Handicapping Analysis
Sun September 1st, 2024

Howard's Late Pick 4

Hawthorne Race 6

Post Time 4:30 PM CST

Analysis by Howard Kravets

Race 6: 6 - 7 - 2

Pick 4 Ticket: 2,6,7 / 2,3,5,7 / 2,3,7 / 3,5 ($36)

Lower-level maidens are not easy to predict, but **#6 Malibu Brad (2-1)** seems too logical. He's got enough early speed to put into the game early and is the fastest on paper. Tread lightly on the win end…these are not the most reliable horses running around the oval.

Race 7: 7 - 3 - 5

There's plenty of early gas in this 5 1/2f turf sprint, so I'll choose **#7 American Mayhem (2-1)** to run down the speed. Last time, they tried to stretch him out to 8 ½f and it just didn't work out. His two previous turf sprints at this distance vs. tougher in Kentucky were very good.

Race 8: 7 - 2 - 3

Tricky race going the unusual distance of 1 3/16th. Many can win, with not much separating them. I usually wouldn't go with a horse that beat these last time, but **#7 Global Empire (9-2)** broke a bit slow and still ran them down. Perhaps the extra distance was the key and will only help the son of American Pharoah out of an A.P. Indy…bred to run all day long.

Race 9: 3 - 5 - 8

#3 Ww Best of Times (9-2) ran credibly last time into to a VERY hot pace that collapsed late. Although she lost the battle, she might have won the war in the sense than she's much tighter now and has experience going two turns on the grass. I'm wondering if she'll be ridden a bit more patiently by Travis Wales. There's not much to go on in this field….I'm expecting big improvement today.