Handicapping Analysis
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Howard's Late Pick 4

Hawthorne Race 7

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Race 7: 4 - 1 - 5

Late Pick 4 Ticket: 1,4,5 / 1,4,5 / 3,4,7 / 1,3,9 ($40.50)

“Flagfall to that’s all”....that should be the plan for **#4 Strange Arrange (7-2).** According to Timeform US Early Pace figures, he’s completely loose on the lead. Now, there are concerns he can’t get the 6 ½ furlongs, because he’s given it up late several times. But if he does get to the lead comfortably and can slow it down even a little bit, he’ll be tough to catch...and won’t be favored either.

Race 8: 4 - 5 - 1

I don’t like to pick so many morning-line favorites as I am today, but ML-maker Jim Miller is spot on, and **#4 Get N Tipsy (9-5)** just seems like a likely winner. The Haran-trained 7yo comes in from Indiana in very fine form, and she’s consistently good at this level. Jockey Burgos knows this horse and keeps the mount, so that’s a positive.

Race 9: 3 - 4 - 7

#3 The Ridge (4-1) is not the most talented horse in Rivelli’s barn. But, he has plenty of speed and has been rested up a bit for this affair. Plus, he’s faced tougher than most of the field and has every right to improve today. He might need to sit a bit off of the horse just to his outside, but I like Cohen in the saddle. He’ll break well and make some decisions...doesn’t have to have the lead today.

Race 10: 1 - 3 - 9

When a trainer is 3/62 on the meet, I’m a bit leery. However, Trainer Childers lures excellent jockey David Cohen to ride his horse, **#1 Schmoozin (5-1)**, coming in from downstate. He’s the class of the field and should be able to sit a decent trip just off the speed. His speed figures are simply better than most today on a consistent basis.