

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'S 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: Early favorite puts unbeaten string on line in 2005 debut Saturday. Watchmaker: Very interested to see the progress he has made from 2 to 3.
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: Foot troubles were alleviated quickly; still on schedule to make the Rebel. W: Does Galloping Grocer's Whirlaway flop make you think twice about him?
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: Based on length of recent works, he had plenty of conditioning beforehand. W: He still has few works; I wonder if he'll have the necessary foundation.
SUN KING <i>by Charismatic</i>	10-1	19-1	104	Tracy Farmer N. Zito/E. Prado	GP Allowance, 2/26 1st by 5 3/4, 104	Tampa Bay Dby, 1 1/16 m Tampa Bay Downs, 3/19	P: Looked absolutely super in return; definitely has progressed from 2 to 3. W: What's also appealing is he's the only one of the top 6 in line for 3 preps.
WILKO <i>by Awesome Again</i>	12-1	23-1	98	J. P. Reddam & S. Roy C. Dollase/C. Nakatani	Hol. Futurity, 12/18 3rd by 1, 94	San Felipe, 1 1/16 m Santa Anita, 3/19	P: Recent wet weather will delay his 2005 debut two weeks to San Felipe. W: He will have only two prep races; that's worked just once in 57 years.
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	Gotham, or San Felipe, 3/19	P: May finally be able to train properly if rainy weather has left California. W: If he goes in the Gotham, that means he will have just one two-turn prep.
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	San Felipe, 1 1/16 m Santa Anita, 3/19	P: Lost a front shoe in Sham, but was lucky it didn't do any serious damage. W: Was also compromised by a wide trip in the Sham; grinder is interesting.
HIGH FLY <i>by Atticus</i>	20-1	28-1	100	Live Oak Plantation N. Zito/J. Bailey	Holy Bull, 2/5 3rd by 2, 95	Ftn of Youth, 1 1/8 m Gulfstream, 3/5	P: Will get another chance around two turns in Saturday's Fountain of Youth. W: Zito is on a roll now with his 3-year-olds; that certainly doesn't hurt any.
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: If she dominates in the SA Oaks, she could then face boys in SA Derby. W: Tough for a filly to win this, but two out of the last eight filly starters did win.
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: Pletcher prefers Fountain of Youth, but will scratch if he draws outside post. W: Yes, that run to the first turn in 1 1/8-mile races at GP is awfully short.
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: Sharp races at SA make him a worthy rival this week vs. Declan's Moon. W: Still not sure how good he really is, but it is plainly obvious he has heart.
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	Louisiana Dby, 1 1/16 m Fair Grounds, 3/12	P: Needs graded stakes earnings, so allowance races are out, La. Derby is in. W: If he makes CD, it will be off two 2005 preps, and only four career starts.
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: Looks like there will be a big field in La. Derby; better hope for a good post. W: There's a decent run to the first turn; it's the extra turn that is a concern.
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: Lukas blamed himself for disappointing comeback in the San Vicente. W: Had two bullet works going into that race; should he have worked faster?
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	Florida Derby, 1 1/8 m Gulfstream, 4/2	P: Still on the market; if he stays with McLaughlin, the Florida Derby is next. W: He won a graded stakes at 1 1/8 miles, so the asking price must be high.
GALLOPING GROCER <i>by A. P. Jet</i>	30-1	39-1	102	Rosenthal & Waldbaum D. Schettino/M. Luzzi	Whirlaway, 2/12 4th by 1 3/4, 92	Gotham, 1 mile Aqueduct, 3/19	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.
GOLDEN SHINE <i>by Touch Gold</i>	30-1	2-1f	96	Amerman Racing Stables D. Hofmans/undecided	SA Allowance, 2/16 1st by 7 1/2, 96	San Felipe, 1 1/16 m Santa Anita, 3/19	P: Excellent comeback win; helps make San Felipe another top Calif. prep. W: Has loads of potential, and a fine chance to move way up on this list.
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: If he runs away with the Swale, his connections will have to stretch him out. W: We already know he can sprint, so what new info can the Swale give us?
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: Big test this week facing speedy Going Wild and stalking Declan's Moon. W: In order to pass that test, he must find a way to improve about five lengths.
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	San Felipe, 1 1/16 m Santa Anita, 3/19	P: Baffert says there's "too much speed" in Santa Catalina, so he's waiting. W: That's not exactly a ringing endorsement for at best a marginal candidate.
GREATER GOOD <i>by Intidab</i>	40-1	39-1	91	Lewis Lakin R. Holthus/J. McKee	Southwest, 2/19 1st by 3/4, 85	Rebel, 1 1/16 m Oaklawn, 3/19	P: Started campaign perfectly; won nicely, but left plenty in tank for future. W: He's now three for three around two turns, but has still to run really fast.
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	Louisiana Dby, 3/12, or Gotham, 3/19	P: Kelly wants to keep him around two turns; La. Derby now a possibility. W: All of his two-turn races are good, but needs his big rally timed just right.
STORM SURGE <i>by Storm Cat</i>	50-1	71-1	91s	Overbrook Farm D. Stewart/J. Bailey	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