

## NY Hot List races to watch – Saturday, January 27, 2024 at Aqueduct

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### Hot List Key:

**A:** A preferred horse to watch

**B:** Secondary horse to watch

**\*C:** Went down 2 or more betting notches and finished 1st through 3rd

**\*D:** Went down 2 or more betting notches and finished 4<sup>th</sup> or worst

**\*** - 4 or more betting notches if 11-1 or more.

**2<sup>nd</sup> race** [C1m 16000, 1 mi] – (8) **Keystone Field** (D) took late money last time dropping from 6-1 to 7-2, finished fourth, and takes another move down in class. (7) **Simply** returned from a nine month layoff in a second-level NY-bred allowance and clearly needed a race. Before the break he won a state-bred allowance with a speed figure that makes him a win contender as he drops in for a tag as a 7-year-old. (6) **Hang Tight** won at this level two races back and cuts back to a mile. (2) **Lord Gatling** had a fast short workout the other day signaling that he is ready to run well as he drops back to the \$16,000 level.

**3<sup>rd</sup> race** [Jimmy Winkfield, 6F] – (3) **Stolen Music** broke his maiden in his third try but did it by almost two lengths while cutting back to a sprint distance after his first two starts were going long. The first was on the turf where he missed by a neck to a talented horse in Agate Road and then was third after setting the pace in a race that was meant for the grass. Trainer Linda Rice won the Winkfield in 2020 and 2003. (5) **Bergen** won his first start at Keeneland for Brad Cox and then rallied from well back against a big field at Churchill Downs to get up for second going a mile. (2) **Iridescent** is the only horse in the field that has won twice. He was a debut winner while racing for Cox in Kentucky. Cox brought him to Aqueduct where he ran second and got claimed for \$50,000 from an optional claiming allowance by David Jacobson. He kicked clear to win an allowance by more than three lengths in his first start for the new trainer. (4) **Air Cav** is another Cox runner that won his debut and that was at Horseshoe Indiana in August. He was then a distant fifth in the Champagne (G1).

**6<sup>th</sup> race** [Md Sp Wt, 7F] – (3) **You're Forever** (B) finished second in her debut well ahead of the rest of the field and was claimed. (8) **Value Area** has four second-place finishes in a row, twice behind return winners for Todd Pletcher and gets first-time Lasix. (4) **Martingale** was an odds-on favorite in both starts for Chad Brown and cuts back in distance for her third race. (7) **Shake the Sugar** was second in her debut at Laurel Park as the favorite for Brittany Russell.

**7<sup>th</sup> race** [OC 62k/N2X, 1 mi] – (7) **Bold Endeavor** (B) was blocked at the eighth pole and rallied for third once clear and got beaten by a half-length. (6) **Maker's Candy** won through the NY-bred allowance conditions and then beat open company in a first-level allowance with the best speed figure in today's field. (5) **Un Ojo** was a winner of the 2022 Rebel (G2) and just won the second-level state-bred allowance at Aqueduct last month. (3) **Champions Dream** comes back from an August layoff and makes his first start for Rick Dutrow. He won the Nashua (G3) in 2022.

**Best bets:** Keystone Field (2<sup>nd</sup>); Stolen Music (3<sup>rd</sup>). **Best value:** You're Forever (6<sup>th</sup>); Bold Endeavor (7<sup>th</sup>).

### @NYHotList Saturday Pick 3 Special --

The Saturday Special \$1 Pick 3 covers races 2-4 and includes the Jimmy Winkfield → 2, 3, 6, 7, 8 with 3, 5 with 2, 3, 8 = \$30.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Letter</u> <u>last race</u>	<u>Today's</u> <u>Race</u>	<u>Comments</u>
(8)	Keystone Field	D on 1/12	2	Drops down again after getting claimed.
(3)	You're Forever	B on 11/12	6	Second in her debut well ahead of the rest.
(7)	Bold Endeavor	B on 12/29	7	Blocked at the eighth pole, rallied for third once clear.