Handicapping Analysis
Thu May 15th, 2025

Jim's Picks

Hawthorne Race 1

Post Time 2:40 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

2 Buttons and Lace - 9/5 | 5 Savvy Smila - 7/2 | 1 Disguised Devil - 5/2

Hard to overlook the works from 2-BUTTONS AND LACE. The barn wins early, drills are quick and Lasix for debut. 5-SAVVY SMILA is sired by a top Illinois sire and has also worked well. Speed rider in the saddle. 1-DISGUISED DEVIL has run well in both starts. Should take action and be a factor once again.

Hawthorne Race 2

Post Time 3:05 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

6 Red Regret - 6/1 | 2 Arrivedercci - 5/2 | 1 Waggle Pass - 4/1

The gate drill popped for me for 6-RED REGRET. The barn wins early and I expect some early speed. 2-ARRIVEDERCCI has shown speed on dirt but tired late as well. A class drop and shift to grass may help. 1-WAGGLE PASS runs for a barn that posted a good turf race at a price on Sunday. Expect to see her charging late.

Hawthorne Race 3

Post Time 3:30 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

1 Slava Ukraini - 4/1 | 3 Regimental - 2/1 | 6 Electric Charge - 5/1

Love that 1-SLAVA UKRAINI showed speed last out. That's where he runs best and gets another race with no pace to challenge early. 3-REGIMENTAL chased in his last and ran on late. His trip should be similar and the price will be short. 6-ELECTRIC CHARGE closed some while wide in his last. He probably needed that race and figures to improve for a barn that has had a fine meet.

Hawthorne Race 4

Post Time 3:55 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

1 Unkept Promises - 9/2 | 2 Drama Speaker - 6/1 | 5 Eliza Vance - 7/5

4-UNKEPT PROMISES is proven at the distance for a barn that has had a nice start to this meet. She should show some speed from the inside. 2-DRAMA SPEAKER was forwardly placed in her last on the stretch and contended into the lane. You may see more stamina from her today. 5-ELIZA VANCE stretches out as she's the question mark in here. She will take action for the connections and figures to be forwardly placed.

Hawthorne Race 5

Post Time 4:21 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

4 Risky Boy - 4/1 5 Hatchet Creek - 6/1 1 Christmas Present - 7/2

4-RISKY BOY tends to run well when fresh. He has tactical speed and should rate close in a race that doesn't have a ton of pace. 5-HATCHET CREEK has run well in all three starts on the meet. He figures to rate mid-pack early and run on in the stretch. 1-CHRISTMAS PRESENT was a good second in his first start of the meet. He likes this track and picks up Centeno once again.

Hawthorne Race 6

Post Time 4:47 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

9 Written Consent - 3/1 1 Jolie Ruler - 5/1 4 Awesome Sunday - 10/1

It was a big effort from 9-WRITTEN CONSENT in her last as she rated close in a race lacking pace and drew off in the lane. She figures to stalk the pace here but should benefit from the outside draw. 1-JOLIE RULER was a good winner in her first start of the meet as she got a perfect trip. She's been excellent at Hawthorne and at this distance. 4-AWESOME SUNDAY could be the price play as she has run a pair of decent races. She also likes this surface and should get more pace to chase.

Hawthorne Race 7

Post Time 5:13 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

6 Shady McGee [IRE] - 6/1 1 Carthage Cajun - 9/2 7 Wicked Suprise - 3/1

We'll take a shot at a little price here with 6-SHADY MCGEE (IRE) as he's one of a few wheeling back quickly for this race. He ran on late in his last and will benefit from the added distance for a barn that has had an excellent meet. 1-CARTHAGE CAJUN is in from Louisiana for today's race. He was a good winner on dirt in his last but has fine turf form as well. 7-WICKED SUPRISE will take action as he should be able to show some speed in here. He's another proven on grass as the only question will be if he needs a race coming into this spot.