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HORSE SIRE	WATCHMAKER ODDS	POOL 1 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>NOBIZ LIKE SHOBIZ</b> <i>by Albert the Great</i>	5-1	8-1	98	Elizabeth Valando B. Tagg/C. Velasquez	Holy Bull, 2/3 1st by 1 1/2, 98	Fountain of Youth, 1 1/8 Gulfstream, 3/3	<b>Privman:</b> A deserving favorite; tactical speed gives him edge over Street Sense. <b>Watchmaker:</b> Wasn't really wowed by his Holy Bull, but still respect him greatly.
<b>STREET SENSE</b> <i>by Street Cry</i>	6-1	10-1	108	James B. Tafel LLC C. Nafzger/C. Borel	BC Juvenile, 11/4 1st by 10, 108	Hutcheson, 3/3, or Rushaway, 3/24	<b>P:</b> After lengthy vacation, coming around in a hurry with aggressive work schedule. <b>W:</b> As big as his BC Juvenile win was, he must show me that wasn't a fluke.
<b>RAVEL</b> <i>by Fusaichi Pegasus</i>	8-1	11-1	102	D. Smith & M. Tabor T. Pletcher/G. Gomez	Sham, 2/3 1st by 1, 102	Robert Lewis, 3/3, or Santa Anita Dby, 4/7	<b>P:</b> Seems to need time between starts, but produces the goods when he runs. <b>W:</b> Loved his Sham win, and has license to only get better; dangerous colt.
<b>ANY GIVEN SATURDAY</b> <i>by Distorted Humor</i>	10-1	14-1	100	WinStar Fm. & Maverick Racing T. Pletcher/J. Velazquez	Ky. Jockey Club, 11/25 2nd by 1/2, 100	Sam Davis, 1 1/16 m Tampa Bay Downs, 2/17	<b>P:</b> Will follow same prep schedule as last year's Derby runner-up, Bluegrass Cat. <b>W:</b> On the basis of his strong 2-year-old form, he is one of the ones on this list.
<b>CIRCULAR QUAY</b> <i>by Thunder Gulch</i>	12-1	12-1	95s	Michael & Doreen Tabor T. Pletcher/J. Velazquez	Risen Star, 2/10 5th by 8 3/4, 77	La. Derby, 1 1/16 m Fair Grounds, 3/10	<b>P:</b> Cruising to leaders in Risen Star before incident; lucky to escape unscathed. <b>W:</b> His Risen Star is a toss, but deep closers like him in Derby don't excite me.
<b>HARD SPUN</b> <i>by Danzig</i>	15-1	10-1	95	Fox Hill Farms Inc. J. L. Jones/M. Pino	Lecomte, 1/13 1st by 6 1/2, 95	Southwest, 1 m Oaklawn, 2/19	<b>P:</b> Like that he runs away and hides from rivals, but has faced creampuffs so far. <b>W:</b> He might be very good, but it is hard to tell until he faces serious competition.
<b>EXHALE</b> <i>by Millennium Wind</i>	20-1	27-1	104s	C R K Stable J. Sadler/undecided	SA Md Sp Wt, 1/15 1st by 5, 104	Robert Lewis, 1 1/16 m Santa Anita, 3/3	<b>P:</b> Think he's talented, but buzz on him greatly exceeds accomplishments to date. <b>W:</b> Indeed, there is a long way between big maiden winner and legit Derby threat.
<b>GREAT HUNTER</b> <i>by Aptitude</i>	20-1	24-1	90	J. Paul Reddam D. O'Neill/C. Nakatani	BC Juvenile, 11/4 3rd by 12 1/4, 87	Robert Lewis, 1 1/16 m Santa Anita, 3/3	<b>P:</b> Beat Street Sense and Circular Quay last year; has right to be a major player. <b>W:</b> He had better improve a lot from 2 to 3, because his figs last year were low.
<b>LIQUIDITY</b> <i>by Tiznow</i>	20-1	33-1	100	J. Paul Reddam D. O'Neill/C. Nakatani	Sham, 2/3 2nd by 1, 100	La. Derby, 1 1/16 m Fair Grounds, 3/10	<b>P:</b> Despite soft pace, couldn't hold off Ravel; has improved greatly with blinkers. <b>W:</b> If Ravel is a big Derby threat, then he can't be very far from being one, too.
<b>STORMELLO</b> <i>by Stormy Atlantic</i>	20-1	40-1	96	W. Currin & A. Eisman W. Currin/K. Desormeaux	Hol. Futurity, 12/16 1st by a neck, 94	Fountain of Youth, 1 1/8 Gulfstream, 3/3	<b>P:</b> Has versatility to win on lead or stalking; worried about sub-par effort at CD. <b>W:</b> Wouldn't hold the BC Juvenile against him, as that was a strangely run race.
<b>NOTIONAL</b> <i>by In Excess</i>	25-1	27-1	105s	J. Paul Reddam D. O'Neill/C. Nakatani	Risen Star, 2/10 1st by 2 1/4, 92	San Felipe, 3/17, or Fla. Derby, 3/31	<b>P:</b> Blinkers, rating tactics resulted in sharp efforts in last pair; connections loaded. <b>W:</b> He's a perfectly likable colt, but he does seem a notch below the very best.
<b>SUMMER DOLDRUMS</b> <i>by Street Cry</i>	25-1	5-2f	106	Klaravich St. & W. Lawrence R. Violette Jr./M. Luzzi	Whirlaway, 2/10 1st by 5 1/4, 106	Gotham, 1 1/16 m Aqueduct, 3/10	<b>P:</b> If Derby was on inner track at Aqueduct, he would be among the favorites. <b>W:</b> Boasts the biggest Beyer this year of any on this list; intriguing new face.
<b>BELGRAVIA</b> <i>by Mr. Greeley</i>	30-1	29-1	95s	M. Tabor & Mrs. J. Magnier P. Biancone/J. Leparoux	Hol. Futurity, 12/16 4th by 1 1/2, 91	Robert Lewis, 1 1/16 m Santa Anita, 3/3	<b>P:</b> Believe wide trip, not distance, beat him last time; he'll be a serious player. <b>W:</b> Don't fancy one run, grinder types like him, but he has a right to improve.
<b>E Z WARRIOR</b> <i>by Exploit</i>	30-1	41-1	97s	Zayat Stables LLC B. Baffert/D. Flores	San Miguel, 1/7 1st by 1 3/4, 97	Robert Lewis, 1 1/16 m Santa Anita, 3/3	<b>P:</b> Don't think he wants any part of 10 furlongs, and recent foot issues don't help. <b>W:</b> There is real talent here, however, and that in itself puts him ahead of many.
<b>SCAT DADDY</b> <i>by Johannesburg</i>	30-1	44-1	95s	J. Scatuorchio & M. Tabor T. Pletcher/J. Velazquez	Holy Bull, 2/3 3rd by 2 3/4, 93	Fountain of Youth, 1 1/8 Gulfstream, 3/3	<b>P:</b> Development further along than E Z Warrior; same distance concerns apply. <b>W:</b> The only horse to have beaten Nobiz Like Shobiz, but he looks like a miler.
<b>ADORE THE GOLD</b> <i>by Formal Gold</i>	40-1	33-1	102s	John Murphy M. Gorham/C. Velasquez	Swale, 2/3 1st by 3/4, 102	Hutcheson, or Fountain of Youth, 3/3	<b>P:</b> Love how he battled back in Swale, but think he might be cut below the elite. <b>W:</b> Once-beaten; might be much better than many give him credit for being.
<b>DAY PASS</b> <i>by Five Star Day</i>	40-1	38-1	90	Godolphin Racing Inc. S. bin Suroor/L. Dettori	Nashua, 11/3 1st by 4 1/4, 90	Allowance, 1 1/8 m Nad al Sheba, 3/1	<b>P:</b> Displayed lots of talent before entering black hole of Dubai; sprint pedigree. <b>W:</b> Really liked him at 2; that said, he doesn't fit the profile of a Derby winner.
<b>DRUMS OF THUNDER</b> <i>by Concerto</i>	40-1	41-1	95	Herbert & Ione Elkins W. Kaplan/M. Cruz	Holy Bull, 2/3 2nd by 1 1/2, 95	Fountain of Youth, 1 1/8 Gulfstream, 3/3	<b>P:</b> Showed he belonged splitting Nobiz Like Shobiz, Scat Daddy, in Holy Bull. <b>W:</b> His Beyers are light, but all three of his two-turn races were solid efforts.
<b>FOREFATHERS</b> <i>by Gone West</i>	40-1	44-1	100s	Zayat Stables LLC N. Zito/M. Cruz	Swale, 2/3 2nd by 3/4, 100	Hutcheson, 7 1/2 fur. Gulfstream, 3/3	<b>P:</b> Has run well sprinting, but think he can do better with distance; my sleeper. <b>W:</b> You know he'll get every chance to make it to the Derby, right or wrong?
<b>IMAWILDANDCRAZYGUY</b> <i>by Wild Event</i>	40-1	5-2f	94	L. Pell & M. Eigner W. Kaplan/F. Jara	Risen Star, 2/10 2nd by 2 1/4, 88	La. Derby, 3/10, or Tampa Bay Dby, 3/17	<b>P:</b> Definitely has improved in last pair, but not sure about strength of Risen Star. <b>W:</b> They were staggering late in the Risen Star; that's how he got up for second.
<b>BUFFALO MAN</b> <i>by El Prado</i>	50-1	59-1	94	OI Memorial St. & Glasscock C. Gambolati/E. Prado	OBS Champ., 2/12 1st by 1 1/2, 94	Fountain of Youth, 3/3, Tampa Bay Dby, 3/17	<b>P:</b> Useful colt, but only time he faced the best he was no factor in Champagne. <b>W:</b> Must consider him a distinct cut below until he demonstrates otherwise.
<b>FORTY GRAMS</b> <i>by Distorted Humor</i>	50-1	5-2f	90	Second Wind Fm. & G. Bolton S. Asmussen/undecided	FG Allowance, 1/29 1st by 13, 90	Southwest, 1 m Oaklawn, 2/19	<b>P:</b> Has improved greatly this winter; eager to see him face Hard Spun Monday. <b>W:</b> It will be a big upset if he takes the measure of Hard Spun in the Southwest.
<b>ZANJERO</b> <i>by Cherokee Run</i>	50-1	56-1	88	Ronald Winchell S. Asmussen/undecided	Risen Star, 2/10 3rd by 2 1/4, 88	La. Derby, 1 1/16 m Fair Grounds, 3/10	<b>P:</b> Continues to make slow but steady progress; waiting for a breakout effort. <b>W:</b> He is just too slow to be considered a serious Kentucky Derby contender.
<b>MERITOCRACY</b> <i>by Grand Slam</i>	60-1	5-2f	90	Peachtree Stable T. Pletcher/undecided	GP Allowance, 1/13 2nd by 1, 90	Fountain of Youth, 1 1/8 Gulfstream, 3/3	<b>P:</b> Needs to step up big in Fountain of Youth; weakest of Pletcher's sixpack. <b>W:</b> Pletcher has more than six for this; his Soaring By is close to making list.
<b>OUT OF GWEDDA</b> <i>by Out of Place</i>	60-1	157-1	97s	Pegasus Dream Stable T. Pletcher/J. Velazquez	Spectacular Bid, 12/18 2nd by 1, 89	Hutcheson, 7 1/2 fur. Gulfstream, 3/3	<b>P:</b> Doubt fast colt wants 1 1/4 miles, but should pick off plenty of low-lying fruit. <b>W:</b> Not saying he'll win Derby, but his Future Wager odds were absurdly high.

Horses are listed in order of Watchmaker odds

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