Handicapping Analysis
Wed July 26th, 2023

Jim's Picks

Hawthorne Race 1

Post Time 2:30 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

7 Ruth of Judah - 9/2 | 4 Sweet Little Lisa - 8/5 | 8 Richies Princess - 3/1

A really solid card kicks off on the turf as it is likely the pair of Rivelli runners will take their share of action. While both could be right there, I'll give the nod to 7-RUTH OF JUDAH as she debuts from the Roussel barn. The $75k OBS purchase has put together a nice pattern of drills leading into this spot for a barn that tends to have them ready to go at first asking. 4-SWEET LITTLE LISA ran a solid race on the dirt last out but she is likely better on the grass. She looks to rate close early but doesn't need the lead to win. Let's see if she can rate and pounce in the lane. 8-RICHIES PRINCESS debuts for Rivelli as she's likely to show some speed from the outside draw. She has a consistent pattern of drills and her April gate work was snappy. Let's see if she is sent for the top from the outside.

Hawthorne Race 2

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Analysis by Jim Miller

6 Big Blue - 7/2 | 3 Not Very Gentle - 6/1 | 7 Ice Blast - 5/2

Really not a whole lot of speed in this spot as there's the potential for a slow pace with a bunched field. Thinking 6-BIG BLUE could inherit the lead and contend the entire way. He dropped to this level for his last start and was hung wide into the lane. If he can get away in good order and save some ground, it may be able to hang around late. 3 -NOT VERY GENTLE has been excellent all year, finding the board in seven straight starts. He also could rate a bit closer to the pace as he will look to get the jump on the late closers. 7-ICE BLAST drops off the victory as he won his last and was claimed but that claim was voided by the veterinarian. He will likely need some pace to chase as he figures to sit back early and close in the stretch.

Hawthorne Race 3

Post Time 3:24 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

3 Public Safety - 9/2 | 8 Wildwood Secret - 5/1 | 6 Time Heist - 9/5

Looks like the potential for some pace to chase in this spot as 3-4 could potential look for the lead. With that in mind I'll give the nod to 3-PUBLIC SAFETY as he takes the class drop off the layoff today. He has a couple of solid works toward his return and should be able to rate and close well in the lane. 8-WILDWOOD SECRET is one with speed but he may also be the best of the speed in here. He battled the entire way in his last and could get sent for the lead with the bug boy in the saddle. 6-TIME HEIST is a tough on to figure as he's another of those horses that were winners earlier in the meet and were claimed, only to have that claim voided in the post race exam. He has since run against tougher in his last couple and held his own but is now back to the spot where he was victorious three races back.

Hawthorne Race 4

Post Time 3:51 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

1 Get N Tipsy - 20/1 | 9 Princess Stella [IRE] - 5/2 | 7 Samarita - 6/1

From the looks on paper, this race seems more like a dirt race than a turf bunch. With many of these more proven on dirt, it's worth looking for some in that could possibly upset. Taking a shot with 1-GET N TIPSY as she is one of the more experienced turf runners in here. She's had her share of success on the grass and looked better on the turf in her last start. Let's see if she moves up while sprinting at a big price. 9-PRINCESS STELLA is the other proven turf runner but her price will be much shorter. She has speed which may not hurt from the outside draw as she will get a good angle into the turn. 7-SAMARITA has some tactical speed as she may be able to rate close and contend throughout. The main question for her will be how she takes to the grass as she comes off a solid dirt effort last out.

Hawthorne Race 5

Post Time 4:18 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

10 Tee Burns - 5/1 | 9 Sonnyisnotsofunny - 9/2 | 8 Racarino - 12/1

A talented bunch with some much speed to the inside. With all of the pace in the race, and the six furlong distance, things may set up nicely for the outside runners to close ground late. Starting with 10-TEE BURNS as the outside draw and pace setup could be perfect for him. He showed a nice ability to rate and rally in his last as he ran in a tough allowance race that came off the grass. He likes this track and the added distance should suit him nicely. 9-SONNYISNOTSOFUNNY also figures to rate back early and run on late as he comes out of the same race as Tee Burns last out. He got started a bit late in his last but the added eighth will benefit his chances. 8-RACARINO could be the sleeper in this spot as he ran back to back good races here early in the meet. We welcome Shorty Perez back to Hawthorne as he is named to ride.

Hawthorne Race 6

Post Time 4:45 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

6 Protonic Power - 7/2 | 8 Power Through - 9/2 | 1 Sailing Solo - 3/1

A really solid field here as pace will make the race. It looks like there's a couple with speed in here which could help the chances of 6-PROTONIC POWER to rate and rally in the lane. The key change could be the switch in the saddle to a stronger finishing rider in Emigh as a well-timed move will put him in the mix. 8-POWER THROUGH is one with speed but may have company from Command Central and Sailing Solo early. He was game in his return race last out but the added sixteenth off his last start is the main concern. 1-SAILING SOLO is the other with speed who looks to go from the rail. He is proven at the distance and has the potential to battle the entire way. Let's see if he can shake loose early and steal this one or if he's in a battle every step of the way.

Hawthorne Race 7 - PLAY OF THE DAY

Post Time 5:12 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

3 Charlie's Penny - 7/2 | 4 Oeuvre - 9/5 | 2 Cheetara [CHI] - 6/1

A really solid field for the Jean Elizabeth Handicap as I'll look for an upset. Giving the nod to 3-CHARLIE'S PENNY as there's some pace in the race and she should come running in the lane. She ran second in this race last year and comes in off a big effort in Minnesota last out. Let's see if she gets enough pace to chase. 4-OEUVRE is a star as she's won 11 of 19 on her career for over $500k in earnings. She will be a short price in this spot but if she chooses to contend for the early lead, she may have company. 2-CHEETARA was the winner of this race last year as she showed speed from the outside and battled to the victory. Since that start she has shown the ability to rate a close in the lane. Let's see what type of trip she gets in here.

Hawthorne Race 8

Post Time 5:39 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

10 A P Blazing Green - 4/1 **4** Ice Shard - 7/2 **9** Congrats On Fifty - 5/2

Competitive maiden turf sprinters close out the card. There's a few different routes to go in this spot as 10-A P BLAZING GREEN should get a good trip from the outside. He has the ability to stalk the pace and should get a good tracking trip into the turn. If he can finish like he did in his last, that may be enough for the victory. 4-ICE SHARD shortens up after a solid turf try in his last. He did close on the dirt in his debut and should be able to get into the mix late once again. 9-CONGRATS ON FIFTY showed speed in his Oaklawn debut and has been away since that start in May. He has a couple of works toward the return but the time off since that debut leaves some questions.