

NY Hot List races to watch – Friday, April 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 worst

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

1st race [Md 75000, 1 mi] – (3) **Login Required** crossed the finish line first last time in a maiden special weight but got disqualified and placed second after some bumping in the stretch. He drops into a claimer for the first time in here. (4) **Get It to Matthew** was fifth in his debut in February after setting the early pace in a maiden special weight where the winner came right back to win again. (7) **Venge** dropped into a claimer where he set the pace, finished second, and got claimed. (8) **Have You Heard** was also claimed in his last start when he dropped for a tag for the first time.

3rd race [Clm 10000, 1 mi] – (10) **Durkin's Call** (A) tossed his head at the start, had to steady, got far back, and then rallied for second. (2) **Daddy Knows** won his last start with a front-end effort for a \$12,500 tag. Six of his nine career victories were at Aqueduct. (5) **Funkenstein** was claimed last time which was following a couple month layoff. He drops in for the lowest level in the past couple years. (6) **Hang Tight** has been running against better recently and drops in for the \$10,000.

6th race [NY, Md Sp Wt, 6F TURF] – (3) **Art of Courage** moved from dirt to turf a year ago, set the pace, and just missed a win. He comes back now from that long layoff. (1) **Instamatic** had a pair of turf seconds last year and comes back as a new gelding with first-time Lasix after training in Florida. (9) **Hard Par** returns from a winter layoff and three starts on the grass including two at Saratoga. (5) **Real No** will make his debut for Repole and St. Elias Stables.

8th race [NY, Md Sp Wt, 1 mi TURF] – (5) **Short Shift** had her best start last year in her lone turf race which was at Belmont Park in June. (10) **Alittlebitnaughty** finished fourth and then third last year in her only starts which were on the turf. (4) **Better Be Smart** was well bet in her starts this spring and finished third both times and now tries the grass. (9) **Tossed** will make her debut for Colts Neck Stable with good turf breeding.

Best bets: Login Required (1st); Short Shift (8th). **Best value:** Durkin's Call (3rd); Art of Courage (6th).

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Letter</u> <u>last race</u>	<u>Today's</u> <u>Race</u>	<u>Comments</u>
(10)	Durkin's Call	A on 4/14	3	Got far back after a troubled start and rallied for second.