

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 |
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| DECLAN'S MOON <i>by Malibu Moon</i> | 6-1 | 9-1 | 107s | Jay Em Ess Stable R. Ellis/V. Espinoza | Santa Catalina, 3/5 1st by 2, 96 | Santa Anita Dby, 1 1/8 m Santa Anita, 4/9 | Privman: Beyer was less than Mike desired, but there was more in tank. Watchmaker: Time-wise, he was no better Saturday than he was at 2. |
| AFLEET ALEX <i>by Northern Afleet</i> | 8-1 | 15-1 | 106s | Cash is King LLC T. Ritchey/J. Velazquez | Mountain Valley, 3/5 1st by 2 3/4, 106 | Rebel, 1 1/16 m Oaklawn, 3/19 | P: Sharp return, but couldn't any top 3yo have looked good in that spot? W: The thing is, he did it off two works, and he will now have three preps. |
| 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: Must have his running shoes on now that Afleet Alex came back strong. W: Indeed, the Arkansas route to Kentucky just got a whole lot tougher |
| 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: And, his comeback was hardly overshadowed by the March 5 results. |
| WILKO <i>by Awesome Again</i> | 15-1 | 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: Hope he comes back as good as he left, like Declan's Moon, Sun King. W: Sun King, unlike Declan's Moon, came back much faster than he left. |
| BANDINI <i>by Fusaichi Pegasus</i> | 20-1 | 20-1 | 98 | M. Tabor & D. Smith T. Pletcher/J. Velazquez | Ftn of Youth, 3/5 2nd by 3/4, 98 | Florida Derby, 1 1/8 m Gulfstream, 4/2 | P: Seemed to run in spots; Pletcher may put blinkers on for his next start. W: Was three wide around both turns and was still gaining fast; dangerous. |
| 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: Think he has a chance to make a big forward move off his Sham comeback. W: Was compromised by a wide trip in the Sham; grinder has some appeal. |
| GOING WILD <i>by Golden Missile</i> | 20-1 | 28-1 | 104s | Robert & Beverly Lewis D. W. Lukas/R. Bejarano | Santa Catalina, 3/5 2nd by 2, 92 | Santa Anita Dby, 1 1/8 m Santa Anita, 4/9 | P: Was no match for Declan's Moon, but continued series of good races at SA. W: Troubled start made for a tough trip; he ran almost as well as Declan did. |
| HIGH FLY <i>by Atticus</i> | 20-1 | 28-1 | 100 | Live Oak Plantation N. Zito/J. Bailey | Ftn of Youth, 3/5 1st by 3/4, 99 | Florida Derby, 1 1/8 m Gulfstream, 4/2 | P: Gritty win in Fountain of Youth, but unheralded B. B. Best wasn't far away. W: I have the sense that 1 1/8 miles may be as far as he wants right now. |
| ROMAN RULER <i>by Fusaichi Pegasus</i> | 20-1 | 18-1 | 106s | Fog City Stable B. Baffert/G. Stevens | 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. |
| 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. |
| LOST IN THE FOG <i>by Lost Soldier</i> | 25-1 | 21-1 | 109s | Harry Aleo G. Gilchrist/R. Baze | Swale, 3/5 1st by 4 3/4, 105 | Santa Anita Dby, 1 1/8 m Santa Anita, 4/9 | P: Remained unbeaten, but it didn't look like he wanted to go much farther. W: A rare time when Jay and I agree, which makes him the Belmont winner. |
| 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. |
| 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? |
| DON'T GET MAD <i>by Stephen Got Even</i> | 30-1 | 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: Have sneaky feeling he could emerge as Ellis's version of Real Quiet. W: Liked his San Vicente, but he must raise his game in the San Felipe. |
| GOLDEN SHINE <i>by Touch Gold</i> | 30-1 | 2-1f | 96 | Amerman Racing Stables D. Hofmans/R. Douglas | 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. |
| HIGH LIMIT <i>by Maria's Mon</i> | 30-1 | 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: Defection of Proud Accolade might make him the one to beat Saturday. W: If he makes CD, it will be off two 2005 preps, and only four career starts. |
| NOBLE CAUSEWAY <i>by Giant's Causeway</i> | 30-1 | 2-1f | 96 | My Meadowview Farms N. Zito/P. Day | GP Allowance, 3/5 1st by 3 1/4, 96 | Florida Derby, 1 1/8 m Gulfstream, 4/2 | P: You'd have to be lucky and blessed to have as many good 3yo's as Zito. W: Given his expert work last year with Birdstone, luck has little to do with it. |
| 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: Biancone was thrilled with his work Sunday; bred to improve with age. W: The only one here yet to crack a 90 Beyer; better start improving soon. |
| GALLOPING GROCER <i>by A. P. Jet</i> | 40-1 | 39-1 | 102 | Rosenthal & Waldbaum D. Schettino/M. Luzzi | Whirlaway, 2/12 4th by 1 3/4, 93 | Gotham, 1 mile Aqueduct, 3/19 | P: One of the few top runners from 2004 who disappointed in his 2005 debut. W: Everyone seems to have bailed on him; merits a chance to make amends. |
| 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 | 96 | Fox Ridge Farm Inc. P. Kelly/J. Samyn | Whirlaway, 2/12 2nd by a neck, 96 | Gotham, 1 mile Aqueduct, 3/19 | P: Kelly decided to remain in NY for Gotham rather than ship to La. Derby. W: The Wood Memorial is the race that will determine his Derby chances. |
| MAGNA GRADUATE <i>by Honor Grades</i> | 50-1 | 2-1f | 91 | Elizabeth Alexander P. Byrne/D. Sarvis | Battaglia Mem., 3/5 1st by 3 3/4, 91 | Lane's End, 1 1/8 m Turfway, 3/26 | P: Earned his first stakes win, but still think he's a significant cut below. W: As evidence, he lost to High Fly by 10 3/4 lengths in the Aventura. |
| SPANISH CHESTNUT <i>by Horse Chestnut</i> | 50-1 | 39-1 | 94s | D. Smith & M. Tabor P. Biancone/G. Stevens | Santa Catalina, 3/5 3rd by 5, 87 | Santa Anita Dby, 1 1/8 m Santa Anita, 4/9 | P: Could not keep up with Declan's Moon and Going Wild; must do better. W: If Going Wild had his trip in the Santa Catalina, he may well have won. |
| 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: Don't think he's good enough, but La. Derby pace scenario is in his favor. W: He'd better run well; the races from this point on will only get tougher. |

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