

**NY Hot List races to watch – Thursday, April 25, 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** [CIm 40000 N2L, 1 mi] – (4) **Masterwork** (A) broke slowly, rushed up to the lead, faded badly against tougher competition, and drops back to the claiming ranks. (6) **Luceny** ran his two best races this year in the winter with a maiden special weight victory followed by a second in an allowance. Three weeks ago, he was sixth and now will drop into a claimer for the first time. (3) **Andy Cant** made two starts this year with a maiden win for a \$20,000 tag last month. (5) **Barnstorming** was second, beaten by a neck, in his last start in a N2L \$25,000 race where he was a voided claim.

**3<sup>rd</sup> race** [CIm 25000 N2L, 6F] – (7) **Lady Banker** (B) made a rally going three-wide on a track that was favoring inside paths and finished second. (6) **First Class Cat** moved from a maiden claiming win to get to the lead in a N2L spot and ended up second. (5) **Frannie Lew** was also a maiden claiming winner and then was second in a N2L condition. After a pair of starter allowances, she will go back in for a tag. (1) **Moonlit Weekend** broke her maiden for a \$30,000 tag last time by more than two lengths.

**5<sup>th</sup> race** [NY, Alw 72000 N1X, 1 mi] – (1) **Scoring Chase** broke her maiden by almost five lengths in her debut race in November. She has been off since trying the first-level allowance a month later. (3) **Shigeko** moved back to face NY-breds again in an allowance where she had a pair of fourth-place finishes a couple of races back. (4) **Smokie Eyes** has been off since December when she was second in an allowance going nine furlongs. (5) **Echo in Eternity** returned from a seven month layoff and broke her maiden in her second start last month.

**8<sup>th</sup> race** [NY, Md Sp Wt, 6F TURF] – (9) **Tongue Twister** (B) was second in his only start in October which was a turf sprint. He gets first-time Lasix and ultimately may be best going long. (7) **Heavenly Girl** was second in her debut at Saratoga after getting the lead in the stretch. She will make her 2024 debut with first-time Lasix. (3) **Rookie League** will make her first career start for the Chad Brown and Klaravich Stables team. (6) **Kant Call It** made her first start in July at Saratoga at 7-2, got to the lead, and finished fourth behind two good horses that came back to win. She, too, will make her first start this year with Lasix.

**Best bets:** Masterwork (1<sup>st</sup>); Scoring Chance (5<sup>th</sup>). **Best value:** Lady Banker (3<sup>rd</sup>); Tongue Twister (8<sup>th</sup>).

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(4)	Masterwork	A on 3/2	1	Broke poorly, rushed up, and drops back to claiming.
(7)	Lady Banker	B on 4/7	3	Raced wide for second on an inside favoring track.
(9)	Tongue Twister	B on 10/29	8	Ran second in her only start which was a turf sprint.