Handicapping Analysis
Thu July 27th, 2023

Jim's Picks

Hawthorne Race 1

Post Time 4:50 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

5 Ghaaleb's Magic - 2/1 | 2 Arch Flyer - 5/2 | 3 Tap N Twine - 8/1

With a couple to battle it out on the front end, it should set things up for 5-GHAALEB'S MAGIC to rate and rally in the lane. She just missed at 5 1/2 last out and the added 16th will only help. 2-ARCH FLYER always seems to contend but has to worry about a possible pace duel with Cookin Roses early in here. If she's able to rate, she will likely contend the entire way. 3-TAP N TWINE will also be in a good spot if the speed hooks up early. She was closing some ground late in her last and should be a nice price.

Hawthorne Race 2

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Analysis by Jim Miller

1 Baseball Politics - 9/2 | 6 Lykan - 5/2 | 3 Medicine Tail - 5/1

The stalking style of 1-BASEBALL POLITICS should be beneficial as he comes in off a pair of wins at Fanduel. He has run well over this track and figures to tuck in right behind Latin Casino in this spot. If he gets the jump on the closers, he could pull off the upset. 6-LYKAN will need that pace to chase as he figures to sit back early and close ground in the lane. He gets some class relief which could make all the difference in today's race. 3-MEDICINE TAIL also takes the class drop as he's one who may try to make the lead. His last was too tough but there's not nearly the speed to contend with in here as he should be able to potentially shake loose early.

Hawthorne Race 3

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6 Brody's Fly - 8/5 | 3 Wicked Suprise - 7/2 | 1 Sequaya - 5/1

With the class drop, 6-BRODY'S FLY figures to get a perfect trip from just off the pace and come running in the lane. He chased on the turf in his last and held well late. In here he should have a couple ahead of him that could be pushing things along as he may be able to wait until the lane to make his move. 3-WICKED SURPRISE is another that will be in a good stalking spot as he has been solid in his last couple. His form continues to trend in the right direction as he should be able to contend throughout as well. 1-SEQQUAYA doesn't like to win but has been great at running second of late. She's facing the boys in this spot but still figures underneath based off her current races.

Hawthorne Race 4

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Analysis by Jim Miller

2 Ice Axe - 3/1 | 6 Merlotti - 5/2 | 5 Maneuver - 6/1

Trainer Manny Perez has a pair in here with a shot as pace could make this race. 2-ICE AXE has not been great getting away from the gate but ran on nicely late in his last. He picks up Tavares in this spot as the inside trip and finishing kick could get him there in time. 6-MERLOTTI is another expected to close late. He raced into some traffic trouble last out and may sit a bit further back early before making one run late. 5-MANEUVER ran a nice race while sprinting in his last. He stretches out here as we will see if he has the ability to rate close and run on late.

Hawthorne Race 5

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Analysis by Jim Miller

4 My Lips Are Sealed - 5/2 | 7 Plus Chic - 7/2 | 2 Juju's Specialgirl - 9/2

I like this move of switching to a sprint for 4-MY LIPS ARE SEALED as she fits well at this level and should be able to rate and rally late. She comes into here off a sharp drill and gets a strong finisher in Emigh in the saddle. 7-PLUS CHIC has speed as she will look to clear from the outside. She also shortens up off her last as she ran a good race at this level and distance here last fall. Look for her to contend throughout. 2-JUJU'S SPECIALGIRL was very good on the grass last summer in Indiana and comes over here as Indy is off this week. She could also contend early as the grass and this distance have suited her nicely in her career.

Hawthorne Race 6 - PLAY OF THE DAY

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4 W W Candy - 4/1 | 6 Tape to Tape - 5/2 | 7 Devil's Tower - 3/1

The 6 1/2 furlong distance may be the determining factor here as there's a talented and speedy group of sprinters to hook up. With 3-4 that may show speed, it could set up for 4-W W CANDY to rate and rally in the lane. He ran a huge race two back against a tough bunch before closing too late after getting away slowly in his last. The break as been the key for him though as often times the step slow has cost him. 6-TAPE TO TAPE is very fast and may try to outkick the others to the front. He's never been worse than second in four starts over the track and may be able to shake loose and never look back. 7-DEVIL'S TOWER looks to be a great claim for trainer Armando Hernandez as he stepped up off the $40k claim to win here last out. He has some tactical speed and figures to get the jump on W W Candy in the lane.

Hawthorne Race 7

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Analysis by Jim Miller

7 Charge Account - 3/1 | 5 Command Point - 7/2 | 1 Prancipants - 6/1

Recently it appears that 7-CHARGE ACCOUNT has been at her best when on the grass. She ran a big race at Gulfstream two back and just missed on the synthetic in her last. She has enough early speed to rate close as she should be able to wait and make her move at the top of the lane. 5-COMMAND POINT may be a bit further back as she steps up off a pair of solid races for $10k in her last couple. She picks up Esquivel in the saddle, who has ridden this course well throughout his career as he may look to try to get her into the mix earlier today. 1-PRANCIPANTS has speed and may look to try to steal this race today. She never looked back on the dirt in her last and if nobody goes with her, the potential to run away again is there.