Handicapping Analysis
Thu August 10th, 2023

Jim's Picks

Hawthorne Race 1

Post Time 2:30 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

1 Dapper Dude - 2-1 | 9 Armavir - 10-1 | 4 Electric Charge - 3-1

Jockey Gerardo Corrales is poised to have a big day as he is in to ride this card. He's aboard 1-DAPPER DUDE in the opener as he debuts on the grass for the Block barn. The works have been consistent leading into this race and the breeding suggests two turns will be no issue. Let's see how he gets away from the inside and handles this bunch. 9-ARMAVIR is one of two Perez runners as he makes his second turf start. He settled back early in his last before showing some late run. With some more pace in this race, look for him to come running down the center of the lane late. 4-ELECTRIC CHARGE has been knocking on the door as he looks for his first career win. The Quinonez barn has had a good meet and Lezcano has fit this horse well. He's another that just needs enough pace to chase early to get up late.

Hawthorne Race 2

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Analysis by Jim Miller

5 Journeyist - 3-1 | 3 Cotton Candy Annie - 5-1 | 4 White Lies - 5-2

With the lack of pace in this race, 5-JOURNEYIST has the potential to sneak away early and never look back. She has run well in her last five, posting a good win in a race taken off the turf last out. She likes this track and should be able to catch a breather if she makes the top. 3-COTTON CANDY ANNIE was a good winner in Indiana two back and turns back to the dirt after a turf try in her last. She has enough speed to get into the race early but will likely be chasing Journeyist and looking to wear her down in the lane. 4-WHITE LIES held her own in the Indian Maid last out after that race came off the grass. She has some tactical speed and the only question here is if she has any distance limitations.

Hawthorne Race 3

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Analysis by Jim Miller

6 Gettin Down - 3-1 | 1 Stopshoppingamy - 8-5 | 4 Palago - 9-2

Fresh off the claim, it appears that 6-GETTIN DOWN looks to be the fastest to the front. She steps up to the next logical level off the win and picks up the 10 lbs. bug. Look for her to shake loose early and never look back. 1-STOPSHOPPINGAMY added Lasix prior to her last and comes off of it for this start. She ran a decent race in that spot, losing to a horse in fine form in Samarita. She should be chasing from the inside once again as the class plunge and quick turnaround may be part of a confidence builder. 4-PALAGO comes off the layoff as she has some back class as well. She has run decent races in the past over this track but has just three works toward the return and may need a start or two.

Hawthorne Race 4

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Analysis by Jim Miller

4 On a Tour - 7-2 | 7 Kitten Rocks - 6-1 | 6 Bertrada - 3-1

Pace makes the race as there appears to be enough speed for 4-ON A TOUR to close into in here. She has been solid over this Hawthorne strip throughout her career and may have not handled the slop well in her last. Let's see what she does with a fast track return. 7-KITTEN ROCKS ran a decent race on the grass last out and finds things easier in here. She has enough tactical speed to rate close early but should be able to contend with Rocco in the saddle. 6-BERTRADA takes the class drop after facing a tough bunch last out. She was a good winner at this level two back while rating just off the pace as she's another that figures to welcome a fast track return.

Hawthorne Race 5

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Analysis by Jim Miller

7 She Can Scat - 9-2 | 4 Go Margie Go - 5-2 | 2 Sweet Smila - 7-2

A solid field of 2yo to kick off the late pick 4. Making her second start is 7-SHE CAN SCAT as she took a ton of action in her debut. She had quite the troubled trip in that spot but still had some run late. Would have to think that with clear sailing today she will be a major factor. 4-GO MARGIE GO debuts for Rivelli off three straight bullet drills. The concern here could be that she hasn't shown a work further that 3/8 so we will see where she is for stamina. 2-SWEET SMILA got bumped coming out of the gate in her debut but recovered to show good speed and run a solid second. She should be forwardly placed once again but may have company in here.

Hawthorne Race 6 - PLAY OF THE DAY

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Analysis by Jim Miller

11 Princess Theorem - 9-2 | 10 Bhoma - 6-1 | 9 She Can't Sing - 7-2

The pace looks to be swift and contested in this spot as a full field lines up in the Romacaca Handicap. 11-PRINCESS THEOREM comes in off a Grade 3 effort last out where she settled mid-pack early before running on in the lane. She comes back off the layoff into this spot but has worked well toward the return and should get a beautiful trip. 10-BHOMA runs for Catalano as she was a game winner at Ellis in her last. She is another that will benefit from a quick pace upfront as she figures to close with a rush as well. 9-SHE CAN'T SING has the class edge in here as she is a graded stakes winner. She ran a good second over this course last out and may get a very similar trip to Princess Theorem in this spot.

Hawthorne Race 7

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Analysis by Jim Miller

2 No Nap Needed - 6-1 | 5 Commissioner Gulch - 9-5 | 1 Joyzella - 9-2

Taking a bit of a shot with the horse on debut as 2-NO NAP NEEDED gets Lasix for her first start. She is sired by a top Illinois sire in Three Hour Nap and comes in off a bullet drill. Let's see if she shows speed at first asking. 5-COMMISSIONER GULCH faced open company last our, running a solid third while at a big price and returns to state-bred runners in here. She has run third in all four career starts and is likely to rate mid-pack early and rally in the lane. 1-JOYZELLA is overdue for the maiden score but comes in looking to turn things around a bit off a string of poor starts. She figures to rate a bit off the early pace while sprinting and should close ground in the lane.

Hawthorne Race 8

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Analysis by Jim Miller

5 Real News - 12-1 **1** Tightrope - 3-1 **3** Never Have I Ever (IRE) - 7-2

Tons of pace in here as things could set up for the closing move of 5-REAL NEWS. He ran a good race off the layoff last out and has every right to improve off that start. Don't be surprised if he is overlooked at the windows either with some of the other talent that it in here. 1-TIGHROPE is very fast and draws the inside as he is good on turf or dirt. He has run well over this track in the past and should be on the gas from the start. 3-NEVER HAVE I EVER also has speed as he is more of a turf specialist. He was in a bit tough in his last but runs into some other class droppers today.