

# DERBYWATCH

HORSE SIRE	WATCHMAKER ODDS	POOL 1 & 2 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
<b>AFLEET ALEX</b> <i>by Northern Afleet</i>	<b>6-1</b>	15-1 8-1	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	<b>Privman:</b> Inherits the role of Derby favorite now that Declan's Moon is out. <b>Watchmaker:</b> Whether he remains the favorite depends on his effort Saturday.
<b>SUN KING</b> <i>by Charismatic</i>	<b>8-1</b>	19-1 10-1	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	<b>P:</b> Right now, all the chess pieces are tactically aligned for Zito. <b>W:</b> Zito has four on this list, but this colt is by far and away the best of them.
<b>HIGH LIMIT</b> <i>by Maria's Mon</i>	<b>10-1</b>	29-1 9-1	105	Gary & Mary West R. Frankel/R. Dominguez	Louisiana Dby, 3/12 1st by 4, 105	Blue Grass, 1 1/8 m Keeneland, 4/16	<b>P:</b> Still not sure how good he is - got an easy trip in La. Derby, and dominated. <b>W:</b> I would feel a lot better about his La. Derby if someone else ran a step.
<b>ROCKPORT HARBOR</b> <i>by Unbridled's Song</i>	<b>10-1</b>	13-1 14-1	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	<b>P:</b> Must have his running shoes on now that Afleet Alex came back strong. <b>W:</b> That won't be easy, as his preparation has been anything but smooth.
<b>BANDINI</b> <i>by Fusaichi Pegasus</i>	<b>15-1</b>	20-1 14-1	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	<b>P:</b> Seemed to run in spots; Pletcher may put blinkers on for his next start. <b>W:</b> Was three-wide around both turns and was still gaining fast; dangerous.
<b>HIGH FLY</b> <i>by Atticus</i>	<b>15-1</b>	28-1 19-1	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	<b>P:</b> Gritty win in Fountain of Youth, but unheralded B. B. Best wasn't far away. <b>W:</b> I have the sense that 1 1/8 miles may be as far as he wants right now.
<b>SWEET CATOMINE (F)</b> <i>by Storm Cat</i>	<b>15-1</b>	21-1 16-1	102	Mr. & Mrs. M. Wygod J. Canani/C. Nakatani	SA Oaks, 3/13 1st by 3, 95	Santa Anita Dby, 1 1/8 m Santa Anita, 4/9	<b>P:</b> Colts will be much tougher than SA Oaks field, but she deserves a shot. <b>W:</b> It would be funny if a Juv. Fillies winner won Derby before a Juvenile winner.
<b>WILKO</b> <i>by Awesome Again</i>	<b>15-1</b>	23-1 21-1	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	<b>P:</b> Has been out of sight, out of mind. Looking forward to his return. <b>W:</b> Won BC Juvenile, and will get two preps; that's a lot of history to overcome.
<b>GIACOMO</b> <i>by Holy Bull</i>	<b>20-1</b>	25-1 26-1	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	<b>P:</b> Think he has a chance to make a big forward move off his Sham comeback. <b>W:</b> Was compromised by a wide trip in the Sham; grinder has some appeal.
<b>GOING WILD</b> <i>by Golden Missile</i>	<b>20-1</b>	28-1 27-1	104s	Robert & Beverly Lewis D. W. Lukas/V. Espinoza	Santa Catalina, 3/5 2nd by 2, 92	Wood Mem., 1 1/8 m Aqueduct, 4/9	<b>P:</b> Was no match for Declan's Moon, but continued series of good races at SA. <b>W:</b> Troubled start made for a tough trip; he ran almost as well as Declan did.
<b>LOST IN THE FOG</b> <i>by Lost Soldier</i>	<b>20-1</b>	21-1 13-1	109s	Harry Aleo G. Gilchrist/R. Baze	Swale, 3/5 1st by 4 3/4, 105	Bay Shore, or Wood Mem., 4/9	<b>P:</b> Remained unbeaten, but it didn't look like he wanted to go much farther. <b>W:</b> A rare time when Jay and I agree, which makes him the Belmont winner.
<b>ROMAN RULER</b> <i>by Fusaichi Pegasus</i>	<b>20-1</b>	18-1 18-1	106s	Fog City Stable B. Baffert/G. Stevens	BC Juvenile, 10/30 5th by 3 3/4, 91	San Felipe, 1 1/16 m Santa Anita, 3/19	<b>P:</b> Quarter crack has set him back, but he's top class when at his best. <b>W:</b> Maybe, but can he be at his best in Kentucky off of only two prep races?
<b>DON'T GET MAD</b> <i>by Stephen Got Even</i>	<b>25-1</b>	2-1f 21-1	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	<b>P:</b> Steps into the lead role for Ellis now that Declan's Moon is out. <b>W:</b> Liked his San Vicente, but he must raise his game in the San Felipe.
<b>NOBLE CAUSEWAY</b> <i>by Giant's Causeway</i>	<b>25-1</b>	2-1f 18-1	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	<b>P:</b> You'd have to be lucky and blessed to have as many good 3yo's as Zito. <b>W:</b> Given his expert work last year with Birdstone, luck has little to do with it.
<b>BELLAMY ROAD</b> <i>by Concerto</i>	<b>30-1</b>	2-1f 6-1f	96	Kinsman Stable N. Zito/J. Castellano	GP Allowance, 3/12 1st by 15 3/4, 96	Wood Mem., 1 1/8 m Aqueduct, 4/9	<b>P:</b> Looked sensational in first outing for Zito; late start to campaign a concern. <b>W:</b> The four who were in with him last time made him look better than he is.
<b>GOLDEN SHINE</b> <i>by Touch Gold</i>	<b>30-1</b>	2-1f 28-1	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	<b>P:</b> Excellent comeback win; helps make San Felipe another top Calif. prep. <b>W:</b> Has loads of potential, and a fine chance to move way up on this list.
<b>CLOSING ARGUMENT</b> <i>by Successful Appeal</i>	<b>40-1</b>	53-1 6-1f	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	<b>P:</b> Will have only one race between Feb. 5 Holy Bull and May 7 Ky. Derby. <b>W:</b> If he is finally sold, that won't be a concern for his old connections.
<b>CONSOLIDATOR</b> <i>by Storm Cat</i>	<b>40-1</b>	32-1 44-1	94	Robert & Beverly Lewis D. W. Lukas/R. Bejarano	San Vicente, 2/13 4th by 2 1/2, 86	San Felipe, 1 1/16 m Santa Anita, 3/19	<b>P:</b> Needs to bounce back from poor San Vicente, but faces outstanding field. <b>W:</b> The San Felipe is coming up tough, but subsequent races will be tougher.
<b>GALLOPING GROCER</b> <i>by A. P. Jet</i>	<b>40-1</b>	39-1 44-1	102	Rosenthal & Waldbaum D. Schettino/M. Luzzi	Whirlaway, 2/12 4th by 1 3/4, 93	Gotham, 1 mile Aqueduct, 3/19	<b>P:</b> One of the few top runners from 2004 who disappointed in his 2005 debut. <b>W:</b> Everyone seems to have bailed on him; merits a chance to make amends.
<b>GREATER GOOD</b> <i>by Intidab</i>	<b>40-1</b>	39-1 28-1	91	Lewis Lakin R. Holthuis/J. McKee	Southwest, 2/19 1st by 3/4, 85	Rebel, 1 1/16 m Oaklawn, 3/19	<b>P:</b> Been playing third fiddle at Oaklawn to Afleet Alex and Rockport Harbor. <b>W:</b> Truth is, he hasn't run fast enough yet to be considered on the same level.
<b>NAUGHTY NEW YORKER</b> <i>by Quiet American</i>	<b>40-1</b>	2-1f 6-1f	96	Fox Ridge Farm Inc. P. Kelly/J. Samyn	Whirlaway, 2/12 2nd by a neck, 96	Gotham, 1 mile Aqueduct, 3/19	<b>P:</b> Kelly decided to remain in NY for Gotham rather than ship to La. Derby. <b>W:</b> The Wood Memorial is the race that will determine his Derby chances.
<b>MAGNA GRADUATE</b> <i>by Honor Grades</i>	<b>50-1</b>	2-1f 6-1f	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	<b>P:</b> Earned his first stakes win, but still think he's a significant cut below. <b>W:</b> As evidence, he lost to High Fly by 10 3/4 lengths in the Aventura.
<b>UNCLE DENNY</b> <i>by In Excess</i>	<b>50-1</b>	2-1f 6-1f	97	Stan Fulton R. Becerra/R. Baze	E. C. R. Derby, 3/12 1st by 2 1/4, 90	Santa Anita Derby, or Wood Mem., 4/9	<b>P:</b> Have to admire his consistency, but another who seems in deep for Derby. <b>W:</b> Nevertheless, he will be made a late Triple Crown nominee by March 26.
<b>SPANISH CHESTNUT</b> <i>by Horse Chestnut</i>	<b>60-1</b>	39-1 77-1	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	<b>P:</b> Could not keep up with Declan's Moon and Going Wild; must do better. <b>W:</b> If Going Wild had his trip in the Santa Catalina, he may well have won.
<b>STORM SURGE</b> <i>by Storm Cat</i>	<b>60-1</b>	71-1 6-1f	91	Overbrook Farm D. Stewart/J. Bailey	Louisiana Dby, 3/12 3rd by 7 3/4, 91	Lexington, 1 1/16 m Keeneland, 4/23	<b>P:</b> Been nibbling at minor awards; doubt he is a serious Derby threat. <b>W:</b> Indeed, he has yet to be competitive with a serious Derby contender.

Horses are listed in order of Watchmaker odds

Pool 1 & 2 closing odds for Churchill Future Wager rounded down

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