Handicapping Analysis
Sun June 9th, 2024

Jim's Picks

Hawthorne Race 1

Post Time 2:20 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

4 Rivzonaroll - 8/5 | 3 Maligator - 4/1 | 1 Wildwood Ministry - 7/2

This could be the start of a good day for the Rivelli barn as 4-RIVZONAROLL looks to be the fastest in the opener. He was caught late in his last by a horse in fine form in Breaking News but with that one running in Indiana, things look to open up for him to get the job done in here. 3-MALIGATOR will hope for a contested pace as he figures to settle early and run on late. He closed in races won by Strange Arrange in his last couple as that has been one of the most improved horses on the meet. I expect he closes into the mix in here but it may be too late. 1-WILDWOOD MINISTRY comes in off the claim in his last as he figures to rate in the second flight early and run on in the lane. He picks up Centeno for this spot, who has had himself a fine meet.

Hawthorne Race 2

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Analysis by Jim Miller

6 Sapphire Nights - 3/1 | 7 Holy Image - 8/1 | 5 Jocelyn - 5/2

A competitive bunch that appears to have a good amount of early pace. With that in mind, things could set up nicely for 6-SAPPHIRE NIGHTS as she moves back to the dirt and finds things much easier than her last out. He race two back would be good enough to win in here and jock Reyes has ridden very well in recent weeks. 7-HOLY IMAGE could be the price play in the race as she figures to run on in the lane. Her last two were decent efforts and the pace could work in her favor. 5-JOCELYN shortens up off her last couple but her race two back was strong as she appears to have rounded into better form. Just not sure this is the best distance for her but I expect she takes her share of action.

Hawthorne Race 3

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Analysis by Jim Miller

3 Gun Rush - 4/5 | 5 Global Empire - 6/1 | 4 Double Thunder - 3/1

First leg of the Helicopter series as we will see if 3-GUN RUSH is dominant throughout. He has won six of seven Hawthorne starts but was a bit disappointing in the slop at Churchill in his last. Expect him to show speed in here and look to wire this bunch. 5-GLOBAL EMPIRE could contend if one of the inside two go with Gun Rush early as he picks up Cohen in the saddle today. He likes this track, likes the distance, and has run some solid races against good company. He may be worth a look, even if underneath, at a decent price. 4-DOUBLE THUNDER has been good in a pair of Hawthorne races this meet as he has tactical speed and the distance suits. I will be curious to see if he takes it to Gun Rush early.

Hawthorne Race 4

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Analysis by Jim Miller

3 Church Pew - 7/2 | 2 Safecracker Sue - 5/1 | 4 Redheadedstranger - 5/2

First of three turf on the Sunday card with a field that has a lot of unknowns in here. With the intent of wanting turf, 3-CHURCH PEW is work another look as she comes off an improved effort last out while staying in on the mud. Her only turf try was against much tougher company and over the unconventional Kentucky Downs course. Give her another look today. 2-SAFECRACKER SUE may show some speed in here as she stretches back out and gets to the grass. She comes in off a solid workout as Cohen returns in the saddle. 4-REDHEADEDSTRANGER is overdue for the maiden score but has run the most consistent races coming into this spot. She just missed in her last couple and drops back in for the tag today.

Hawthorne Race 5 - PLAY OF THE DAY

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Analysis by Jim Miller

3 Hay Moon - 6/1 | 4 Malibu Brad - 5/2 | 5 Larry's Lunchbox - 3/1

Maybe a chance to catch a price in here as 3-HAY MOON drops to the bottom and also gets back to a sprint. The race three back was his best and that came in a dirt sprint. He just didn't seem to handle the two turns well in his last couple and may be able to rate close in a race lacking some pace. 4-MALIBU ROAD is the other that should be a part of the early pace as he makes his first start back off the layoff. He has a couple of works over the track coming into here and picks up Cohen in the saddle. 5-LARRY'S LUNCHBOX ran a solid race in his last and was just unlucky as he battled the entire stretch. He has been good in starts over this Hawthorne strip and draws favorably for this spot.

Hawthorne Race 6

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Analysis by Jim Miller

5 Protonic Power - 2/1 | 7 Megan's Honor - 7/2 | 4 Ardanwood - 4/1

A really good allowance field in here as I'll be curious to see what the pace is. The is the potential that 4-ARDANWOOD could sneak away to an easy lead and never look back but if Novgorod the Great goes from the inside to challenge then it may set things up for 5-PROTONIC POWER to rally. Protonic Power has been good on turf or dirt but is winless from five starts on the year. A couple of those races did come in stakes company though as today could get him back into the winner's circle. 7-MEGAN'S HONOR has run a lot of good races over this track, finding the board in seven of eight starts as he comes off a good third place effort against stakes runners in his last. He was likely compromised by the short stretch miles that he had to run at Oaklawn and the full run of the stretch should benefit him today. 4-ARDANWOOD does have the speed as I expect he is sent away early today. His slow start changed the entire race last out but a clean break here will put him in the mix immediately.

Hawthorne Race 7

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Analysis by Jim Miller

1 Violent Gigi - 4/1 | 2 Mon Ami Fuzzie - 5/2 | 6 Hunka Burning Love - 3/1

This could be a bunched up field which should benefit the chances of 1-VIOLENT GIGI today. He came over the Hawthorne after facing tougher throughout the winter at Oaklawn and ran an improved race in his last. Burgos rode a winner for Haran here a couple of weeks ago and is back in the saddle again. 2-MON AMI FUZZIE has tactical speed and could be part of a field that is bunched up early. He has been good at the distance but also is still looking for his first win over the track. Let's see how much action he takes in this race. 6-HUNKA BURNING LOVE is a cool 10yo horses that is still battling on as he looks for career win number 20 and approaches $750k in lifetime earnings. He's another that should be able to rate close early and may get a very similar trip to what we saw last time out.

Hawthorne Race 8

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Analysis by Jim Miller

7 Cadencia - 5/2 | 9 Di's Surprise - 5/1 | 1 Texas Hottie - 20/1

A good field of allowance runners in this turf sprint as 7-CADENCIA comes in from Kentucky for this spot. She has tactical speed would should put her in a good position early. She is also at her best on grass as she finds a good landing spot here. 9-DI'S SURPRISE should be forwardly placed as she comes off a sharp maiden score last out. The outside draw should be a benefit for her in this spot as she will get a look at how many get sent away from the inside. If she takes to the turf, 1-TEXAS HOTTIE may be able to contend at a price as she steps up off a longshot maiden victory in her last. She will need to save ground and get some racing luck, but her races are progressing the right way and she will be a massive price.

Hawthorne Race 9

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Analysis by Jim Miller

8 Gluckstadt - 5/2 | 4 Hard to Fathom - 3/1 | 7 Family Tradition - 6/1

A solid allowance bunch here as the easier company should help 8-GLUCKSTADT as he makes his second start off the claim. He was a good second in the short stretch mile at Oaklawn two back before heading to Kentucky for his last. The race three back is the one that should be key as they was a similar setup to this race with a full run of the stretch. 4-HARD TO FATHOM has tactical speed as he should rate close early and contend the entire way. He raced into some traffic trouble in his last but did still run on late and has every right to improve with clear sailing in here. 7-FAMILY TRADITION comes in from Nebraska off a pair of victories while sprinting as he stretches back out. He did run well around two turns here last July and looks to be in fine form as he has gotten a couple of works over the track leading into this start.

Hawthorne Race 10

Post Time 6:23 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

7 Moonrise Drive - 4/1 | 9 Temple Fool - 8/1 | 6 All Choked Up - 7/2

A very competitive bunch closes the day as it should be a wide open wagering race. 7-MOONRISE DRIVE gets back to the grass as he comes in from a turf start in Indiana in his last. He did win over the Golden Gate turf last summer and it would be fitting for him to win in here on the final day of racing at Golden Gate. 9-TEMPLE FOOL wheels back off the first training victory for Irvin Moreno in his career last out. He ran a nice race as he rated behind horses before splitting runners in the lane. It could be a similar trip here as he steps up to face winners. 6-ALL CHOKED UP is one with a little speed as he finds a bit easier company today. He broke his maiden over this course here last summer and could be the one looking to try to steal the race in here.