

Today's Keeneland Hot List races to watch

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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 in the final 3 minutes 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.

3rd race – (1) **Wupkar** takes a big class drop and should prevail from the rail. (7) La Tourista will welcome a return to dirt. (2) Atlantic Strike might wake up in this spot. (4) Abitibi has speed and may hang on until the end.

5th race – (3) **Freedom's Way** in is top form and gets the nod in a tight field. (10) Greek Order deserves a long look in his U.S. debut. (1) Escape Artist is prepping nicely for his first start since September stakes try. (9) Dude N Colorado makes his first start for Maker and will be a threat here.

8th race – (3) **Dreamlike** makes his 2024 debut after closing last year with back-to-back starts in Grade 1 stakes. (10) Cagliostro is another stakes runner making his 2024 debut and merits attention. (5) Game Warden should pose a late threat. (6) Brigade Commander could be tough to catch here.

9th race – The Baird Doubledogdare Stakes (G3) – (3) **Scyllas** missed by a neck after a long layoff and seems ready for her stakes debut. (1) Raging Sea will benefit from a rail trip. (4) Loved could be a force on the front end. (6) Hidden Connection can be a factor on her best try.

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