

# 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
<b>BELLAMY ROAD</b> <i>by Concerto</i>	<b>7-2</b>	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	<b>Privman:</b> Wood had echoes of, "He is moving like a tremendous machine." <b>Watchmaker:</b> His Wood was sensational, but that doesn't guarantee Derby glory.
<b>AFLEET ALEX</b> <i>by Northern Afleet</i>	<b>6-1</b>	15-1 8-1 16-1	108	Cash is King LLC T. Ritchey/J. Rose	Ark. Derby, 4/16 1st by 8, 108	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill, 5/7	<b>P:</b> Could not have run any better in Ark. Derby; best effort of his career. <b>W:</b> It was strong both visually and time-wise, but not sure what was behind him.
<b>BANDINI</b> <i>by Fusaichi Pegasus</i>	<b>8-1</b>	20-1 14-1 13-1	103	M. Tabor & D. Smith T. Pletcher/J. Velazquez	Blue Grass, 4/16 1st by 6, 103	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill, 5/7	<b>P:</b> It's tough to win at Keeneland with a three-wide trip; that was a big effort. <b>W:</b> Each of his races have been better than the one before; dangerous contender.
<b>HIGH FLY</b> <i>by Atticus</i>	<b>10-1</b>	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	<b>P:</b> Turned in another thoroughly professional performance in the Fla. Derby. <b>W:</b> Needles, in 1956, was the last to win Derby off a layoff of five weeks or more.
<b>HIGH LIMIT</b> <i>by Maria's Mon</i>	<b>12-1</b>	29-1 9-1 13-1	105	Gary & Mary West R. Frankel/R. Dominguez	Blue Grass, 4/16 2nd by 6, 93	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill, 5/7	<b>P:</b> Ran on well for second, but was no match for Bandini in the final furlong. <b>W:</b> There was no speed bias and no easy lead to assist him in the Blue Grass.
<b>NOBLE CAUSEWAY</b> <i>by Giant's Causeway</i>	<b>12-1</b>	2-1f 18-1 18-1	100	My Meadowview Farms N. Zito/G. Stevens	Florida Derby, 4/2 2nd by 1 1/2, 100	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill, 5/7	<b>P:</b> Couldn't catch stablemate High Fly, but continued to progress. <b>W:</b> Ran very well despite losing ground on the far turn; proved he's for real.
<b>GREELEY'S GALAXY</b> <i>by Mr. Greeley</i>	<b>15-1</b>	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	<b>P:</b> As of now, it looks like a supplemental entry won't get into Derby field. <b>W:</b> This is why so many stables nominate every single 3yo they have.
<b>ROCKPORT HARBOR</b> <i>by Unbridled's Song</i>	<b>15-1</b>	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	<b>P:</b> Has made progress in the past week, but still needs big effort in Lexington. <b>W:</b> If he makes the Ky. Derby, his only two preps will have been at 1 1/16 miles.
<b>SUN KING</b> <i>by Charismatic</i>	<b>15-1</b>	19-1 10-1 10-1	104	Tracy Farmer N. Zito/E. Prado	Blue Grass, 4/16 4th by 9 1/4, 88	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill, 5/7	<b>P:</b> Poor trip compromised whatever chance he might have had in Blue Grass. <b>W:</b> Instead of improving on his slow Tampa Bay Derby win, he ran back to it.
<b>WILKO</b> <i>by Awesome Again</i>	<b>20-1</b>	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	<b>P:</b> A grinder, not a puncher; hung a bit in final furlong after four-wide trip. <b>W:</b> After 11 losses from 14 career starts, it is very difficult to endorse him.
<b>BUZZARDS BAY</b> <i>by Marco Bay</i>	<b>30-1</b>	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	<b>P:</b> Outlasted rivals in what seemed to be a sub-par version of the SA Derby. <b>W:</b> Only two lengths seperated the first four finishers; they can't all be champs.
<b>CONSOLIDATOR</b> <i>by Storm Cat</i>	<b>30-1</b>	32-1 44-1 12-1	105	Robert & Beverly Lewis D.W. Lukas/R. Bejarano	Blue Grass, 4/16 5th by 13 1/4, 81	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill, 5/7	<b>P:</b> The Blue Grass exposed his San Felipe victory as function of track bias. <b>W:</b> Still waiting for a SoCal-based 3-year-old to run big in a race outside his state.
<b>GREATER GOOD</b> <i>by Intidab</i>	<b>30-1</b>	39-1 28-1 16-1	95	Lewis Lakin R. Holthuis/J. McKee	Ark. Derby, 4/16 5th by 12, 88	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill, 5/7	<b>P:</b> Washed out badly before Ark. Derby, and uncharacteristically never fired. <b>W:</b> He was slow going into the Ark. Derby, and couldn't run fast enough to contend.
<b>FLOWER ALLEY</b> <i>by Distorted Humor</i>	<b>40-1</b>	2-1f 6-1f 35-1	95	Melnyk Racing Stables T. Pletcher/J. Chavez	Ark. Derby, 4/16 2nd by 8, 95	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill, 5/7	<b>P:</b> Distant second to Afleet Alex; seems a cut below the big boys right now. <b>W:</b> Still has room for improvement, but is unlikely to improve enough by May 7.
<b>GIACOMO</b> <i>by Holy Bull</i>	<b>40-1</b>	25-1 26-1 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	<b>P:</b> Thought he had a chance to step up in SA Derby, but he didn't deliver. <b>W:</b> It's not that he ran poorly, but he didn't inspire, either; he's not progressing.
<b>ANDROMEDA'S HERO</b> <i>by Fusaichi Pegasus</i>	<b>50-1</b>	2-1f 6-1f 15-1f	94	Robert LaPenta N. Zito/undecided	Ark. Derby, 4/16 3rd by 8 3/4, 94	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill, 5/7	<b>P:</b> Was able to save ground, but could not keep pace with Afleet Alex in stretch. <b>W:</b> He is the weakest of the Zito-trained quintet, and by a considerable margin.
<b>CLOSING ARGUMENT</b> <i>by Successful Appeal</i>	<b>50-1</b>	53-1 6-1f 77-1	98	Philip & Marcia Cohen K. McLaughlin/C. Velasquez	Blue Grass, 4/16 3rd by 9, 88	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill, 5/7	<b>P:</b> Probably needed the race, but still was no match for top pair in Blue Grass. <b>W:</b> Neither his profile or his performance make success in the Derby likely.
<b>GOING WILD</b> <i>by Golden Missile</i>	<b>50-1</b>	28-1 27-1 57-1	104s	Robert & Beverly Lewis D.W. Lukas/G. Stevens	Wood Mem., 4/9 7th by 41, 51	Lexington, 1 1/16 m Keeneland, 4/23	<b>P:</b> After ugly race in Wood, trying to earn Derby berth by coming back Saturday. <b>W:</b> How he'll perform is anyone's guess, but it can't be as bad as his Wood was.
<b>SURVIVALIST</b> <i>by Danzig</i>	<b>50-1</b>	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	<b>P:</b> Looking more and more like he'll take a shot in Derby, even with Bellamy Road. <b>W:</b> Lacks a triple-digit Beyer; last such horse to win Derby was Sea Hero in 1993.
<b>GENERAL JOHN B</b> <i>by Sweetsouthernsaint</i>	<b>60-1</b>	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	<b>P:</b> Comparison shopping: distant 8th in Fountain of Youth, 2nd in SA Derby. <b>W:</b> Offers more evidence that the SoCal 3yos this year seem unusually soft.
<b>SORT IT OUT</b> <i>by Out of Place</i>	<b>60-1</b>	2-1f 6-1f 15-1f	96	Stonerside St., et al B. Baffert/P. Valenzuela	WinStar Derby, 4/2 3rd by 1 1/4, 90	Lexington, 1 1/16 m Keeneland, 4/23	<b>P:</b> Unless he runs well in Lexington, Baffert will be shut out of Derby picture. <b>W:</b> Given his two uninspiring performances for his new barn, I'm not optimistic.
<b>STORM SURGE</b> <i>by Storm Cat</i>	<b>60-1</b>	71-1 6-1f 15-1f	91	Overbrook Farm D. Stewart/R. Albarado	Louisiana Dby, 3/12 3rd by 7 3/4, 91	Lexington, 1 1/16 m Keeneland, 4/23	<b>P:</b> Not a serious Derby candidate, but what if he jumps up and wins Lexington? <b>W:</b> If he does, and that's a big if, it won't suddenly make him a 1 1/4 mile horse.
<b>SPANISH CHESTNUT</b> <i>by Horse Chestnut</i>	<b>80-1</b>	39-1 77-1 15-1f	94s	D. Smith & M. Tabor P. Biancone/G. Stevens	Blue Grass, 4/16 6th by 13 3/4, 81	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill, 5/7	<b>P:</b> Only reason for him to go to Derby would be to act as rabbit again for Bandini. <b>W:</b> Bandini didn't need his help at Keeneland; the Derby pace will be fast enough.
<b>WILD DESERT</b> <i>by Wild Rush</i>	<b>80-1</b>	2-1f 6-1f 37-1	93	D. Borislow & C. Gessler Jr. R. Dutrow Jr./undecided	Ark. Derby, 4/16 8th by 15 3/4, 82	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill, 5/7	<b>P:</b> Dutrow is often times a miracle worker, but this task seems a tall order. <b>W:</b> Given how the owner brutally mismanaged Toccet, this is no surprise at all.

Horses are listed in order of Watchmaker odds

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

(s) Top Beyer Figure in a sprint