

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
SUN KING <i>by Charismatic</i>	8-1	19-1 10-1	104	Tracy Farmer N. Zito/E. Prado	Tampa Bay Dby, 3/19 1st by 3 1/4, 91	Blue Grass, 1 1/8 m Keeneland, 4/16	Privman: Workmanlike victory at Tampa; think he's best running at a target. Watchmaker: That 13-point Beyer drop off his 2005 bow is troubling to me.
HIGH LIMIT <i>by Maria's Mon</i>	10-1	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	P: Still not sure how good he is – got an easy trip in La. Derby, and dominated. W: I would feel a lot better about his La. Derby if someone else ran a step.
ROCKPORT HARBOR <i>by Unbridled's Song</i>	10-1	13-1 14-1	102	Fox Hill Farms Inc. J. Servis/S. Elliott	Rebel, 3/19 2nd by 1/2, 94	Ark. Derby, 1 1/8 m Oaklawn, 4/16	P: Deserved a better fate in Rebel after rushing up following poor start. W: Will be a handful next time, but will still have only two Ky. Derby preps.
BANDINI <i>by Fusaichi Pegasus</i>	12-1	20-1 14-1	98	M. Tabor & D. Smith T. Pletcher/J. Velazquez	Ftn of Youth, 3/5 2nd by 3/4, 98	Blue Grass, 1 1/8 m Keeneland, 4/16	P: This is not the best time to have a setback, even if it is minor. W: It could work out; he will now have a start closer to the Kentucky Derby.
CONSOLIDATOR <i>by Storm Cat</i>	12-1	32-1 44-1	104	Robert & Beverly Lewis D.W. Lukas/R. Bejarano	San Felipe, 3/19 1st by 6 1/2, 104	Blue Grass, 1 1/8 m Keeneland, 4/16	P: Ran super in the San Felipe, but the track bias totally favored his style. W: He's going to have to run another big race to prove to me he's for real.
SWEET CATOMINE (F) <i>by Storm Cat</i>	12-1	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	P: Trying to become first filly since Winning Colors to win SA and Ky. Derbies. W: It would be funny if a Juv. Fillies winner won the Derby before a Juvenile winner.
GOING WILD <i>by Golden Missile</i>	15-1	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	P: Lukas says he's going to Wood, but he'd be the only speed in SA Derby. W: It will be helpful to know if he can duplicate his sharp SA form elsewhere.
GREATER GOOD <i>by Intidab</i>	15-1	39-1 28-1	95	Lewis Lakin R. Holthus/J. McKee	Rebel, 3/19 1st by 1/2, 95	Ark. Derby, 1 1/8 m Oaklawn, 4/16	P: Showed improved tactical speed in the Rebel, and remains underrated. W: I'm a prime offender, but hey, Rockport Harbor was best in the Rebel.
HIGH FLY <i>by Atticus</i>	15-1	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	P: Had work delayed when he spiked a fever, but Zito says he's ready to go. W: Florida Derby is coming up soft; that switch in dates really helped, huh?
AFLEET ALEX <i>by Northern Fleet</i>	20-1	15-1 8-1	106s	Cash is King LLC T. Ritchey/J. Velazquez	Rebel, 3/19 6th by 12 1/2, 74	Ark. Derby, 1 1/8 m Oaklawn, 4/16	P: Lung infection or not, that was one ugly performance in the Rebel. W: He couldn't have gotten anything out of that race, which is a concern.
DON'T GET MAD <i>by Stephen Got Even</i>	20-1	2-1f 21-1	91	B. Wayne Hughes R. Ellis/T. Baze	San Felipe, 3/19 3rd by 7, 91	Santa Anita Dby, 1 1/8 m Santa Anita, 4/9	P: Track was playing against his style in San Felipe; next start holds key. W: It's getting late in the game for a colt whose best Beyer is only a 91.
GIACOMO <i>by Holy Bull</i>	20-1	25-1 26-1	98	Mr. & Mrs. J. Moss J. Shirreffs/M. Smith	San Felipe, 3/19 2nd by 6 1/2, 92	Santa Anita Dby, 1 1/8 m Santa Anita, 4/9	P: Caught a speed-favoring track and ran on well for second. Like him. W: I have always liked him, but a big loss to Consolidator doesn't sit well.
NOBLE CAUSEWAY <i>by Giant's Causeway</i>	20-1	2-1f 18-1	96	My Meadowview Farms N. Zito/E. Prado	GP Allowance, 3/5 1st by 3 1/4, 96	Florida Derby, 1 1/8 m Gulfstream, 4/2	P: Has a right to get very good in a hurry; Florida Derby is stakes debut. W: The question is, was his latest win really as fast as the Beyer folks think?
WILKO <i>by Awesome Again</i>	20-1	23-1 21-1	98	J.P. Reddam & S. Roy C. Dollase/L. Dettori	San Felipe, 3/19 4th by 8, 90	Santa Anita Dby, 1 1/8 m Santa Anita, 4/9	P: Fresh quarter crack exiting the San Felipe; no margin for error now. W: His BC Juvenile upset is beginning to look more and more like a fluke.
BELLAMY ROAD <i>by Concerto</i>	30-1	2-1f 6-1f	96	Kinsman Stable N. Zito/undecided	GP Allowance, 3/12 1st by 15 3/4, 96	Wood Mem., 1 1/8 m Aqueduct, 4/9	P: Looked sensational in first outing for Zito; late start to campaign a concern. W: The four he beat last time may have made him look better than he really is.
BLUES AND ROYALS <i>by Honor and Glory</i>	30-1	2-1f 6-1f	n/a	Godolphin Racing S. bin Suroor/L. Dettori	UAE Derby, 3/26 1st by 12, 120(Tf)	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill, 5/7	P: Won by a large margin, but it looked to me like no one else ran a jump. W: We've seen this one prep in Dubai stuff before, and it has always flopped.
CLOSING ARGUMENT <i>by Successful Appeal</i>	40-1	53-1 6-1f	98	Philip & Marcia Cohen K. McLaughlin/C. Velasquez	Holy Bull, 2/5 1st by 1 1/2, 98	Blue Grass, 4/16, or Lexington, 4/23	P: Getting bad vibes; hasn't run for a while, and missed his race this week. W: On top of that, he's been for sale for months, and no one has bought him.
FLOWER ALLEY <i>by Distorted Humor</i>	40-1	2-1f 6-1f	94	Melnyk Racing Stables T. Pletcher/J. Chavez	Lane's End, 3/26 1st by 1/2, 94	Blue Grass, or Ark. Derby, 4/16	P: Made jump from maiden to stakes, but I question quality of Lane's End field. W: A notch below the best, but he's improving, and should continue to develop.
SURVIVALIST <i>by Danzig</i>	40-1	2-1f 6-1f	93	Phipps Stable C. McGaughey/R. Migliore	Gotham, 3/19 1st by 3/4, 90	Wood Mem., 1 1/8 m Aqueduct, 4/9	P: Needed length of the stretch to get up in Gotham; only got a 90 Beyer. W: Gotham couldn't have been much if unheralded Pavo was tons the best.
GALLOPING GROCER <i>by A. P. Jet</i>	50-1	39-1 44-1	102	Rosenthal & Waldbaum D. Schettino/M. Luzzi	Gotham, 3/19 3rd by 1, 88	Wood Memorial, or Illinois Dby, 4/9	P: Instincts tell me that the Gotham will not prove to be a key race. W: At this point, an easy spot to build his confidence may be the way to go.
NAUGHTY NEW YORKER <i>by Quiet American</i>	50-1	2-1f 6-1f	96	Fox Ridge Farm Inc. P. Kelly/J. Samyn	Gotham, 3/19 4th by 1 1/2, 87	Wood Mem., 1 1/8 m Aqueduct, 4/9	P: Gotham was probably too short for him; the Wood suits his style. W: Was in a position to win the Gotham, and simply wasn't good enough.
WILD DESERT <i>by Wild Rush</i>	50-1	2-1f 6-1f	93	Daniel Borislow K. McPeck/undecided	Lane's End, 3/26 2nd by 1/2, 93	Blue Grass, or Ark. Derby, 4/16	P: Ran decently in Lane's End, but not enamored of that group as a whole. W: Deep closers like him may be crowd-pleasers, but they need a lot of luck.
PAVO <i>by Marquetry</i>	60-1	2-1f 6-1f	89	Paraneck Stable J. Pedersen/undecided	Gotham, 3/19 2nd by 3/4, 89	Wood Memorial, or Illinois Dby, 4/9	P: Rider lost irons halfway through the Gotham, yet colt still nearly won. W: Can't disagree with those who take that as an indictment of this Gotham.
STORM SURGE <i>by Storm Cat</i>	60-1	71-1 6-1f	91	Overbrook Farm D. Stewart/J. Bailey	Louisiana Dby, 3/12 3rd by 7 3/4, 91	Ark. Derby, 4/16, or Lexington, 4/23	P: Been nibbling at minor awards; doubt he is a serious Derby threat. W: Indeed, he has yet to be competitive with a serious Derby contender.
VICARAGE <i>by Vicar</i>	60-1	2-1f 6-1f	98	Dogwood Stable T. Pletcher/J. Velazquez	Louisiana Dby, 3/12 2nd by 4, 98	Florida Derby, 1 1/8 m Gulfstream, 4/2	P: With Bandini on sidelines this week, he will come off the bench for Pletcher. W: I still need to see him duplicate his La. Derby performance before I believe it.

Horses are listed in order of Watchmaker odds

Pool 1 & 2 closing odds for Churchill Future Wager rounded down; f-mutuel field

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