

**NY Hot List races to watch – Thursday, April 18, 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.

**1<sup>st</sup> race** [NY, Md 30000, 1 mi] – (6) **Our Reward** appreciated the added distance out to a mile as she improved dramatically to set the pace and finish second. (3) **Jingle Jangle** will make her first start of the year after two starts in maiden special weights and she was 3-1 in her debut. (4) **Krystalheir** had her best finish when she dropped into a claimer for the first time. (2) **Khali's Storm** was second and third in her last two starts which were at the lowest level for NY-bred maidens of \$25,000.

**4<sup>th</sup> race** [Clm 16000 N2L, 6F] – (2) **Dads Good Runner** was on the lead and finished second three races back when racing at this level. His last two were in much tougher company. (3) **Vaunted** ran his best two races recently including his maiden breaker for \$30,000. This N2L condition is the right spot for him to come right back and contend for the win. (1) **South Street** and (1A) **G Munning** are both win contenders at this level. (6) **Gun Maestro** set the pace last time and finished third.

**6<sup>th</sup> race** [Clm 32000, 6F] – (4) **Speights Dance** broke her maiden for \$40,000 back in January and that did not appreciate the muddy and sealed track at Aqueduct. This race is restricted to 3-year-old fillies. (7) **You're Forever** found the right spot when she broke her maiden last month for a \$50,000 tag. She stepped up to a starter allowance just a week ago and did little running in a spot that was asking too much. (3) **Tavin** was a front-end winner last month after dropping down to a \$20,000 claimer. (2) **Kkozy Colby** was also a winner at \$20,000 while running on the lead but that was at Laurel Park.

**7<sup>th</sup> race** [NY, Alw 72000 N1X, 6F] – (5) **Foxy Cara** should get an ideal pace set-up for her closing style in this race that is loaded with horses that prefer to run as part of the early pace. (7) **Mouly** was effective with a stalking trip two races back against open company and she should fit this spot. (1) **Athena Beach** and (1A) **Newsdley** both come back from layoffs and have plenty of early speed. (4) **Meraviglioso** won two claimers in a row and then stepped up to a starter allowance and finished third.

**Best bets:** Our Reward (1<sup>st</sup>); Foxy Cara (7<sup>th</sup>). **Best value:** Dads Good Runner (4<sup>th</sup>); Speights Dance (6<sup>th</sup>).

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