Handicapping Analysis
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Emily's Analysis

Hawthorne Race 1

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#2 FILLISTER PHOTO caught the eye in her local debut on October 8th and given a follow off that effort. She should find herself competitive here and in with fillies and mares, a change from that race a few weeks ago against older males.

#7 ROCKIN SIS also comes back from a recent upgrade on October 13th. That day the weather impacted the track profile and she was against it giving her an excuse and should rebound to a top effort here. #5 TONCREDBLYFASTFORU fits at this level and solid current form this season, though did benefit from that track profile (#6 KANDI'S FORTUNE against) on October 13th.

Hawthorne Race 2

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#7 RYANS AMBASSADOR chased the "lone" winner last Sunday and wheels right back in this spot looking to hold form in this third start on the circuit. #4 ROCK JAGGER is upgraded from the profile on October 13th. #9 FARMERS ONLY has shown progression this season, though value according to the morning line looks short, especially as they must overcome the draw while also turning in a tip effort this season.

Hawthorne Race 3

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#3 RUMBLEINTHEVALLEY returns from and with improving form and BTL place finish closing inside on September 30th. His top effort stacks right up with the new face #4 I KNOW I DO landing in this spot to make a local debut. #9 ICE SPLINTER reunites with T. Warren in this local debut and finding open company in search for that second career win.

Longshot #2 SUDDEN APPROACH projects to improve given the form this season, visuals last week and returning from October 13th.

Hawthorne Race 4

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

Can draw a line through the October 15th "start" for #3 ENRICO PALLAZZO and from some of his other "trips" this season racing against tougher company. That form stacks right up with today's group and form with C. Leonard especially when keying off the DuQ start, neck back from the Gorgeous Big Guy. He must improve overall and turn in a top effort, a race he had in him given #8 GUITAR MAN and #9 REDHOT SKY have shown more progression number wise this season with "faster" figures.

Number wise #7 DOWNTOWNLEROYBROWN is "softer" than those maiden rivals, though should improve coming back from October 15th, upgraded wide and against the flow.

Hawthorne Race 5

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#1 EX WHY ZEE was eased up before given a chance to race on October 15th and that looked to be the intention giving him a "prep" with the track conditions and should rebound here to compete, the recent expectation of the bettors. #3 RG'S TRACER also given an upgrade from that common race as he chased inside against the track bias as well as #5 DASH AROUND, a BTL 5th place result and more obvious, #9 ALLEGHENY HANOVER returning from the place finish.

Going back to October 8th, #6 INCREDIBLE BOMBAY was upgraded setting a very fast early pace for the distance while also parked very wide and has more upside with the changes returning here than common and obvious rival, #2 NOT ME GRAM.

Hawthorne Race 6

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#4 ALWAYS A WARRIOR is legit here off his overall form this season and bias upgrade from October 13th. #3 CAVIART RICHMOND was even racing later on the Friday card - ALWAYS is preferred of the two especially if both similar odds as shown on the morning line. Morning line favorite #7 ALBERGO HANOVER fits logically off his form for this level, though did have the outside run with the track profile last Friday.

#2 AL'S HAMMERED made a wide move behind a much the best, RJ Rocks, the open length winner on October 15th. #8 LUCKY CRUSADER another longshot to keep on the radar has plenty of races over the years that make him a prime contender. The 14yo has not paced back to those efforts this season, however has shown some progression and returns from the October 8th, day that has been productive and has seen many horses improving all around as shown with some in this very field.

Hawthorne Race 7

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#1 KIZZMELIKEUMISSME had a "garden trip" on a fair track though that was not the case on October 13th and BTL effort all things considered and given preference of the group returning from that common race.

The change in class upgrades #6 RONA MAE one that has been consistent this season, following an "every other" pattern and looks in the right spot to compete for that top spot.

Those two have races on their best day, races that stack right up with #8 FRISKIE JOLIE, the winner at this level back on September 17th as the favorite with C. Stewart also returning and logically the horse to beat.

Hawthorne Race 8

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#3 REVEREND SCOTT is still looking for that first win this season, though this could be the time and place. He has shown progression with each local start and upgraded against the track profile on Friday the 13th. Value is required and should stick today; he should be higher odds than returning common rivals, #5 FOX VALLEY FALCON and #9 DUNCAN'S RANGER.

Arguably, #10 VINNY LOU is the most likely winner and in the right hands to overcome the post. He is on an "every other" pattern and returning from October 7th when passively driven, not asked for his best.

Keeneland Race 1

Post Time 12:00 PM CST

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#6 PRIDDIS was BTL in the CD show finish last month. The trip was not ideal compounded with the SLOG from the rail. She could appreciate the post change and with today's race shape with pace to target to work a trip.

Keeneland Race 8

Post Time 3:44 PM CST

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#8 RAGING SEA is a quality filly as she returns to Keeneland looking for that belated second win.

RAGING SEA will face a group returning from the 9/23 allowance race: #3 POBLANO was favored and likely to find a lot of attention once again. She did not have a comfortable trip for the majority of the early running, though after getting clear did not show much late. #1 LEXA must show where she fits overall though given another look as she had a legit EX - EXCUSE (also BTL) and finds a rider change (TACTIC-) as projected.

Santa Anita Race 1

Post Time 3:00 PM CST

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#4 SHADOW CREEK returns fresh off the two month break and key class change. Going back to the maiden claiming race on March 26th, he showed run in a rough trip and not asked for his best late. He projected to IMPROVE back under similar conditions, conditions he finds here.

Santa Anita Race 3

Post Time 4:00 PM CST

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#3 CORPORAL VIOLETTE has shown some distance limitations and that route distance once again played against her just last week. The connections, live Ortiz, Sr. barn wheel right back in this spot and upgraded with the shift in ONE_TURN distance.

Santa Anita Race 9

Post Time 7:00 PM CST

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#1 WAILEA SUNSET showed a lot of run after a messy start and visually looks to have run as the connections wheel right back here with changes for this second start. #9 LADY LITHESOME finds a class change from the debut facing open company at DMR closing weekend. The connections have been patient waiting for this spot scratching when the races came off the turf on 9/30.