Handicapping Analysis
Thu July 17th, 2025

Jim's Picks

Hawthorne Race 1

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Analysis by Jim Miller

3 Strange Arrange - 7/5 | 1 Hatchet Creek - 3/1 | 4 Alibi Ike - 9/2

We kick off the day with an Early Pick 5 carryover of $7,722. A vulnerable favorite in the opener but 3-STRANGE ARRANGE may still be able to handle these based solely off the massive drop. He has speed but may find company from Can Man Do. 1-HATCHET CREEK poses the biggest upset threat. He often runs well. The only concern is he has just one win over the past two years. 4-ALIBI IKE will benefit if there's a pace battle upfront. He's another dropping in class but will need his best in here.

Hawthorne Race 2

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Analysis by Jim Miller

5 San Anton [IRE] - 5/2 | 6 Wagon Power - 8/1 | 3 Aladante - 7/2

Trainer Coty Rosin has sent a few to the Hawthorne turf this meet that have had success. 5-SAN ANTON (IRE) could be another of those. He is lightly races the last two years but drops in class with intent to win. 6-WAGON POWER tries the turf for the first time. He has raced with mixed results this year but showed some signs in starts two and three back. 3-ALADANTE just missed while sprinting two back. He was in a bit tough in his last but drops back in for the tag today.

Hawthorne Race 3

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Analysis by Jim Miller

1 Honor His Half - 6/5 | 4 Golden Note - 4/1 | 3 Palace Magic - 8/1

1-HONOR HIS HALF is a standout in this spot. She has run well in all four starts on the meet and has the speed to clear and never look back from the inside. 4-GOLDEN NOTE should be pressing in here today. She was a solid winner in her last but could be left to chase the entire way. 3-PALACE MAGIC has had a ton of success at Hawthorne but was no match for Honor His Half last out. Look for her to pick up the pieces late.

Hawthorne Race 4

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Analysis by Jim Miller

1 Deliziosa - 3/1 | 4 Dixie Penny - 5/2 | 2 Written Consent - 4/1

Another spot where rail speed may be the key. 1-DELIZIOSA comes off a good win in Iowa in her last. She faced tougher here two back and held her own. Expect another solid performance today. 4-DIXIE PENNY won here two back before stepping up and facing Deliziosa in her last. She comes in off a short layoff into this spot for a barn that has had a nice meet. 2-WRITTEN CONSENT will be hoping for a contested pace to chase. She won back to back races here in April and May and could be a sleeper at a price.

Hawthorne Race 5

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Analysis by Jim Miller

4 Verrazanointhesky - 12/1 5 Canyon Shadows - 8/1 3 Via Del Corso - 7/2

This is the payoff leg of the Early Pick 5 with some price potential in here. 4-VERRAZANOINTHESKY could be that horses as he comes back at the same level as his near miss last out. He goes a sixteenth further today and should find some pace to chasse. 5-CANYON SHADOWS ran third last out in his first back off the layoff. He is another that should benefit from the added pace as he figures to run on late. 3-VIA DEL CORSO won last out as a well-time moved got him up at the wire. He should be rating a bit closer in here as he figures to contend throughout.

Hawthorne Race 6

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Analysis by Jim Miller

6 Comiskey Park - 5/1 1 Whatdoyouthinkmark - 5/2 8 Midnight Special - 7/2

Turf or dirt, 6-COMISKEY PARK should be tough. He won a race that came off the grass in his last and has been right there in numerous turf sprints throughout his career. Look for him to stalk early and run on late. 1-WHATDOYOUTHINKMARK has speed as he draws the rail in here. If he can shake loose from Hurts So Bad early, he could steal this race. 8-MIDNIGHT SPECIAL ran a big race on grass in his last but comes into this spot with just one short work since that start. He has ability but I have enough questions to where I can't put him on top.

Hawthorne Race 7

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Analysis by Jim Miller

2 General Issue [FR] - 7/2 6 Little Steven - 5/1 5 Millard's Smile - 3/1

A really competitive race here as none of these can be counted out. With the ability to stalk the pace, 2-GENERAL ISSUE (FR) may get the trip from the second flight. He defeated similar in the slop two back and won going away over a fast track four back. Felix looks to be a good fit in the saddle. 6-LITTLE STEVEN has speed as he may look to clear and try to wire these. He won his last two in races taken off the turf but steps up a bit in this spot. 5-MILLARD'S SMILE has been very good this year, winning four of six starts. This will be his toughest test of the season but it's hard to knock his recent form.

Hawthorne Race 8

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8 Chela - 5/2 7 Tizmeonemoretime - 5/1 6 Harper Briana - 4/1

Wide open race in the finale. Starting with the outside runner in 8-CHELA as she could show some speed and gets back in with state-breds. Let's see if she is able to clear and hold on. 7-TIZMEONEMORETIME ran well on the grass last out while at a big price. She has been better in her starts this year and could be a decent price. 6-HARPER BRIANA can contend in this spot but the 0 for 26 in the win column makes it tough to endorse her on top. She will need some pace to chase but should be running on late.