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Jim Miller's Hawthorne Selections – Thoroughbred Racing

Friday, March 15

Race 1

1st – #4 – Devil's Rule (Presser) – Took action in debut and encountered a troubled trip. Like that he has three drills toward return and stretched out in most recent work.

2nd – #6 – Silent Be Dale (1st Timer) – One of two Watkins runners in here. Wonder if Rosie's Flame tossed in to make race go for this one. Sharp work leading into this race.

3rd – #3 – Prince Abubu (Presser) – Have to figure he will be forwardly placed. Comes out of races against tougher last fall with mixed results. Speedy drill on February 27.

Race 2

1st – #3 – Contraction (Speed) – Not a whole lot of speed in this field. Distance could suit as he may be able to relax on lead early & hold on late.

2nd – #2 – Sacramento Q (Stalker) – Clearly the horse to beat in here as he just missed at this level to close out last meet. Working well and Perez horses usually solid in spring.

3rd – #6 – J Z's Last Try (Presser) – This is the other possible pace horse that is worth a look. Continued running in winter when others got some time off.

Race 3

1st – #2 – American Holiday (Stalker) – Ran solid consistent races here in the fall and comes in off a speedy half mile drill into this race. Gets enough pace to close into.

2nd – #3 – Lu Sea (Presser) – Curious to see if she shows more speed as she did in her start two back as she easily handled a short field.

3rd – #4 – Hide and Street (Presser) – Ran a big race in her final start of the fall as she grinded out a victory. Has won only start at this distance.

Race 4

1st – #6 – Roul The Ice (1st Timer) – Debuts with Lasix and has been working consistently and sharply into this race. Don't be surprised if he shows some speed first time out.

2nd – #1 – Temple Zip (Presser) – Overdue for the maiden breaker but has shown some early foot in her last two starts. Just one work toward return leaves some concern.

3rd – #5 – Prudent Hero (Closer) – Showed signs of life in his final three starts of the fall meet. Another with only one work toward return but could pick up pieces late.

Race 5

1st – #6 – Frosty Friend (Stalker) – Really tough to figure if she is ready to roll off just one short drill. Pace setup should be perfect though as there is speed that can come back.

2nd – #5 – Margarita Attack (Presser) – May have an advantage over others in here as she has three works leading toward the return. Just needs to rate and run on late.

3rd – #3 – Miss Galilee (Speed) – One of a few in here that can show some speed. Big maiden win followed by a solid second in her final start of fall. May be better at two turns.

Race 6

1st – #3 – Arctic Vortex (Stalker) – Curious to see if she will need a race coming into here. She gets some pace to her outside to chase and also picks up Valdivia in the saddle.

2nd – #1 – Mckinli's babyblues (Stalker) – Another that should be settling back and looking to run on late. Fitness no issues as she has three works leading into this race.

3rd – #5 – Bob's Mistress (Presser) – Likely to rate close early and she returns off a solid drill into this race. Best career races have come at this distance.

Race 7

1st – #4 – Savemethelastdance (Presser) – Consistent drills leading toward his return. Strong at the distance and should get some pace to settle just behind.

2nd – #6 – Cashel Rock (Stalker) – If there is more of a pace battle upfront, it will clearly help his chances. He figures to settle and close with a rush late.

3rd – #5 – Elwood's Advice (Stalker) – Raced well early last year before tailing off a bit recently. Have to think though that those Oaklawn races came up quite tough.

Race 8

1st – #5 – Trident Hero (Stalker) – Winless last year but comes in fit off two good races in Louisiana. Was able to get a work over the track after shipping back into town.

2nd – #2 – Roarin Missile (Stalker) – Early in his career he was a speedy one early. As he has gotten older he has learned to rate and run on late. Hard grinding 12yo.

3rd – #7 – My Curby (Closer) – Figures put him in a spot where he should be quite tough. Curious though to see if he will get enough pace to close into here.