Handicapping Analysis
Thu July 31st, 2025

Jim's Picks

Hawthorne Race 1

Post Time 2:43 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

6 Rotary Dial - 4/1 | 3 Handsoffthegoods - 6/1 | 5 Ricky Bobby - 9/2

Good combination of speed and closers to kick off the card. 6-ROTARY DIAL finds things a bit easier here as he comes out of starter races into this spot. Centeno picks up the mount as this one moves up more if the track comes up wet. 3-HANDSOFFTHEGOODS has finished third in his last couple. He will benefit from pace ahead of him as he should rally late. 5-RICKY BOBBY was a good second two back and closed some late in his last. The barn has been solid this year as the price could be right.

Hawthorne Race 2

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Analysis by Jim Miller

1 Go Stormin Girl - 4/1 | 4 Lost Sunset - 3/1 | 6 Honor His Half - 2/1

With the possible pace battle upfront, look to 1-GO STORMIN GIRL to rate early and rally in the lane. She was a solid claim two back and has been excellent on this surface. 4-LOST SUNSET is one of two with speed but she could potentially be the fastest to the front. She just missed in her last as she looks to have rounded back into form. 6-HONOR HIS HALF is the other with speed but she may be best suited sitting back just off the pace and stalking in here. She was also claimed from her last as we will see how she runs for the new barn today.

Hawthorne Race 3

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Analysis by Jim Miller

9 Empire Builder - 5/2 | 3 Another Mystery - 9/5 | 5 Eye Witness - 5/1

Don't know if this will be on turf or dirt at time of writing. If on dirt, it's tough to look past 9-EMPIRE BUILDER off his last race. He has speed, could go unchallenged early, and kick away late. On turf, 3-ANOTHER MYSTERY is the one to beat. He is approaching $1 million in career earning and is as honest as they come. 5-EYE WITNESS looks to be competitive on turf or dirt. He stretches out for today's race as he ships in to run.

Hawthorne Race 4

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Analysis by Jim Miller

3 Eli's Promise - 4/1 | 4 Indyville - 5/2 | 6 Clyde's Green Go - 9/2

A solid field of sprinters here. Off his last two, 3-ELI'S PROMISE should be right there once again. He has tactical speed and should find a couple to chase. 4-INDYVILLE ran a huge race in his last as he stalked the early pace and rallied in the lane. He has found the board in all five career starts and should take some action in here. 6-CLYDE'S GREEN GO has been in fine form this year. The Illinois-bred runs open once again with the potential to earn bonus money if he finishes in the top three.

Hawthorne Race 5

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Analysis by Jim Miller

13 Ballybay Beauty - 3/1 | 2 Two Timer - 15/1 | 1 Night Blue [IRE] - 8/1

Another spot where everything depends on turf or dirt. If on dirt you have to look to 13-BALLYBAY BEAUTY as she would draw in off a nice main track score in her last. She has tactical speed and will just need to clear from the outside. 2-TWO TIMER will be tough on turf or dirt as she has been in better form this year. She has tactical speed and should provide some value. 1-NIGHT BLUE is another that could fare well on either surface. She does stretch back out off recent starts but should have no issue with the distance in here.

Hawthorne Race 6

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Analysis by Jim Miller

6 Supremely - 4/1 | 4 We Miss Arlington - 3/1 | 7 Lucky Shot - 7/2

Hard to knock the recent form of 6-SUPREMELY as he has been solid in his last six starts. He finds a spot where he can race protected as he should rate close the entire way. 4-WE MISS ARLINGTON has speed as he gets back to his best surface. The distance suits as he may look to scamper away early and never look back. 7-LUCKY SHOT is another with tactical speed. He has also been sharp all meet but just runs into a tough one in We Miss Arlington.

Hawthorne Race 7

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Analysis by Jim Miller

7 Calibrate - 5/2 | 2 C F V Bullet - 6/1 | 1 Eye Dee Kay - 3/1

It was a game victory last out for 7-CALIBRATE as he has been sharp in both starts this meet. He likes this distance, likes the track and will just need some pace to chase. 2-C F V BULLET has tactical speed as he steps up in his second start of the year. He raced protected in his last and responded well as he stalked a slow pace and took over late. Expect a similar trip today. 1-EYE DEE KAY just missed while finishing behind Calibrate last out. He makes his second start off the layoff and will be hoping for another quick pace to chase.

Hawthorne Race 8

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Analysis by Jim Miller

6 Try Try Again - 15/1 | 4 Shady McGee [IRE] - 8/5 | 7 Coni's Coup - 4/1

Every once in a while we see that big effort out of 6-TRY TRY AGAIN. I like that he stays at two turns today and also finds a spot where there isn't much pace. Let's see if he can pull off the upset in here. 4-SHADY MCGEE (IRE) was a good second in his last and races in the same spot once again. He stays on the dirt and will take a good amount of action. 7-CONI'S COUP should be the pace in this race. He has been facing much tougher and now gets the class relief. Off his last few races he could provide some value but he has more than enough talent to win in this spot.

Hawthorne Race 9

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Analysis by Jim Miller

9 Vinegar Hill - 4/1 | 6 Rodavlas - 20/1 | 1 Sawyer Fox - 9/5

Will be curious to see how 9-VINEGAR HILL handles the shift to turf as he has been sharp in his two dirt starts this year. He has speed and may be able to clear and never look back. 6-RODAVLAS looked like a different racehorse in his last. That start did come against easier but he was able to win with ease despite the awkward start. 1-SAWYER FOX has come off the layoff and been very sharp in his two starts this meet. He also has speed as he races for the Illinois-bred bonus in here.