Handicapping Analysis
Sun August 3rd, 2025

Jim's Picks

Hawthorne Race 1

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Analysis by Jim Miller

2 Big D - 5/2 | 6 Biagoddess - 3/1 | 4 Thiever - 6/1

Kick off a big turf day with babies on the grass. 2-BIG D looked incredible on track in preparation for his dirt debut before scratching after some gate trouble. He comes in off a sharp work and should be very tough in here. 6-BIAGODDESS ran well first out as she overcame a stumble at the start to contend much of the way. She faces the boys but can't be overlooked in here. 4-THIEVER debuts for Hernandez as he has a nice pattern of drills leading into this race. He faces some tough company here but should provide some value.

Hawthorne Race 2

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Analysis by Jim Miller

4 Mary Moonglow - 7/5 | 2 Lil Carrie D - 7/2 | 6 Savvy Smila - 5/2

It's a big class drop but 4-MARY MOONGLOW looks for a win as she should be very tough in here. She should show speed early and may never look back. 2-LIL CARRIE D is overdue for her maiden score but ran well in her first start back of the year. She will hope for some pace to chase as she figures to run on in the lane. 6-SAVVY SMILA potentially can press the pace as she also takes the class drop today. She comes in off a brief break but the presence of Mary Moonglow in here makes her a possible value.

Hawthorne Race 3

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Analysis by Jim Miller

3 Zoombie - 9/5 | 2 Grand Hideaway - 3/1 | 7 Gabagool - 12/1

Lots of pace in this race should help those who run on late. 3-ZOOMBIE has been good in a pair of turf sprints, rallying for a win in his last. This is an easier field compared to what he faced last out. 2-GRAND HIDEAWAY has had a lot of turf success. He closed well in his last and figures to once again. 7-GABAGOOL was a massive price last out and was able to split the field in a tough race. He'll still provide some value as he makes his second straight turf start.

Hawthorne Race 4

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Analysis by Jim Miller

3 Safecracker Sue - 5/2 | 6 Sharp Attack - 7/2 | 2 Rumbrandt - 2/1

A great spot for 3-SAFECRACKER SUE as she scratched from an off-turf race on Thursday for this spot. She has tactical speed and could get a perfect stalking trip. 6-SHARP ATTACK was an easy winner in her maiden score last out. She should be forwardly placed once again but doesn't need the lead to win. 2-RUMBRANDT has taken a ton of action in her last three. She had no excuse two back and a poor start hurt her in her last. Let's see if she can get a clean trip today.

Hawthorne Race 5

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Analysis by Jim Miller

1 Gunny Sack - 3/1 6 Jakes Channel - 9/2 7 Frontier Marshal - 9/5

Off his last on the dirt, 1-GUNNY SACK should be forwardly placed early and contend the entire way. He returns to face state-breds and should benefit from the turf. 6-JAKES CHANNEL ran a much improved race in his last. There wasn't much early pace in there but he showed speed and hung around into the lane. Let's see if he improves in his second start of the year. 7-FRONTIER MARSHAL has some tactical speed as he will take a good amount of action. He's been on the dirt in recent starts but should have no issue shifting to the turf.

Hawthorne Race 6

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Analysis by Jim Miller

3 Larry the Poet - 3/1 5 Secession - 7/2 7 Red Moscato - 5/1

An evenly matched bunch here. Off his last, 3-LARRY THE POET should be right there once again. There's not a ton of pace in this spot but if he can rate within a couple lengths of the early lead, he should be able to battle late. 5-SECESSION is the pace of the race. He cleared in his last and maybe went a bit too fast early. If he can clear and back things down in here, he could potentially hang around to the wire. 7-RED MOSCATO needs pace to chase as he figures to sit back early and run on in the lane. He had a poor start in his last as a better break should put him closer early.

Hawthorne Race 7

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Analysis by Jim Miller

3 Bakeneko - 5/1 9 Humble Warrior - 3/1 5 Temper Tantrum - 9/2

3-BAKENEKO is just an honest racehorse. He has tactical speed and always seems to be in contention at the top of the lane. This is the lowest level he has raced at in some time as he could still provide some value. 9-HUMBLE WARRIOR comes in from Indiana as he also gets some class relief. He has tactical speed also and should be right with Bakeneko much of the way. 5-TEMPER TANTRUM should be running on late but will need some pace to close into. He has had his share of turf success and won the last time Rodriguez was aboard.

Hawthorne Race 8

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Analysis by Jim Miller

6 Buttons and Lace - 5/1 7 Rietta - 5/2 5 Knightofcaravaggio - 6/1

Boyce runners could go 1-2 in here. 6-BUTTONS AND LACE is lightly raced and could provide more value. She closed with a rush in her last and finds a spot where the pace should be honest ahead of her. 7-RIETTA has enough speed to contend early. She battled the entire way in her last and just missed. I expect she takes a good amount of action here as well. 5-KNIGHTOFCARAVAGGIO comes in from Kentucky for this spot. Her best races have been on the grass and she posted a big figure in her last. Look for her to sit mid-pack early and run on in the lane.