Handicapping Analysis
Thu August 3rd, 2023

Jim's Picks

Hawthorne Race 1

Post Time 2:30 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

5 Sister Saint 2 Mud Hut 4 Hey Ma

The pace should be honest in this spot as shipper 5-SISTER SAINT comes in from Indiana and should get a good stalking trip. The class relief will help as she should be closing quickly late. 2-MUD HUT is another with some tactical speed who should be in the mix on the drop. She races well at this level last fall and comes in off a snappy drill. 4-HEY MA figures to tuck in just behind the early pace. She chased last out and ran evenly while at a big price. This is her best distance as she may provide some value once again.

Hawthorne Race 2

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Analysis by Jim Miller

3 Mirus 6 Joyzella 4 Themischievousone

Have to figure the ship from Kentucky has to come with some intent as 3-MIRUS has just been in a bit too tough in her four career starts. She ran a career best figure on the grass last out and with the easier company should be able to get into the race a bit more quickly in here. 6-JOYZELLA is overdue for her maiden score as she ran some solid races earlier in the meet. She tailed off a bit in her last couple but let's see if she wakes up with the bug rider in the saddle. 4-THEMISCHIEVOUSONE has speed and may look to try to clear in this spot. It wasn't a bad effort two back and let's see if she moves up with the return to the turf.

Hawthorne Race 3

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Analysis by Jim Miller

7 Memphis Prayer 5 Ready Redding 2 Powerful Man

Looks like the amount of pace and the class drop should line up for 7-MEMPHIS PRAYER to run down the leaders late. His last two came in efforts that came off the grass. Centeno looks to be a good fit for this Hugo Rodriguez runner. Trainer Mike Durham has had past success at Hawthorne and comes in with multiple runners on this card. 5-READY REDDING has been competitive against a bit easier in recent starts but he has some races last fall where the speed figures are on par with this field. 2-POWERFUL MAN ran a much improved race last out with the switch to Felix in saddle. He has some tactical speed and is likely to sneak away at a bit of a price.

Hawthorne Race 4

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Analysis by Jim Miller

4 Samarita 3 Stopshoppingamy 9 Long Tall Woman

Really quick returns for some in here but that is expected as the meet starts to wind down. She's won two in a row off the layoff as 4-SAMARITA looks for her third straight. The distance suits as she appears to have some tactical speed while finding a spot where there's not a ton of early pace. 3-STOPSHOPPINGAMY is in for the tag as she drops out of a really tough race in her last. She has the most success of any at this distance and comes in fresher than some others in here. 9-LONG TALL WOMAN just missed last out as the five furlongs may have been too short for her. She loves this track and should likely sit back early and come running in the lane.

Hawthorne Race 5

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Analysis by Jim Miller

5 Sierra Hotel 2 Fly Nightly 3 Command Central

5-SIERRA HOTEL is about as game of a racehorse as they come. He seems to handle turf or dirt, sprints or routes. He's won twice at this distance and was a winner around two turns at this level two back. 2-FLY NIGHTLY steps up off the claim as he looks for his third straight victory. This is his best distance and he may get enough pace to chase. 3-COMMAND CENTRAL was the horse that made EDDIE O a rich man in the Hawthorne Invitational. He was able to cruise around on the front end to a score on June 25. In here it may not be as easy to make the top but he merits a look at a price off that last performance.

Hawthorne Race 6 - PLAY OF THE DAY

Post Time 4:45 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

3 Style 1 Rainy Mountain 9 Specializin

Took a shot last out on 3-STYLE but a poor break may have cost her in there. She appears to find a good spot here as there's some pace to chase in this race and she should get a good ground saving trip. 1-RAINY MOUNTAIN has had a very good meet, finding the board in all five starts on the year. She added blinkers two back and responded nicely with a good win in her last. She has a couple of easy works since that start but races well when fresh. 9-SPECIALIZIN has speed but will have to overcome the outside draw. She just missed in the slop against a short field last out and may find things a bit tougher in here.

Hawthorne Race 7

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Analysis by Jim Miller

2 Beg Borrow N Steal 9 Blame Teri 7 Sweet Crystal

The class drop and amount of pace in this race may help the chances of 2-BEG BORROW N STEAL. She has run well on the meet while facing better but this could be enough to get her over the top. She's a good fit for Tavares as he finishes well. 9-BLAME TERI is another of the Mike Durham runners that could be overlooked in here. She has run well in her four starts on the year and has enough speed to tuck in just off the early pace. Let's see how she finishes in here. 7-SWEET CRYSTAL is likely to show speed in this spot as she looks to repeat her performance from last out. Felix was a good fit in that spot and gets the call once again.