



Handicapping Analysis

Sun April 7th, 2024

Jim's Picks

Hawthorne Race 1

Post Time 2:40 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

7 Blessed Anna - 9/5 **5** Dialed Inna - 3/1 **3** Silky Warrior [IRE] - 5/1

Route runners kick off the day as some of these may be back in the starter series later this summer. Looking to 7-BLESSED ANNA on top as she has enough tactical speed to remain in contention early and should be running on late. The barn is off to a great start and she picks up top jock Centeno. 5-DIALED INNA should be just off the early pace as she looks for her first Hawthorne win. She has found the board in 4 of 5 starts here and put together some races last summer that would be good enough to win here. 3-SILKY WARRIOR (IRE) will require pace to chase as she figures to settle back early and make one run in the lane. With the long stretch, let's see if she can save ground and close at a price.

Hawthorne Race 2

Post Time 3:08 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

2 Boyce's Bandita - 3/1 **5** Written Consent - 8/5 **6** Sister Swede - 6/1

An interesting race in here as there's a few that have speed. 2-BOYCE'S BANDITA makes her first tart off the layoff as she switches to the Vanden Berg barn. The rider change and venue change both help as she has a nice workout pattern leading into this spot. 5-WRITTEN CONSENT is going to take a good amount of action as she makes her third start off the claim. She will be hoping for a contested pace upfront as she figures to close from the second flight. The concern with her is the 0 for 13 in the win column. 6-SISTER SWEDE debuts at 4 for Tracy as she has a nice pattern of drills coming into here as well. She gets Lasix for the first start but is likely to sneak away at a bit of a price.

Hawthorne Race 3

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Analysis by Jim Miller

3 Irish Coast - 5/1 **1** Sharp Stick - 9/5 **7** Alibi Ike - 8/1

This is a sneaky tough race with three in here that are very similar for talent as well as a couple unknown firsters. Going to look to 3-IRISH COAST as he debuts for Tanner Tracy with Lasix. He was worked consistently toward this start, and is well bred. He isn't being asked for too much first time out but may sneak off at a price due to some of the others entered in here. 1-SHARK STICK looks to be the horse to beat as he has been facing much tougher throughout his young career. He shortens back up today and should run on late but with this many tries to break through without a win, it makes it tough to endorse at the short price. 7-ALIBI IKE has improved in a pair of starts since being claimed for \$7,500 back in February. He steps up again but his figures match him well with others in here. He has enough speed to rate close early and should get the jump on a horse like Sharp Stick at the top of the lane.

Hawthorne Race 4

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Analysis by Jim Miller

- 5Positiondumoni - 5/1
- 4Jersey Jet - 2/1
- 6Cowgirl Frankie - 6/1

The implementation of the option to race for an increased tag as an Illinois-bred could be a factor here as my top three all have chosen to do so. 5-POSITIONDUMONI will be a decent price as the connections run this one for \$37,500 while the other Pompell Illinois-bred, Heavenly Scent remains in for the \$25,000. Positiondumoni held her own last out against some quality allowance runners as she chased well into the lane before giving way late. She may have needed that start off the layoff and has every right to improve with the class drop today. 4-JERSEY JET will be favored for Becker as she has speed. She makes her first start as a 3yo and has worked consistently toward her return. Let's see if she can clear and handle the distance in her return. 6-COWGIRL FRANKIE will be running on late as she has to hope for a contested pace upfront. So often she gets away from the gate slowly as that has been her major issue. With a clean break, and subsequent closer contention early, she could be an upset factor.

Hawthorne Race 5

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Analysis by Jim Miller

- 4Go Stormin Girl - 7/2
- 3Play Twenty - 9/5
- 2Palago - 5/1

The 5 1/2 furlongs could be the difference maker in here as there's some pace to chase. I looked to 4-GO STORMIN GIRL as she ran a solid race in her first start of the meet and picks Emigh back up in the saddle. I expect she settles in the second flight early and runs on in the lane. 3-PLAY TWENTY is one with speed who should get away much better in here. This has been one of the better distances for her as she has shown the ability to win on the front end or to rate a bit at 5 1/2. 2-PALAGO looked to have needed her last as she came into the spot off just the one work. On top of that, she faced a very tough winner in there. Despite the 7th place effort, she was on two lengths off the second place finisher as she's another that will benefit from the added 16th.

Hawthorne Race 6

Post Time 5:00 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

- 5Charted - 7/5
- 8Lucky Pal - 4/1
- 9Black Russian - 10/1

Sometimes the favorite just looks to be the best and that appears to be the case in here. Looking to 5-CHARTED as he makes his second start off the claim. He looks to be better on a conventional dirt surface and has enough speed to clear. There won't be much value in here but this is the winning spot. 8-LUCKY PAL showed little in his debut last summer and was eased under the wire. You tend to wonder what the issue was, if any, or if the additional of Lasix turns this one around. With Loveberry up, he scares me more than any other to beat the favorite. 9-BLACK RUSSIAN comes off the layoff into today's race. He has a couple of drills toward the return as he was able to hold his own at this level last summer.

Hawthorne Race 7 - PLAY OF THE DAY

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Analysis by Jim Miller

- 2Onacounta - 6/1
- 7Heart of Hanisch - 3/1
- 8Sunday Speight - 5/1

Let's see if we can catch a price in here as the added 16th could make the difference. Looking to 2-ONACOUNTA as I figure she will rate and run on last. She improved with the addition of blinkers in her last and was left to chase a lone speed. With more pace in this race, expect an improved performance. 7-HEART OF HANISCH is going to take some action in here as she drops off her last start in New Orleans. That race came after a nearly two year layoff but the works have been consistent and she isn't being asked to do too much in here. 8-SUNDAY SPEIGHT held her own at this level in her last, chasing the pace the entire way. A repeat of that performance puts her in contention again as she will get the jump on any tiring pace.

Hawthorne Race 8 - PLAY OF THE DAY

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Analysis by Jim Miller

3 Action Seeker - 7/2 **4** Atkins - 4/1 **8** Bourbon Life - 8/1

Not a ton of pace in here which should benefit 3-ACTION SEEKER as he returns from New Orleans. He ran a solid race in his last while showing speed but he doesn't need to lead to win. If he inherits the front he may never look back but if Blooming Garden is sent, look for him to stalk and run by late. 4-ATKINS was claimed out of the same race that Action Seeker comes out of last out. He ran evenly in that spot. He comes off a strong work into here and will be perfectly spotted if there's an early contested pace. 8-BOURBON LIFE tries the dirt for the first time as he got a work here last week. He rated a bit closer in his last but that was behind a slow pace. Expect to see him a bit further back today and running on late.

Hawthorne Race 9

Post Time 6:24 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

8 Starina - 5/1 **9** Boltoro - 9/5 **6** Mischief My Way - 8/1

An intriguing maiden route closes the card with runners coming in from different venues for this spot. 8-STARINA gets the nod for me as she is bred to run all day and has improved in recent races. She faced some tough company in New Orleans before shipping here and will just need some pace to chase. 9-BOLTORO is the one to beat as she is overdue for her maiden breaker. She just missed in a race that came off the grass in her last but that was a 1 1/2 miles. Tend to wonder if the 1 mile 70 yards will be enough real estate for her. 6-MISCHIEF MY WAY showed little in her debut in New Orleans but also dealt with a poor start in that spot. She picks up Loveberry today and may be a sleeper at a price.