



Handicapping Analysis

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Jim's Picks

Hawthorne Race 1

Post Time 2:10 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

3 Mused (GB) - 5-2 **5** Smooth Justice - 8-5 **4** Kitten Rocks - 3-1

3-MUSED (GB) scratched out of the Sunday opener for this spot and that looks to be a good move as the horse is a solid threat here. She got away poorly in her last and never got going in that spot. The race two back was solid as she rated close and ran on late. Expect a good tracking trip in here. 5-SMOOTH JUSTICE is another coming in from Indiana that is worth a look. She battled the entire way last out and never gave in. Let's see how much action she takes in here. 4-KITTEN ROCKS will need some pace to chase as she figures to close late. He last was the first off a lengthy layoff as she has every right to improve in this spot.

Hawthorne Race 2

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Analysis by Jim Miller

5 Diamond Dave - 5-1 **3** Khozan's Success - 8-5 **2** Not Very Gentle - 10-1

A shorter field but a chance for chaos as there is some pace in this race and the field from top to bottom can all compete. Coming off a good win last out while at a price, 5-DIAMOND DAVE could repeat in here. He got away a step slow in that race and still rallied late. With a clean break and a possible contested pace upfront, he should be rolling in the lane. 3-KHOZAN'S SUCCESS found himself on the lead in a slow race last out and battled to a victory. He's going to take action in here but I'm not sure if he can beat Blurt to the top in this spot. That may be ok though if he chooses to track instead of duel. 2-NOT VERY GENTLE is going to hope for the duel as he looks to close late. He was really good last year and looks to get back to that form. He's just been consistent this season but with the right pace ahead of him he should come closing late.

Hawthorne Race 3 - PLAY OF THE DAY

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Analysis by Jim Miller

5 Lawmaker - 8-1 **4** Simple Logic - 7-2 **3** All Choked Up - 6-5

This race is full of pace as any of five could head for the front. With that in mind, hoping that 5-LAWMAKER can turn his form back around and run to the races we saw from him last summer. He's at his best when off the pace and looking to run on late as the price will be right. 4-SIMPLE LOGIC has had so many chances and has disappointed at times, but he finds a spot today that could be a good confidence boost. He will be closing late and Cohen could be a great fit for him. 3-ALL CHOKED UP has speed and may be the fastest to the front as he is excellent when he makes the lead. If challenged though, that could compromise his chances as he figures to take a good amount of action.

Hawthorne Race 4

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Analysis by Jim Miller

5 Bella Vittoria - 7-2 **6** Notiptoni - 5-1 **4** Little Poison - 5-2

This looks to be a solid bunch of juveniles as numerous runners look to get into the mix. 5-BELLA VITTORIA has been working up a storm as she continues to post bullet drills coming into here. She schooled in the paddock on Sunday as the connections are doing everything right to get her ready for her debut. 6-NOTIPTONI has a race under her belt as she battled on the lead and never gave in during her debut. She figures to be quick away once again and could get overlooked based upon some of the other connections in here. 4-LITTLE POISON has been working well toward her debut as well. Rivelli has been dominant with two-year-olds this meet as early speed is likely to be expected from this one as well.

Hawthorne Race 5

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Analysis by Jim Miller

3 Wilma Mankiller - 5-2 **5** First Hill - 7-2 **2** Hypersport - 5-1

A very good bunch here as I would think 3-WILMA MANKILLER improves off her last out. She ran a decent race in that spot but was coming off a lengthy layoff. She has the potential to make the lead in here and possibly never look back. 5-FIRST HILL was the winner at this level in her last as she stalked the pace and ran on late. She's won four in a row going into here as she races for the new connections today. 2-HYPERSPORT was a solid second at this level in her last as she stalked and rallied late. She looks to get a very similar trip in here as she may be worth a look underneath with seven runner-up efforts from 11 starts at three quarters.

Hawthorne Race 6

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Analysis by Jim Miller

3 Two Cookie Rule - 5-2 **6** Mister Charming - 3-1 **7** Wildwood's Warrior - 6-1

The stretch back out in distance looked to help 3-TWO COOKIE RULE in his last as he stalked the pace and was able to run on for place. With some more speed ahead of him in here and Loveberry in the saddle, he should be able to bide his time and look to close in the lane. 6-MISTER CHARMING is another that figures to rate and run on late. His last two were solid as he stalking trip could be the route to go. 7-WILDWOOD'S WARRIOR is another that should be close-up in here as he improved in his last couple. The distance suits and the price should be right.

Hawthorne Race 7

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Analysis by Jim Miller

7 Policy Option - 7-2 **3** Red Hornet - 3-1 **4** Shady McGee (IRE) - 8-5

The 1 1/8 distance makes this an interesting race as there's not a ton of pace in this race. Hoping that 7-POLICY OPTION can rate a bit closer early in here as he makes his second start of the meet. The field he comes out of was very tough and the class relief should make a difference. 3-RED HORNET won over the Yielding going in his last as he was able to rally late. He could be in a tracking position early as he looks to pick off horses in the lane. 4-SHADY MCGEE (IRE) is another that gets some class relief into here as he ran well in a pair of races in Indiana on the grass earlier in the summer. He is another that could rate closer early as he figures to take some action in here.

Hawthorne Race 8

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Analysis by Jim Miller

7 Richiesonaroll - 9-2 **1** Onasa - 5-1 **8** Eli's Promise - 3-1

Another race full of pace which could play into the closing move of 7-RICHIESONAROLL. He ran evenly at this level in his last but has shown the ability to run on late in the past. 1-ONASA should be sitting just off the pace in this race as he was a solid winner in his last. With the rail draw he just needs to avoid hoking up with the other pace. 8-ELI'S PROMISE is one of those with speed that is proven at the distance. Let's see if he's able to clear and battle upfront.

Hawthorne Race 9

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Analysis by Jim Miller

8 Church Pew - 15-1 **10** R Katiebug - 4-1 **11** Spicy Italian - 9-2

A couple with speed in here and the potential for an upset. 8-CHURCH PEW was the one to pull off that upset last out and could do so once again. His form has been solid this meet and the price should be right once again. 10-R KATIEBUG has speed but doesn't necessarily need the front. She chased in her last and almost got up in time. Let's see if she can stalk once again.