Handicapping Analysis
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Emily's Analysis

Hawthorne Race 1

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Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#4 BRIDGE CLASSIC is worth a look in here returning from a near “excuse” in the 5/21 allowance race. They move back to claiming company and the grass conditions which have seen them individually competitive in the past. They also pick up a rider change to suggest some intent with apprentice, J. Aranguren aboard. They hold early speed if necessary to make the lead, though also capable of tracking rival #2 ALADANTE or #3 CHI TOWN PRINCE should they go forward.

Also picking up a rider change (J. Loveberry) #1 MR. SWEETS physically projected surface versatility going back to the main track series of TAM races and ran to it (B) moving to the turf on 5/14. Coming off that WIDE MOVE trip they shift back to the inside and a scenario with a contentious early pace to track from the inside and pick up first run.

The claiming event on 5/14 was a common race featuring #5 PONCHO ATTACK and given a flow upgrade (VF) coming back from the router just two weeks ago. Going back to the sprint from the layoff on the day, they turned in B-, a competitive effort when factoring the recent layoff lines, lacking recency 124-days and noting the TROUBLE_S and in running TROUBLE- while also noting TACTIC- something jockey A. Stanley will have to be on their “A” game to improve from here.

Hawthorne Race 2

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#2 I’M HUNGOVER has had to settle for the place while recording B, winning type efforts at the level for the two maiden races this season. Things change ever so slightly here picking up J. Loveberry and the extra half-furlong of ground, especially that distance marker which could have yielded a different outcome either time.

Their stablemate #5 LILAS OAK TREE also should benefit from the slight addition of ground and overall racing as they make their second start of the current cycle. They should hold fitness asked for early speed, HARD_LEAD, in the return on 5/24.

#4 WAVE OF MEMORIES returns from the layoff and while needing to show improvident from last season, numbers are not far off their other rivals #1 STYLISH GIRL and # TOUR DE’PORT and with some pace to chase should be moving up late.

Hawthorne Race 3

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Two barns with two runners representing the bulk of the field while S. Becker standing alone with #5 CRUSHED ICE is not of it to play spoiler as they ship in and project to move up with the STRETCH out In distance.

While CRUSHED ICE can show early speed and likely positional speed from the outside; #1 SALLY SUPRISE from the rail should be out showing early speed. SALLY’S SUPRISE should appreciate today’s change in class though has in the past shown some distance limitations around two turns. By contrast her stablemate, #2 IZZY’S MONSTER holds established route form at Hawthorne making their return here and first off the layoff. There are some spotty works since the February FG start, though does have a live barn with familiar rider, L. Colon back aboard.

A similar tactical approach can be assessed for the two J. Haran runners where #3 END OF INNOCENCE has recorded the recent higher speed figures and just sneaks into this conditions while remaining protected claimed back in 2025 for the $12.5k tag and since then has raced higher for Haran. In terms of #4 WHAT’S TO DO she has upside in her own right coming out of a match race on 5/20 at HS Indy with some subtle trips going back to last season at Hawthorne both on the main track and the turf.

Hawthorne Race 4

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#5 KETCHUM moves up considerably for this second start back of the season and class drop from the $225k stakes race last month at CD, breaking SLOG and higher par suggesting DROP, while also back on Lasix for this race. On first asking, last October they broke their maiden (MSW) over this course and distance and the late season debut suggested they would move up off that form at the FG and did just that picking up the January allowance win and then the 2/1 “trip” following making an X_FLOW RUSH to finish in a BLANKET at the wire.

OFF THE TURF: #1 JOE THE TAILOR should find the ideal tracking trip sitting inside of "need the lead" (Q1) rivals #3 KAZOOM and #4 HE GONE. Keeping in contact with that pair, the trip suggested on Standard OptixPLOT is still key with the shorter 5.5f distance.

#6 WHISKEYINATEACUP had a look moving to the TURF though holding form and should be running on late (Square). #2 GUNNY SACK should benefit from the start returning this season. While upside can be projected they come into this race lighter on speed figures to date and must step up on that front for the top spot here.

Hawthorne Race 5

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While #7 ROYAL BRO makes since as the favorite in this race, there are others capable of showing up for a top effort in this spot at longer odds, buried form and with recency:

#8 A P BLAZING GREEN has the benefit of the races this season, progressive OptixGRADES and subtle changes returning here. The slight addition of ground, while moving to the outside could assist as far as trip (similar Standard PLOT position shape as ROYAL BRO and #6 BOTE) and reuniting with A. Santos, a rider aboard last season to further overall intent.

#5 LAST RETURN is a bit of a stab as they must run a new top, a much faster race than anything they have recorded to date. With that said, they find a subtle change in class and make the trip up state to run in this spot on the TURF. Physically they look the part to take to the grass and there has been some intent going back to last season for the turf and perhaps that is the change they need to step forward while still a lightly raced 5yo. LAST RETURN also holds early speed and projected longer odds than the other E/EP rivals in #1 BOURBON STREET BOY and #4 LAST MOON the pair in their individual ways taking a step up in class for this event.

Hawthorne Race 6

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#1 STRONGER TOGETHER has a look wheeling right back for this race in what looked as much of PREP coming off the layoff earlier this month. They wheel right back in 10-days, reunite with A. Bendezu, and should be fit noting the TACTIC- and WIDE tracking on a Very Fat (VF) early pace on the day. STRONGER TOGETHER should hold value while landing in a similar Plot position/shape here as rival #6 GLOBAL EMPIRE also back in 10-days picking up a win from a different race on the same card. While capable of pairing wins, should consider value once again with the subtle class change as well as coming off a PERFECT FLOW (VS/Very Slow early/late) race shape.

Looking at the Plot, the early pace should be honest with both #2 PEOPLE FORCE along the inside and #7 BLURT from the outside sitting in Q1 on/above the Par Line as Circles. Sitting in the “cat-bird” seat is *#4 SIXWILLBERICH* and reason to give them a look here while recorded a B- OptixGRADE on 4/23 and while no real “trip” excuse on 5/17 is now in the third start of the cycle/layoff to reasonable suggest a peak effort today.

Hawthorne Race 7

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#6 MY LADY SLEW as a big Q1 Square, the lone runner in the field above the ParLine looks to hold a massive front-end pace advantage in this field. That ABOVE carries in terms of Speed figures and paired with the ABOVE+ designation on Class. The connections see fit to wheel right back in a week for this race, a quick return second off the layoff holding place/B- making a RUSH after the TROUBLE_S and LONE lead stalked by the race winner, Journeyist.

As far as form cycle, **#3 LOTTA ROSES** should be sitting on a peak effort third off the layoff. Their form cycle started with the turf intention on 5/7, a PREP that day while in against open company and staying in the race with the event moved to the main track. Following that effort and back to the turf with F&M improved with the B-OptixGRADE and regular rider, A. Bendezu back aboard forward on 5/21. #4 APRIL'S GEM also wheeling back from that 5/21 common race and place finish back at the 7.5f distance where they have been effective though on a long campaign without a win since August 2024.

#9 MEMPHIS CASH QUEEN looks very live not only drawing in as MTO for this race but also in terms of form cycle with the PREP STRETCH in the sprint return on 5/10 to return to a top and competitive effort here.