

NY Hot List races to watch – Friday, January 26, 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 4th or worse

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

4th race [CIm 40000 N2L, 7F] – (8) **G Munning** (B) lost all chance after he reared up at the break and then got checked badly. He also got claimed. (1) **Aaraj** was a debut maiden special weight winner at Gulfstream Park, tried the Swale (G3), and was third in an allowance. He has been off since July and drops into the N2L for the first time as he changes barns to Rick Dutrow. (4) **Notah** was also maiden special weight winner that has been racing against much tougher horses and moves to a claimer for the first time. (5) **Bad to the Bones** will make his first start for the N2L condition for Bill Mott with consistent speed figures that top this field.

5th race [Alw 50000s, 6 ½ F] – (6) **She's Awesome** has six top three finishes in a row with the three most recent in these starter allowances. (8) **Roman Goddess** has three show finishes at this level and had to race seven wide last time out. (7) **Mouly** was second last time in the starter allowance after winning a N2L condition. (5) **Stop Giggling** is lightly raced with an open length victory in a maiden claimer and a third in a starter allowance.

7th race [NY, Alw 72000 N1X, 6F] – (7) **Sandy's Garden** (D) raced on the far outside pressing the pace and got the lead and faded after getting bet down from 11-1 to 5-1. (1) **Ghostbustin** raced twice and was second by a neck and then a winner by 2 ½ lengths three weeks ago. (4) **George's Vice** has two front-end wins since a seven-month layoff for Linda Rice. (6) **Voleuse** rallied late last time to finish third in her first start since breaking her maiden.

9th race [NY, Md 30000, 1 mi] – (8) **Watch Hill** tried a maiden special weight after setting the pace and running second at this level. (3) **Wafir** was second in his last two starts in these maiden claimers. (1) **Runandscore** returns to NY-bred company after a pair of seconds in open company at other tracks. In the spring he was second in a maiden special weight. (2) **Sin Nombre** ran in the top three at this level in his last three races.

Best bets: She's Awesome (5th); Watch Hill (9th). **Best Value:** G Munning (4th); Sandy's Garden (7th).

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Letter/ last race</u>	<u>Today's Race</u>	<u>Comments</u>
(8)	G Munning	B on 12/9	4	Lost all chance at the start and got claimed.
(7)	Sandy's Garden	D on 12/29	7	Raced wide, had the lead, and faded.