Handicapping Analysis
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Howard's Late Pick 4

Hawthorne Race 7

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Race 7: 6 - 1 - 7

Late Pick 4 Ticket: 1,6,7 / 6,8,11 / 5,8 / 2,3 ($18)

WIthout too much intel on the first-time starters, I'll just stick with the one that has run the most consistently, **#6 Laly (8-5)**. She'll show her usual early speed, and a firster is not live or doesn't break well, Laly could be long gone. I would NOT take too low a price on her if a newcomer is taking lots of money. In fact, I have a feeling the #1 Isabella's Beauty could be a nice Ill-bred. Her works are good enough, but the rail is not ideal for a firster.

Race 8: 6 - 8 - 11

Cheaper claimers on the sod go 8f.....**#6 Silky Warrior (5-1)** is interesting on close examination. Although she's 4-for-5 on fast dirt, she also has two wins on the synthetic and two wins on the turf, so she's versatile. The new trainer reaches out to Felix, and this gal has run big numbers on the turf before, as recent as Oct. of '23. If she can remember what the green feels like beneath her hooves, she stands a good chance today at a price.

Race 9: 5 - 8 - 4

If **#5 Hurts So Bad (9-2)** can just get to the top without having to battle, maybe he'll win one of these $5k claiming sprint races. He's the speed of the speed today, and although is 3-for-35 lifetime, can be brave if loose. This is an "'all-or-nothing" type. Apprentice jockey Slevinsky needs to hustle the him out of the gate for any chance today.

Race 10: 2 - 3 - 4

A good allowance field ends today's card....**#2 Man On Attack (5-2)**, and Ill-bred, has really come on lately. He has good tactical speed and a great post to show it. I don't like that he's a bit camera-shy (2 wins in 20 lifetime starts), but is 5-for-7 in the money on turf. If the #5 sends, he can just sit off of that one....if not, you'll see the gelding potentially on the lead in a slow-paced race.