Handicapping Analysis
Sun July 20th, 2025

Jim's Picks

Hawthorne Race 1

Post Time 2:43 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

4 Chief Morter - 7/5 | 1 Big D - 3/1 | 2 Bridge Classic - 6/1

Babies start the day as Rivelli has a pair in the opener. Based off works, 4-CHIEF MORTER looks to be tough. His most recent bullet from the gate was very quick as I expect to see speed early as he looks to wire the field. 1-BIG D just needs to get away from the rail. He may eventually want to go a bit longer but has worked consistently leading toward his debut. 2-BRIDGE CLASSIC could also show some speed as he debuts today. He hasn't worked longer than a quarter so we will see where the stamina is.

Hawthorne Race 2

Post Time 3:19 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

2 Gavel - 9/5 | 1 Wildwood Sicilian - 5/2 | 6 Mister Kelly - 5/1

Let's see if Rivelli can take both ends of the double. He sends out 2-GAVEL in here as he comes off a near miss in his start at the end of April. He has three works since that start and should be ready off the bench. 1-WILDWOOD SICILIAN was a good winner at this level in his last. He comes back three weeks off that race as he figures to rate close early. If he can sneak away, there's potential he could steal this race. 6-MISTER KELLY has tactical speed as he was a good third behind Wildwood Sicilian last out. The track and distance suit and the price should be right..

Hawthorne Race 3

Post Time 3:52 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

7 Nagy and Da Bears - 7/2 | 4 Man On Attack - 6/1 | 6 Sharp Stick - 9/2

Not much pace in this turf sprint. The pace in here seems to be coming from 7-NAGY AND DA BEARS as he takes a class drop off a good second in his last. If he can shake loose early he could potentially wire this field. 4-MAN ON ATTACK comes off a layoff as he chased in his last before giving way. He has the ability to settle close early in here and hang around late. 6-SHARP ATTACK hasn't sprinted much but merits a look as he shortens up off his turf start last out. I'll be curious to see how much action he takes in here.

Hawthorne Race 4

Post Time 4:28 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

4 New Year Surprise - 4/1 | 1 Shady McGee (IRE) - 3/1 | 6 Sixwillberich - 7/2

There's no pace in this race. Curious to see if 4-NEW YEAR SURPRISE looks to go early and try to back things down on the front end. He ran a decent race in the slop two back and finds things easier in here. 1-SHADY MCGEE (IRE) has spent the majority of his time recently on the grass. He has had some past main track success and takes a drop in class in here. 6-SIXWILLBERICH could be another that possibly shows some speed. He chased at Fairmount in his last before giving way into the lane. Give him another shot with the shift back to Hawthorne.

Hawthorne Race 5 - PLAY OF THE DAY

Post Time 5:00 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

7 D' Argonaut - 8/1 10 I'm Hungover - 4/1 3 Reimagine - 7/2

Tough race here with a large field on the grass. Off her recent sprint, 7-D'ARGONAUT could be a threat to show some early speed and hang around into the lane. The barn has had a fine meet and the quick return off her first start of the meet may be a positive. 10-I'M HUNGOVER makes her second career start after facing tougher in her debut. She got away slowly in the sprint but actually ran well and galloped out nicely after the wire in that spot. Expect more in her second career start. 3-REIMAGINE has had some near misses as she looks to contend. She ships in from Indiana for today's race and picks up Loveberry in the saddle. Expect her to be a factor throughout.

Hawthorne Race 6

Post Time 5:30 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

8 Winging Ways - 4/5 2 Ancient Man - 12/1 1 Tallapoosa - 9/2

It sure looks like 8-WINGING WAYS is a standout in here. He has speed, just missed in his last, and looks to be clear on the lead. I don't think any others in here can keep up with him early. 2-ANCIENT MAN is at his best sprinting and looks to be the price play today. He was flying late in his last and I like that Ulloa is back in the saddle. 1-TALLAPOOSA has enough tactical speed to chase early and hang around late. He was a mess at the gate in his last as that has been an issue for him at times.

Hawthorne Race 7

Post Time 5:59 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

1 Flying Samurai - 8/1 6 Rocket Hotshot - 6/1 3 Danville - 3/1

He's been really good in his last four and there's no reason to think he won't be a threat once again as 1-FLYING SAMURAI draws the rail. The only real question will be how he handles the rider change as Troxtell had ridden him very well in recent starts and he shifts to Tavares in here. Let's see what he shows us in here. 6-ROCKET HOTSHOT rallied for a solid win in his last. He's going to need some pace to chase but has had a lot of success over the track and is another that could offer some value. 3-DANVILLE figures to take action in here as he comes off the rest. He was claimed out of his last and drops in class so we will see if this is a look to grab a win and get claimed once again.