

DERBYWATCH

HORSE SIRE	WATCHMAKER ODDS	POOL 1 ODDS	BEST BEYER	OWNER, TRAINER, AND JOCKEY	LAST RACE, RESULT, AND BEYER	NEXT LIKELY RACE, TRACK, AND DATE	JAY PRIVMAN AND MIKE WATCHMAKER'S COMMENTS
DECLAN'S MOON <i>by Malibu Moon</i>	6-1	9-1	107s	Jay Em Ess Stable R. Ellis/V. Espinoza	Hol. Futurity, 12/18 1st by 1, 96	Santa Catalina, 1 1/16 m Santa Anita, 3/5	Privman: Eclipse Award, proven distance ability make him a worthy favorite. Watchmaker: His route win in Hol. Futurity was more difficult than I expected.
ROCKPORT HARBOR <i>by Unbridled's Song</i>	8-1	13-1	102	Fox Hill Farms Inc. J. Servis/S. Elliott	Remsen, 11/27 1st by a neck, 102	Rebel, 1 1/16 m Oaklawn, 3/19	P: Last year's Derby-winning duo of Servis, Elliott have another live one. W: He and Afleet Alex make the Arkansas route to Derby tougher than ever.
AFLEET ALEX <i>by Northern Afleet</i>	10-1	15-1	102s	Cash is King LLC T. Ritchey/J. Velazquez	BC Juvenile, 10/30 2nd by 3/4, 97	Rebel, 1 1/16 m Oaklawn, 3/19	P: Had excellent 2yo campaign, but only had first 2005 work on Wednesday. W: Could have easily been 2yo champ; just not sure about him at 1 1/4 miles.
WILKO <i>by Awesome Again</i>	12-1	23-1	98	J. P., R. & S. Reddam C. Dollase/C. Nakatani	Hol. Futurity, 12/18 3rd by 1, 94	Santa Catalina, 1 1/16 m Santa Anita, 3/5	P: Certainly battle-tested after 12-race, two-continent campaign last year. W: Won BC Juvenile; you know how well BC Juvenile winners do in Derby.
ROMAN RULER <i>by Fusaichi Pegasus</i>	15-1	18-1	106s	Fog City Stable B. Baffert/J. Bailey	BC Juvenile, 10/30 5th by 3 3/4, 91	Santa Catalina, 3/5, or E. C. R. Dby, 3/12	P: Quarter crack kept him out of San Vicente; should be seen in a few weeks. W: Like top four, he'll now have just two preps; that's worked once in 57 years.
SUN KING <i>by Charismatic</i>	15-1	19-1	97	Tracy Farmer N. Zito/E. Prado	BC Juvenile, 10/30 3rd by 1, 96	Allowance Gulfstream	P: Ran well in Champagne, BC Juvenile; has all his allowance conditions. W: Doesn't have to improve a lot to be a serious contender against these.
GIACOMO <i>by Holy Bull</i>	20-1	25-1	98	Mr. & Mrs. J. Moss J. Shirreffs/M. Smith	Sham, 2/5 3rd by 1 1/4, 98	Santa Catalina, 3/5, or San Felipe, 3/19	P: Hol. Futurity runner-up hung a bit in Sham, but may have needed race. W: Lost more ground than he was beaten in Sham; merits some respect.
HIGH FLY <i>by Atticus</i>	20-1	28-1	100	Live Oak Plantation N. Zito/undecided	Holy Bull, 2/5 3rd by 2, 95	Fountain of Youth, 3/5, or Gotham, 3/19	P: As much as I admire Zito, what in the world did Bill White do wrong? W: Hurt by wide trip in last, but still didn't have the kick he had in Aventura.
SWEET CATOMINE (F) <i>by Storm Cat</i>	20-1	21-1	102	Mr. & Mrs. M. Wygod J. Canani/C. Nakatani	Santa Ysabel, 1/16 1st by 2 1/2, 88	SA Oaks, 1 1/16 m Santa Anita, 3/13	P: Generation's top filly has size, scope, talent to merit serious consideration. W: There's a reason why only three fillies have won the Derby: it's not easy.
BANDINI <i>by Fusaichi Pegasus</i>	25-1	20-1	90	M. Tabor & D. Smith T. Pletcher/J. Velazquez	GP Allowance, 2/5 1st by 9, 90	Fountain of Youth, 3/5, or Louisiana Dby, 3/12	P: Crushed first-level GP allowance field for second straight win. Getting good. W: Don't expect him to fail against stakes company like barnmate Harlington.
DON'T GET MAD <i>by Stephen Got Even</i>	25-1	2-1f	90s	B. Wayne Hughes R. Ellis/T. Baze	San Vicente, 2/13 2nd by 1, 89	San Felipe, 1 1/16 m Santa Anita, 3/19	P: Had no pace to run at in San Vicente, yet closed with a big turn of foot. W: Also liked how he galloped out in San Vicente; very intriguing possibility.
GOING WILD <i>by Golden Missile</i>	25-1	28-1	104s	Robert & Beverly Lewis D. W. Lukas/R. Bejarano	Sham, 2/5 1st by 1, 100	Santa Catalina, 1 1/16 m Santa Anita, 3/5	P: Has improved significantly since arriving at SA; brave victory in the Sham. W: Like to see him rate, because I can't see him going wire-to-wire at CD.
HIGH LIMIT <i>by Maria's Mon</i>	25-1	29-1	90s	Gary & Mary West R. Frankel/R. Dominguez	Del Allowance, 10/24 1st by 7 3/4, 88	Swale, 3/5, or GP Allowance	P: Scored two runaway wins at Delaware before moving to Frankel. Beware. W: Hey, Afleet Alex started out at Delaware, too; there's a lot of buzz on him.
PROUD ACCOLADE <i>by Yes It's True</i>	25-1	35-1	100	Padua Stables T. Pletcher/J. Velazquez	Hutcheson, 2/5 1st by 4 1/2, 93	Louisiana Dby, 1 1/16 m Fair Grounds, 3/12	P: Brilliant around one turn, but still have to question his two-turn ability. W: Valid question, but Smarty Jones faced the distance question last spring.
CONSOLIDATOR <i>by Storm Cat</i>	30-1	32-1	94	Robert & Beverly Lewis D. W. Lukas/V. Espinoza	San Vicente, 2/13 4th by 2 1/2, 86	San Felipe, 1 1/16 m Santa Anita, 3/19	P: Perhaps he'll bounce back next time, but San Vicente was disappointing. W: There are those who weren't that surprised; he still has much to prove.
CLOSING ARGUMENT <i>by Successful Appeal</i>	30-1	53-1	98	Philip & Marcia Cohen K. McLaughlin/C. Velasquez	Holy Bull, 2/5 1st by 1 1/2, 98	Fountain of Youth, 3/5, or UAE Derby, 3/26	P: Benefited from inside draw, High Fly's trip, to score Holy Bull upset. W: Don't know how strong Holy Bull was; his pedigree doesn't shout Derby.
GALLOPING GROCER <i>by A. P. Jet</i>	30-1	39-1	102	Rosenthal & Waldbaum D. Schettino/undecided	Whirlaway, 2/12 4th by 1 3/4, 92	Ftn of Youth, 1 1/8 m Gulfstream, 3/5	P: Extremely disappointing as the heavy favorite in first start of the year. W: Had no business losing the Whirlaway if he was as good as advertised.
LOST IN THE FOG <i>by Lost Soldier</i>	30-1	21-1	109s	Harry Aleo G. Gilchrist/R. Baze	Sun. Mill. Dash, 1/29 1st by 4 1/2, 102	Swale, 7 furlongs Gulfstream, 3/5	P: Very fast, but connections are circumspect about going down Derby trail. W: Not an early Derby nominee, which may tell you all you need to know.
SCIPION <i>by A. P. Indy</i>	30-1	2-1f	89	Virginia Kraft Payson LLC P. Biancone/G. Stevens	Risen Star, 2/12 1st by 1 1/4, 89	Louisiana Dby, 1 1/16 m Fair Grounds, 3/12	P: Got the hot, contested pace he needs, and came flying to win Risen Star. W: More than him really flying, the Risen Star seemed to fall apart late.
SPANISH CHESTNUT <i>by Horse Chestnut</i>	30-1	39-1	94s	D. Smith & M. Tabor P. Biancone/G. Stevens	San Rafael, 1/15 1st by 3/4, 93	Santa Catalina, 1 1/16 m Santa Anita, 3/5	P: Has same style as 2004 Derby runner-up Lion Heart, but isn't as brilliant. W: Has a license to improve, and must to crack the upper echelon here.
FUSAICHI ROCK STAR <i>by Wild Wonder</i>	40-1	2-1f	91s	Fusao Sekiguchi B. Baffert/D. Flores	San Vicente, 2/13 1st by 1, 91	Santa Catalina, 3/5, or Louisiana Dby, 3/12	P: San Vicente showed he's over breathing problems that plagued him at 2. W: He won San Vicente, but the eye-catcher was runner-up Don't Get Mad.
GREATER GOOD <i>by Intidab</i>	40-1	39-1	91	Lewis Lakin R. Holthus/J. McKee	Ky. Jockey Club, 11/27 1st by 1 3/4, 91	Southwest, 1 mile Oaklawn, 2/19	P: Won stake at CD last fall, and acts like Derby distance will be up his alley. W: Two for two at two turns, but neither of those stakes wins were quick.
NAUGHTY NEW YORKER <i>by Quiet American</i>	40-1	2-1f	95	Fox Ridge Farm Inc. P. Kelly/J. Samyn	Whirlaway, 2/12 2nd by a neck, 95	undecided	P: Continuing to progress in sure, steady fashion for old-school trainer. W: Needs his rally timed right, but all of his two-turn races are good.
SORT IT OUT <i>by Out of Place</i>	40-1	2-1f	95	Preferred Pals Stable A. Iwinski/T. Thornton	Whirlaway, 2/12 1st by a neck, 95	undecided	P: Not yet nominated to Derby, but Whirlaway win should pay for late fee. W: Need to see another stakes score before believing he really belongs.
STORM SURGE <i>by Storm Cat</i>	50-1	71-1	91s	Overbrook Farm D. Stewart/R. Albarado	Risen Star, 2/12 3rd by 1 1/2, 86	Louisiana Dby, 1 1/16 m Fair Grounds, 3/12	P: Did best of those nearest pace in Risen Star; still think he's a cut below. W: Ran just well enough in his last to keep his name among the top 25.

Horses are listed in order of Watchmaker odds

Pool 1 closing odds for Churchill Future Wager rounded down

(F) filly; (s) Top Beyer Figure in a sprint