the dirt this spring. 1-MINING CAMP is one with some speed who should benefit from the rail draw. Let's see if Centeno sends him to the front in here.

Hawthorne Race 3

Post Time 3:24 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

2 Latin Casino - 9/5 | 3 Like a Saltshaker - 5/2 | 4 Mister Kelly - 3/1

The ability to show some tactical speed will help 2-LATIN CASINO as he comes off a good win last out. He likes this track and should get a great trip. 3-LIKE A SALTSHAKER ran a good race in winning last out and was claimed out of that spot. He steps back up today and returns to Hawthorne where he has also had success. 4-MISTER KELLY should be forwardly placed as he battled Latin Casino to the wire last out. Let's see if he tries to shake loose early in here.

Hawthorne Race 4

Post Time 3:51 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

1 Fabricator - 3/1 | 5 Stolich - 2/1 | 6 Wicked Suprise - 4/1

The class drop may be all it takes for 1-FABRICATOR as he stretches back out. He figures to rate closer and should be able to grind things out in the lane. 5-STOLICH broke his maiden while setting a slow pace on the dirt back in April. He faced tougher in his last couple and should get a good trip in here. 6-WICKED SUPRISE ran a solid race in breaking his maiden last out. He was able to close into a slow pace in that spot and could easily repeat that performance.

Hawthorne Race 5

Post Time 4:18 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

1 West Warpath - 6/1 9 Follow the Signs - 9/2 5 Dragon Drew - 5/1

A different look to this race as it comes off the turf. 1-WEST WARPATH has been good on dirt and comes in off a nice string of allowance races. He should rate close and contend throughout. 9-FOLLOW THE SIGNS was a game winner in a race taken off the grass last out. He shortens up a 16th today but loves this track. 5-DRAGON DREW chased Follow the Signs late last out. He tends to get rolling a bit too late at times but may be worth a look underneath in the gimmicks.

Hawthorne Race 6

Post Time 4:45 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

6 Style - 9/2 2 Queens Up - 6/5 4 Ronan - 4/1

Based off the recent races, 2-QUEENS UP should be very tough to beat. She's also going to be a short price and has been away from the races since March. It wouldn't surprise me if she wins, but I'll search for a better price. 6-STYLE ran a nice race while stepping up off the claim last out. She had a fast pace to chase and ran on late. I don't think they go as quickly upfront in here but I also don't expect any of these to win in 1:09. 4-RONAN has run well at Hawthorne, finding the board in 22 of 28 starts. She only has the one win though over the track though but that did come in a start three races back.

Hawthorne Race 7 - PLAY OF THE DAY

Post Time 5:12 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

7 Nyoman - 4/1 1 Barefootbootlegger - 5/1 5 Born Again George - 9/2

This is a very competitive bunch in here as almost any can win. 7-NYOMAN has been great at Hawthorne and I like that Santiago rides. He has tactical speed and isn't being asked to step up much off the victory. 1-BAREFOOTBOOTLEGGER has been a different racehorse since turning to sprinting. He ran well in his last and should benefit from a ground saving trip. 5-BORN AGAIN GEORGE ran a big race last out. There may be others faster the to front but he has shown the ability to rate and rally late.

Hawthorne Race 8

Post Time 5:39 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

10 Storm's Reflection - 7/2 6 Brody's Fly - 10/1 3 Classofsixtyseven - 8/1

Expecting a few scratches from here but that will help the chances of speedy 10-STORM'S REFLECTION. He ran well on the grass last out but has some dirt races earlier in the meet that would make him tough in here. 6-BRODY'S FLY comes of the layoff and may be overlooked a bit in here. He gets some weight off in the saddle as he should be able to close some ground in the lane. 3-CLASSOFSIXTYSEVEN improved in his last as he will need some pace to chase. He did run on late around two turns last December and could be picking up the pieces once again.