

DERBYWATCH

HORSE SIRE	WATCHMAKER ODDS	POOL 1, 2, 3 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
BELLAMY ROAD <i>by Concerto</i>	4-1	2-1f 6-1f 3-1	120	Kinsman Stable N. Zito/J. Castellano	Wood Mem., 4/9 1st by 17 1/2, 120	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill, 5/7	Privman: Wood had echoes of, "He is moving like a tremendous machine." Watchmaker: His Wood was sensational, but that doesn't guarantee Derby glory.
SUN KING <i>by Charismatic</i>	8-1	19-1 10-1 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	P: After last week, he may no longer be the best 3-year-old in trainer's barn. W: I would expect a significant step forward Beyer-wise in the Blue Grass.
HIGH LIMIT <i>by Maria's Mon</i>	10-1	29-1 9-1 13-1	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: Louisiana Derby form is open to question; a few he beat have since flopped.
BANDINI <i>by Fusaichi Pegasus</i>	12-1	20-1 14-1 13-1	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: Was flattered when High Fly came back to take the Florida Derby. W: Let's see if the minor foot trouble he had compromises him Saturday.
CONSOLIDATOR <i>by Storm Cat</i>	12-1	32-1 44-1 12-1	105	Robert & Beverly Lewis D.W. Lukas/R. Bejarano	San Felipe, 3/19 1st by 6 1/2, 105	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.
HIGH FLY <i>by Atticus</i>	12-1	28-1 19-1 13-1	102	Live Oak Plantation N. Zito/J. Bailey	Florida Derby, 4/2 1st by 1 1/2, 102	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill, 5/7	P: Turned in another thoroughly professional performance in the Fla. Derby. W: Needles, in 1956, was the last to win Derby off a layoff of five weeks or more.
GREATER GOOD <i>by Intidab</i>	15-1	39-1 28-1 16-1	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: Has had everything go right for him so far this year, and loves Churchill. W: I would like him more if he had at least one fast victory to his credit.
GREELEY'S GALAXY <i>by Mr. Greeley</i>	15-1	2-1f 6-1f 31-1	106	B. Wayne Hughes W. Stute/K. Desormeaux	Illinois Derby, 4/9 1st by 9 1/2, 106	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill, 5/7	P: Crushed softies in Illinois, but only gets in Derby if fewer than 20 enter. W: This is why so many stables nominate every single 3yo they have.
NOBLE CAUSEWAY <i>by Giant's Causeway</i>	15-1	2-1f 18-1 18-1f	100	My Meadowview Farms N. Zito/E. Prado	Florida Derby, 4/2 2nd by 1 1/2, 100	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill, 5/7	P: Couldn't catch stablemate High Fly, but continued to progress. W: Ran very well despite losing ground on the far turn; proved he's for real.
ROCKPORT HARBOR <i>by Unbridled's Song</i>	15-1	13-1 14-1 19-1	102	Fox Hill Farms Inc. J. Servis/S. Elliott	Rebel, 3/19 2nd by 1/2, 94	Lexington, 1 1/16 m Keeneland, 4/23	P: Missed too much time to make Ark. Derby and will detour to Lexington. W: If he makes the Ky. Derby, his only two preps will have been at 1 1/16 miles.
AFLEET ALEX <i>by Northern Afleet</i>	20-1	15-1 8-1 16-1	106s	Cash is King LLC T. Ritchey/J. Rose	Rebel, 3/19 6th by 12 1/2, 74	Ark. Derby, 1 1/8 m Oaklawn, 4/16	P: Nakatani could have ridden him, but chose Andromeda's Hero instead. W: Jockeys are notoriously poor handicappers, but that is still a bad sign.
BLUES AND ROYALS <i>by Honor and Glory</i>	20-1	2-1f 6-1f 15-1	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 failed.
WILKO <i>by Awesome Again</i>	20-1	23-1 21-1 20-1	98	J.P. Reddam & S. Roy C. Dollase/undecided	SA Derby, 4/9 3rd by 1/2, 97	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill, 5/7	P: A grinder, not a puncher; hung a bit in final furlong after four-wide trip. W: After 11 losses from 14 career starts, it is very difficult to endorse him.
BUZZARDS BAY <i>by Marco Bay</i>	30-1	2-1f 6-1f 15-1f	98	Fog City Stable J. Mullins/M. Guidry	SA Derby, 4/9 1st by 1/2, 98	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill, 5/7	P: Outlasted rivals in what seemed to be a sub-par version of the SA Derby. W: Only two lengths separated the first four finishers; they can't all be champs.
FLOWER ALLEY <i>by Distorted Humor</i>	40-1	2-1f 6-1f 35-1	94	Melnyk Racing Stables T. Pletcher/J. Chavez	Lane's End, 3/26 1st by 1/2, 94	Ark. Derby, 1 1/8 m Oaklawn, 4/16	P: Thought Lane's End field was of dubious quality; let's see if he moves forward. W: Lightly raced colt has a right to improve; figures to get a good test Saturday.
GIACOMO <i>by Holy Bull</i>	40-1	25-1 28-1 50-1	98	Mr. & Mrs. J. Moss J. Shirreffs/M. Smith	SA Derby, 4/9 4th by 2, 95	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill, 5/7	P: Thought he had a chance to step up in SA Derby, but he didn't deliver. W: It's not that he ran poorly, but he didn't inspire, either; he's not progressing.
GOING WILD <i>by Golden Missile</i>	50-1	28-1 27-1 57-1	104s	Robert & Beverly Lewis D.W. Lukas/V. Espinoza	Wood Mem., 4/9 7th by 41, 51	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill, 5/7	P: Seems pointless to continue on to Derby after ugly, ugly race in the Wood. W: I totally agree. How can he be ready for a peak effort off a 41-length defeat?
SURVIVALIST <i>by Danzig</i>	50-1	2-1f 6-1f 50-1	93	Phipps Stable C. McGaughey/R. Migliore	Wood Mem., 4/9 2nd by 17 1/2, 91	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill, 5/7	P: Very, very doubtful to go to Ky. Derby; might go if Bellamy Road defects. W: And even if that happened, he would need other key defections to contend.
WILD DESERT <i>by Wild Rush</i>	50-1	2-1f 6-1f 37-1	93	Daniel Borislow K. McPeck/P. Valenzuela	Lane's End, 3/26 2nd by 1/2, 93	Ark. Derby, 1 1/8 m Oaklawn, 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.
ANDROMEDA'S HERO <i>by Fusaichi Pegasus</i>	60-1	2-1f 6-1f 15-1f	89	Robert LaPenta N. Zito/C. Nakatani	Lane's End, 3/26 5th by 3, 89	Ark. Derby, 1 1/8 m Oaklawn, 4/16	P: Zito maintains he will run much better this week, so you are forewarned. W: He must in order to be taken seriously, but when Zito gets on a roll, look out.
CLOSING ARGUMENT <i>by Successful Appeal</i>	60-1	53-1 6-1f 77-1	98	Philip & Marcia Cohen K. McLaughlin/C. Velasquez	Holy Bull, 2/5 1st by 1 1/2, 98	Blue Grass, 1 1/8 m Keeneland, 4/16	P: Lengthy layoff gives me bad vibes, and the Blue Grass seems a bit steep. W: Over the last two months, Elvis has been seen more often than this horse.
GENERAL JOHN B <i>by Sweetsouthernstain</i>	60-1	2-1f 6-1f 15-1f	97	Ross McLeod R. Stein/J. Court	SA Derby, 4/9 2nd by 1/2, 97	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill, 5/7	P: Comparison shopping: distant 8th in Fountain of Youth, 2nd in SA Derby. W: He was 64-1 in SA Derby, so he must prove his effort wasn't a fluke.
MR SWORD <i>by Rizzi</i>	60-1	2-1f 6-1f 15-1f	90	Paraneck Stable J. Pedersen/J. Bailey	Lane's End, 3/26 3rd by 2 1/2, 90	Blue Grass, 1 1/8 m Keeneland, 4/16	P: Made premature move in Lane's End; won three straight prior to that. W: Not really bred to go long; his pedigree may have got to him at Turfway.
CAT SHAKER <i>by Catienus</i>	80-1	2-1f 6-1f 15-1f	86	William Callis C. Callis/J. Bravo	Rushaway, 3/26 1st by 1/2, 86	Ark. Derby, 1 1/8 m Oaklawn, 4/16	P: We're scraping for candidates: Got career-best 86 Beyer in mud last time. W: His career-best Beyer on a fast track is 78; he's clearly a wet track fool.
RUSH BAY <i>by Cozzene</i>	80-1	65-1 6-1f 15-1f	89	Phoebe Mueller T. Amoss/E. Razo Jr.	FG O C/Alw, 3/14 1st by 2, 89	Ark. Derby, 1 1/8 m Oaklawn, 4/16	P: Just doesn't seem to have made very much progress from 2 to 3. W: Trying to be positive, he did regain winning form last time with blinkers on.

Horses are listed in order of Watchmaker odds

Pool 1, 2 & 3 closing odds for Churchill Future Wager rounded down; f-mutuel field

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