

# DERBYWATCH

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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>BROTHER DEREK</b> <i>by Benchmark</i>	<b>5-1</b>	16-1 10-1	108	Cecil Peacock D. Hendricks/A. Solis	Santa Catalina, 3/4 1st by 1 3/4, 102	Santa Anita Dby, 1 1/8 m Santa Anita, 4/8	<b>Privman:</b> Now 4 for 4 around two turns. Toyed with rivals in Santa Catalina. <b>Watchmaker:</b> Right now, he is the standard by which the rest are measured.
<b>BLUEGRASS CAT</b> <i>by Storm Cat</i>	<b>6-1</b>	15-1 11-1	96	WinStar Farm LLC T. Pletcher/J. Velazquez	Sam F. Davis, 2/18 1st by 1 1/4, 96	Tampa Bay Dby, 1 1/16 m Tampa Bay Downs, 3/18	<b>P:</b> Looking for him to make a big move forward off workmanlike comeback. <b>W:</b> Not sure it is in his character to run faster than he absolutely has to.
<b>FIRST SAMURAI</b> <i>by Giants Causeway</i>	<b>10-1</b>	7-1 16-1	107s	B. Lunsford & L. Robbins II F. Brothers/E. Prado	Ftn of Youth, 3/4 2nd by 1 (pl. 1st), 94	Florida Derby, 4/1, or Blue Grass, 4/15	<b>P:</b> Correctly moved up on DQ, but did not look like he will relish 1 1/4 miles. <b>W:</b> Considering his easy trip, he should have won Ftn of Youth by many lengths.
<b>BARBARO</b> <i>by Dynaformer</i>	<b>12-1</b>	19-1 15-1	102t	Lael Stables M. Matz/E. Prado	Holy Bull, 2/4 1st by 3/4, 95	Florida Derby, 1 1/8 m Gulfstream, 4/1	<b>P:</b> Prado is riding this colt, First Samurai, Keyed Entry, and Strong Contender. <b>W:</b> Unless Prado has an amazing trick up his sleeve, he can ride only one in Derby.
<b>ACHILLES OF TROY</b> <i>by Notebook</i>	<b>15-1</b>	26-1 15-1	105	Paraneck Stable F. Amonte Jr./R. Dominguez	Whirlaway, 2/11 1st by 4 3/4, 104	Gotham, 1 1/16 m Aqueduct, 3/18	<b>P:</b> Will get first real test facing Keyed Entry, Sweetnorthernstain in the Gotham. <b>W:</b> Unlike those two, he has already shown the ability to rate off the early lead.
<b>BOB AND JOHN</b> <i>by Seeking the Gold</i>	<b>15-1</b>	31-1 19-1	102	Stonerside Stable LLC B. Baffert/V. Espinoza	Sham, 2/4 1st by 4 1/2, 102	San Felipe, 1 1/16 m Santa Anita, 3/18	<b>P:</b> Progressing strongly; think he's the second-best colt in the West right now. <b>W:</b> His Sham Beyer got a big boost thanks to Sacred Light's good try vs. top one.
<b>CORINTHIAN</b> <i>by Pulpit</i>	<b>15-1</b>	3-1f 15-1	96	Centennial Farms J. Jerkens/J. Castellano	Ftn of Youth, 3/4 1st by 1 (pl. 3rd), 96	Wood Mem., 1 1/8 m Aqueduct, 4/8	<b>P:</b> Left the mark of Zorro in the stretch at Gulfstream; immature, but can run. <b>W:</b> Swerving can be fixed; the way he pulled up after making lead is bigger issue.
<b>KEYED ENTRY</b> <i>by Honour and Glory</i>	<b>15-1</b>	53-1 21-1	110s	Starlight Stable T. Pletcher/E. Prado	Hutcheson, 2/4 1st by 1 1/4, 110	Gotham, 1 1/16 m Aqueduct, 3/18	<b>P:</b> Fast, unbeaten colt will try to stretch out around two turns in the Gotham. <b>W:</b> His undeniable talent might carry him farther than he really wants to go.
<b>PRIVATE VOW</b> <i>by Broken Vow</i>	<b>15-1</b>	14-1 13-1	96	Mike McCarty S. Asmussen/S. Bridgmohan	Ky. Jockey Club, 11/26 1st by 2 1/4, 96	Rebel, 1 1/16 m Oaklawn, 3/18	<b>P:</b> Very eager to see how much progress he has made from last year to this. <b>W:</b> The stakes he won last year look soft now; will get only two prep races.
<b>LAWYER RON</b> <i>by Langfuhr</i>	<b>20-1</b>	21-1 17-1	106	Est. of James Hines Jr. R. Holthus/J. McKee	Southwest, 2/25 1st by 3/4, 95	Rebel, 1 1/16 m Oaklawn, 3/18	<b>P:</b> Thought he had a soft trip in the Southwest; look for sterner test this week. <b>W:</b> Disagree about the trip he had last time, but the Rebel will be a tougher race.
<b>SWEETNORTHERNSAINT</b> <i>by Sweetsouthernstain</i>	<b>20-1</b>	3-1f 30-1	104	J. Balsamo & T. Theos M. Trombetta/K. Desormeaux	Miracle Wood, 2/4 1st by 10, 104	Gotham, 1 1/16 m Aqueduct, 3/18	<b>P:</b> Trainer got his wish: will be able to head to NY, rather than detour to Tampa. <b>W:</b> Interesting prospect is going to have to collect some graded money soon.
<b>POINT DETERMINED</b> <i>by Point Given</i>	<b>25-1</b>	18-1 29-1	94	Beverly & Est. of Bob Lewis B. Baffert/G. Gomez	GG Opt. Clm/Alw, 2/17 1st by 1 1/2, 89	San Felipe, 1 1/16 m Santa Anita, 3/18	<b>P:</b> Don't think he's as good as Bob and John, at least not yet. Prefers a fast track. <b>W:</b> Has yet to show the kind of improvement you want to see in a Derby colt.
<b>STRONG CONTENDER</b> <i>by Maria's Mon</i>	<b>25-1</b>	3-1f 17-1	94	John Oxley J. Ward Jr./E. Prado	GP Allowance, 2/22 1st by 4 3/4, 94	Lane's End, 1 1/8 m Turfway, 3/25	<b>P:</b> Has plenty of raw talent; biggest concern right now is lack of experience. <b>W:</b> Not surprised he took the money he did in Pool 2; still unproven, though.
<b>CAUSE TO BELIEVE</b> <i>by Maria's Mon</i>	<b>30-1</b>	59-1 32-1	98	P. Redekop & P. Abruzzo J. Hollendorfer/R. Baze	Cal. Derby, 3/11 1st by 4, 98	Ill. Derby, 1 1/8 m Hawthorne, 4/8	<b>P:</b> Closed stoutly to prevail, but have questions about quality of recent rivals. <b>W:</b> Indeed, the Ill. Derby might turn out to be by far his toughest test to date.
<b>SACRED LIGHT</b> <i>by Holy Bull</i>	<b>30-1</b>	3-1f 3-1f	99	Amerman Racing Stables D. Hofmans/A. Gryder	Santa Catalina, 3/4 2nd by 1 3/4, 99	Santa Anita Dby, 1 1/8 m Santa Anita, 4/8	<b>P:</b> Keeping good company chasing Bob and John, Brother Derek in last pair. <b>W:</b> "Chasing" is the key word there, but there is no question he is improving.
<b>DISCREET CAT</b> <i>by Forestry</i>	<b>40-1</b>	3-1f 3-1f	106s	Godolphin Racing Inc. S. bin Suuroo/L. Dettori	Areej Trophy, 3/9 1st by 4, 100+(Tf)	UAE Derby, 1 1/8 m Nad al Sheba, 3/25	<b>P:</b> Now 2 for 2 following 2006 debut; Dubai hurdle remains a huge concern. <b>W:</b> Would not touch a Dubai 3yo in the Ky. Derby until one actually wins one.
<b>FLASHY BULL</b> <i>by Holy Bull</i>	<b>40-1</b>	45-1 32-1	94	West Point Stable K. McLaughlin/R. Bejarano	Ftn of Youth, 3/4 3rd by 1 1/4 (pl. 2nd), 94	Florida Derby, 1 1/8 m Gulfstream, 4/1	<b>P:</b> Got bothered late in Fountain of Youth, but thought he was third best. <b>W:</b> Still one-paced, and one-paced horses must be clearly the best to win.
<b>REFINERY</b> <i>by Victory Gallop</i>	<b>40-1</b>	3-1f 3-1f	96	B. Wayne Hughes R. Mandella/T. Baze	SA Allowance, 2/25 1st by 2 1/4, 96	San Felipe, 1 1/16 m Santa Anita, 3/18	<b>P:</b> Improved significantly in first start with blinkers. San Felipe is a key test. <b>W:</b> Blinkers did make a big difference; giving him some longshot appeal.
<b>STEPPENWOLFER</b> <i>by Aptitude</i>	<b>40-1</b>	3-1f 24-1	94	Robert & Lawana Low D. Peitz/R. Albarado	Southwest, 2/25 2nd by 3/4, 94	Rebel, 1 1/16 m Oaklawn, 3/18	<b>P:</b> Looking for improving colt to upset Lawyer Ron, Private Vow on Saturday. <b>W:</b> Sorry, Jay, a win from him in the Rebel wouldn't be that much of an upset.
<b>SUNRIVER</b> <i>by Saint Ballado</i>	<b>40-1</b>	3-1f 3-1f	95	Aaron & Marie Jones T. Pletcher/J. Velazquez	GP Allowance, 3/4 1st by 1/2, 95	Florida Derby, 1 1/8 m Gulfstream, 4/1	<b>P:</b> Rebounded from disappointing effort to win his last, but it was vs. softies. <b>W:</b> The only time he was worse than second was in the slop in the Holy Bull.
<b>MY GOLDEN SONG</b> <i>by Unbridled's Song</i>	<b>50-1</b>	3-1f 63-1	93	Centaur Farms Inc. T. Pletcher/J. Velazquez	Ftn of Youth, 3/4 4th by 1 3/4, 93	Ill. Derby, 1 1/8 m Hawthorne, 4/8	<b>P:</b> Is not progressing as fast as others on this list, or others in Pletcher's barn. <b>W:</b> Probably best suited for derbies of lower profile than the Kentucky one.
<b>A. P. WARRIOR</b> <i>by A.P. Indy</i>	<b>60-1</b>	31-1 3-1f	91	Stan Fulton J. Shirreffs/C. Nakatani	El Cam. Real Dby, 1/29 4th by 8 3/4, 77	San Felipe, 1 1/16 m Santa Anita, 3/18	<b>P:</b> Perhaps switch to training at Hol. Park will re-ignite his competitiveness. <b>W:</b> Once on a par with Brother Derek, he has not developed nearly as well.
<b>DEPUTY GLITTERS</b> <i>by Deputy Commander</i>	<b>60-1</b>	3-1f 3-1f	94	Joseph Lacombe Stable T. Albertrani/J. Lezcano	Sam F. Davis, 2/18 2nd by 1 1/4, 94	Tampa Bay Dby, 1 1/16 m Tampa Bay Downs, 3/18	<b>P:</b> Ran well vs. Bluegrass Cat last time; was it a true measure of his ability? <b>W:</b> He was 63-1 in the Sam Davis, so he must show me that wasn't a fluke.
<b>NOONMARK</b> <i>by Unbridled's Song</i>	<b>60-1</b>	3-1f 97-1	97s	G. Bolton & J. & B. Corrigan S. Asmussen/S. Bridgmohan	Swale, 3/4 2nd by a neck, 96	Lexington(KEE), 4/22, or Derby Trial(CD), 4/29	<b>P:</b> Being managed as though trainer is circumspect he can get Derby distance. <b>W:</b> There's still time to stretch him out, but he might be most effective at a mile.
<b>SHARP HUMOR</b> <i>by Distorted Humor</i>	<b>60-1</b>	3-1f 3-1f	97s	Purdedel Stable D. Romans/M. Guidry	Swale, 3/4 1st by a neck, 97	Florida Derby, 4/1, or Ill. Derby, 4/8	<b>P:</b> Like the way he won the Swale, but wonder if he is primarily a sprinter. <b>W:</b> He's nothing if not tenacious; the distance questions are valid, however.

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