Handicapping Analysis
Sun May 5th, 2024

Jim's Picks

Hawthorne Race 1

Post Time 2:50 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

2 Mo Smoking - 3-5 | 3 Princess Tenko - 5-2 | 4 Lotta Roses - 10-1

Not going to overthink this race too much. It appears that 2-MO SMOKING is going to be very tough on the drop as she is the horse to beat. She has tactical speed and may inherit the lead in this race with no pace. She held her own against allowance runners in her last and is expected to be a short price today. 3-PRINCESS TENKO looks to pose the biggest threat in this spot as she has posted a couple of victories this year. She may need a little pace to chase but can't be dismissed. 4-LOTTA ROSES has run some solid races over the track in the past and could be worth consideration at a price. Her best races have come at Hawthorne but she might be a bit better on the turf.

Hawthorne Race 2

Post Time 3:20 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

1 Heavenly Hash - 8-5 | 4 Sweet Crystal - 3-1 | 3 C C's World - 9-2

The barn has been hot and the races over the track look to make 1-HEAVENLY HASH very tough to beat in here. She has gotten similar trips in her last two starts and responded nicely under Cohen in her last. There looks to be more than enough pace to chase which should set things up nicely for her once again. 4-SWEET CRYSTAL is one with some speed who comes off a layoff into here. She has a pair of wins over the track as well and has worked forwardly toward her return. 3-C C'C World appears to be fit off the races this spring at Mahoning Valley. She's been better on a fast track and should find those conditions today.

Hawthorne Race 3

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Analysis by Jim Miller

6 Reba Attack - 9-2 | 2 Beehive - 9-5 | 1 Miss River Rat - 5-2

A competitive allowance field with numerous horses in with a shot. Looking to 6-REBA ATTACK in here as she has run a good second in each start on the meet, just missing in her last. The added 16th should help as this is another live mount on the card for jockey David Cohen. 2-BEEHIVE has speed and was a strong maiden winner in her last. She has since worked well toward the return as she figures to be on or near the lead in here. 1-MISS RIVER RAT rallied late in her last two and is another that should welcome the added distance. She added blinkers in her last and figures to be right there once again.

Hawthorne Race 4

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Analysis by Jim Miller

2 Collier - 8-1 | 7 Written Consent - 8-5 | 4 Maggie E - 3-1

This is a tricky race. We know 4-MAGGIE E is going to be on the lead, and eventually she will hang on, but the question is when? She does ensure a quick pace which should help the chances of 2-COLLIER in this spot. Collier raced well in her last as she has improved since the addition of Lasix. With the class drop and expected pace ahead of her today, she may be able to run everyone down. 7-WRITTEN CONSENT has tactical speed as she ran on late in her last. She's bee relatively consistent over her recent races but the 0 for 14 record makes it tough to endorse her on top. 4-MAGGIE E is an all or nothing horse. She is going to be sent and may be clear to the top of the lane. She gets very short in the stretch though. The question is if any will be rallying to get to her in time.

Hawthorne Race 5

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Analysis by Jim Miller

2 R Katiebug - 3-1 | 3 I'm Box Office - 5-2 | 1 Graceleadsushome - 4-1

The inside three appear to be the toughest in here as the move to turf moves up 2-R KATIEBUG for the Boyce barn. She just missed in a pair of turf tries at this level and races for the added money being an Illinois-bred in an open race. 3-I'M BOX OFFICE has run strictly on turf as she makes her 2024 debut. She won off a long layoff last summer and was a good third two starts back. She may get enough pace to rally behind in here. 1-GRACELEADSUSHOME is one with speed that may try to steal things from the inside. She was a solid winner in her last and is fit off a good work pattern coming into here.

Hawthorne Race 6

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Analysis by Jim Miller

5 Ronic - 7-5 | 4 Jim and Jim - 10-1 | 7 Joyful Ghost - 3-1

5-RONIC scratched as an AE out of a turf event on Saturday for this spot and should be very tough. He was claimed for just $5k off a strong win in his last and looks to show potential on turf or dirt. The only question is how he handles the sprint but this barn has been strong all meet and he has worked very well over the track. 4-JIM AND JIM is tough to figure as his races at Oaklawn don't look great as he has appeared to tail off after being claimed from Diodoro. He turns back to a sprint in here as we welcome Constantino Roman back to the jock's room/ 7-JOYFUL GHOST has tactical speed as there's not a ton of pace in this race. He ran well on the rise after being claimed three back and could look to clear from the outside.

Hawthorne Race 7 - PLAY OF THE DAY

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Analysis by Jim Miller

4 Not Very Gentle - 9-2 | 8 Millard's Smile - 3-1 | 1 Driven One - 9-5

Not much for pace in this race as we will see how things unfold early. Thinking 4-NOT VERY GENTLE could rate close as he makes his first start of the year. He has raced very well at Hawthorne throughout his career as well as at the distance. Jock Giles is riding well too as he was aboard this one when he won last summer. 8-MILLARD'S SMILE has run well in his three starts on the meet but will need some pace to chase. He did close some ground behind a slower pace in his last but may need to rate a bit closer early in here. 1-DRIVEN ONE potentially could be the horse to wire these if he's ready off the layoff. He has found the board in five of six Hawthorne starts but was a voided claim her last June before being claimed last August.

Hawthorne Race 8

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Analysis by Jim Miller

2 Gianno - 3-1 | 9 Money Agent - 8-1 | 1 Euclid Avenue - 4-1

Turf maidens with some unknowns in here as few have made turf starts. Looks like 2-GIANNO should be a factor as he gets some class relief. He raced well two back, almost winning be rating a bit closer early in his last before backing out in the lane. Let's see how he takes to the grass. 9-MONEY AGENT has had some past turf tries as the class drop could put him in the mix today. He ran well in a couple of starts against tougher last summer and does come in off a pair of near misses on the dirt. He's worth a look at a price. 1-EUCLID AVENUE moves back to the grass as he comes off a near miss in his last. The stretch to two turns looked to be no issue as he could show speed in here.