

NY Hot List races to watch – Friday, April 19, 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 worst

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

3rd race [OC50k/SAL50k, 6F] – (3) **Dylan's Ruby** was a debut winner at Parx in a \$50,000 maiden claimer at 5-2 and then ran second in an allowance three weeks ago. (2) **Mad Banker** broke his maiden against NY-breds and then has been competitive in tough company since then. This seems to be a softer spot. (1) **Stormquist** and (1A) **Remember the Name** make a Linda Rice entry where both are win contenders. (6) **Heard On Thetstreet** won a \$20,000 maiden claimer by eight lengths three weeks ago.

5th race [Md 40000, 6 ½ F] – (5) **Don Vino Vici** (B) got bumped and fouled resulting in getting moved up to second by disqualification and was claimed for \$40,000. (1) **Play** will make the move from maiden special weight to claimer which is a move in which Linda Rice has gaudy statistics winning at 53% of her last 15 starters. (7) **Polish Up** made his debut back in August at 9-1 and finished third for a barn that does very well following long layoffs. (6) **Betta Go Go Go** has hit the board in 5 out of his first 6 starts in Florida and changes barns with the move to New York.

6th race [Clm 25000 N2L, 1 mi] – (5) **Principe d'Oro** will drop into a N2L claimer for the first time for Rice with good performances against much better last year. (1) **Ice Road** was third and then second in his last two races for the N2L condition. (3) **Beary Funny** got claimed from his last starts which were a maiden claiming win and a third in the N2L level. (2) **Petrolo** made one start this year last month and set the pace for a \$40,000 tag.

8th race [NY, Md 30000, 1 mi] – (9) **Irie Man** (A) had a bad break where he ducked in and ended up last. He moved up and got into contention but stalled out in fourth. (8) **Janssen** pressed the pace and finished second in his last two starts in maiden claimers. (4) **I'm Just** has been off since August when he was a voided claim for \$40,000. He comes back as a new gelding with the blinkers off. (3) **Watch Hill** was second at this level last month when he broke a step slowly and then rallied.

Best bets: Dylan's Ruby (3rd); Principe d'Oro (6th). **Best value:** Don Vino Vici (5th); Irie Man (8th).

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Letter</u> <u>last race</u>	<u>Today's</u> <u>Race</u>	<u>Comments</u>
(5)	Don Vino Vici	B on 3/15	5	Moved up to second after getting bumped and fouled.
(9)	Irie Man	A on 3/16	8	Ducked in at the break, moved from last to fourth.