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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
WAR PASS <i>by Cherokee Run</i>	3-1	6-1	113	Lane's End Fm. & LaPenta N. Zito/C. Velasquez	GP Allowance, 2/24 1st by 7 1/2, 97	Tampa Bay Dby, 1 1/16 m Tampa Bay Downs, 3/15	Privman: Like Ali and his Bum of the Month club, he beat inferior competition in return. Watchmaker: To date, he still boasts the best races by far of any member of his class.
PYRO <i>by Pulpit</i>	4-1	5-1	105	Winchell Thoroughbreds S. Asmussen/S. Bridgmohan	Risen Star, 2/9 1st by 2, 90	Louisiana Dby, 1 1/16 m Fair Grounds, 3/8	P: Risen Star put him at or near the top; right now, he and War Pass stand out. W: That's near the top for me; War Pass soundly beat him all three times they've met.
COLONEL JOHN <i>by Tiznow</i>	12-1	19-1	93	WinStar Farm E. Harty/G. Gomez	Sham, 3/1 1st by 1/2, 86	Santa Anita Dby, 1 1/8 m Santa Anita, 4/5	P: Got slow Beyer Figure in Sham, but final time was a function of brutally slow pace. W: Wonder if his gut-wrenching comeback took more out of him than you would want.
EL GATO MALO <i>by El Corredor</i>	12-1	16-1	99	West Point Thoroughbreds C. Dollase/D. Flores	Sham, 3/1 2nd by 1/2, 85	Santa Anita Dby, 1 1/8 m Santa Anita, 4/5	P: Switch posts with Colonel John, maybe switch winners; got trapped from rail draw. W: The point is, there doesn't seem to be much between him, Colonel John right now.
COOL COAL MAN <i>by Mineshaft</i>	20-1	3-1f	98	Robert LaPenta N. Zito/K. Desormeaux	Ftn of Youth, 2/24 1st by 1/2, 98	Florida Derby, 3/29, or Blue Grass, 4/12	P: Inside draw certainly benefited him in Fountain of Youth; loves Gulfstream Park. W: His perfect trip did play a big role in his victory; did seem to ease up once in front.
COURT VISION <i>by Gulch</i>	20-1	15-1	90	WinStar Fm. & IEAH St. W. Mott/G. Gomez	Ftn of Youth, 2/24 3rd by 6 1/4, 88	Fl. Dby, 3/29, Wood Mem., 4/5, or Blue Grass, 4/12	P: Thought his comeback race was ideal; ran on nicely, certainly can move forward. W: He'd better improve; was beaten a long way despite almost matching his best Beyer.
DENIS OF CORK <i>by Harlan's Holiday</i>	20-1	46-1	96	Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Warren Jr. D. Carroll/R. Albarado	Southwest, 2/18 1st by 2 1/4, 96	Rebel, 1 1/16 m Oaklawn, 3/15	P: Was best bargain in Pool 1 of Derby Future Wager; won't be that price this week. W: Of course, you had to bet him in Pool 1 a week before his big Southwest score.
ELYSIUM FIELDS <i>by El Prado</i>	20-1	3-1f	97	Robert Evans B. Tagg/E. Coa	Ftn of Youth, 2/24 2nd by 1/2, 97	Florida Derby, 1 1/8 m Gulfstream, 3/29	P: Was moving from maiden to stakes, and was caught wide, yet nearly won 'Youth. W: Seems to have really turned the corner with blinkers, and still has a big upside.
GEORGIE BOY <i>by Tribal Rule</i>	20-1	69-1	103s	George Schwary K. Walsh/R. Bejarano	San Vicente, 2/10 1st by 3 1/4, 103	San Felipe, 1 1/16 m Santa Anita, 3/15	P: If he wins San Felipe, SA Derby will feature him, Colonel John, and El Gato Malo. W: With him, Bob Black Jack, Gayego, San Felipe has become the stretch-out special.
MAJESTIC WARRIOR <i>by A.P. Indy</i>	20-1	18-1	95s	Kinsman St., Smith & Tabor W. Mott/G. Gomez	Champagne, 10/6 6th by 14, 77	Louisiana Dby, 1 1/16 m Fair Grounds, 3/8	P: Will get a big test first time back; this will be his first try around two turns, too. W: We'll find out right away if he is as good as he suggested he is in his Hopeful win.
TALE OF EKATI <i>by Tale of the Cat</i>	25-1	33-1	95s	Charles Fipke B. Tagg/E. Prado	B C Juvenile, 10/27 4th by 17 1/2, 82	Louisiana Dby, 1 1/16 m Fair Grounds, 3/8	P: According to Tagg, he has been training super since relocating to Palm Meadows. W: That's good, because though this colt can run, he picked a tough spot for his return.
Z FORTUNE <i>by Siphon</i>	30-1	37-1	95	Zayat Stables S. Asmussen/G. Gomez	Risen Star, 2/9 2nd by 2, 87	Rebel, 1 1/16 m Oaklawn, 3/15	P: Gomez is choosing to ride him in Rebel instead of Georgie Boy the same day at SA. W: The big question now is, is Gomez as good a handicapper as he is a race rider?
COWBOY CAL <i>by Giant's Causeway</i>	40-1	26-1	95t	Stonerside Stable T. Pletcher/J. Velazquez	Hallandale Beach, 2/16 2nd by 1 1/2, 91	Blue Grass, 1 1/8 m Keeneland, 4/12	P: Turf specialist to try synthetic surface; by same sire as Big Cap winner Heatseeker. W: If he makes it to the Derby, he won't be the only one making his first dirt start ever.
FIERCE WIND <i>by Dixie Union</i>	40-1	3-1f	89	Four Roses Thoroughbreds N. Zito/C. Velasquez	Sam F. Davis, 2/16 1st by 1/2, 88	Florida Derby, 3/29, or Arkansas Derby, 4/12	P: Zito has four on this list; understandably wants to keep them from facing one another. W: Zito's four help illustrate the distinct differences in strength that are found on this list.
J BE K <i>by Silver Deputy</i>	40-1	3-1f	99s	Zayat Stables S. Asmussen/K. Desormeaux	FG Allowance, 2/15 1st by 5, 91	Louisiana Dby, 1 1/16 m Fair Grounds, 3/8	P: After two sprint wins five months apart, gets serious test vs. deep La. Derby field. W: I get the strong feeling that Jay doesn't feel this is the right approach for this colt.
MONBA <i>by Maria's Mon</i>	40-1	16-1	91	Starlight St., Lucarelli, & Saylor T. Pletcher/E. Prado	Ftn of Youth, 2/24 12th by 39 3/4, 33	Lane's End, 3/22, or Blue Grass, 4/12	P: Got mauled on the first turn and stopped; final work before race was disappointing. W: Plenty of room on his bandwagon now after losing at GP by almost 40 lengths.
VISIONAIRE <i>by Grand Slam</i>	40-1	3-1f	90	Team Valor Int'l & Vision Rcg M. Matz/J. Lezcano	Risen Star, 2/9 3rd by 2 3/4, 85	Gotham, 1 1/16 m Aqueduct, 3/8	P: Smart move to avoid biggies in La. Derby and face a bit easier company in Gotham. W: If you're ducking horses at this point in time, it means you have some improving to do.
ANAK NAKAL <i>by Victory Gallop</i>	50-1	33-1	86	Four Roses Thoroughbreds N. Zito/J. Leparoux	Ftn of Youth, 2/24 8th by 13 1/2, 76	Rebel, 3/15, or Florida Derby, 3/29	P: My doubts about Kentucky Jockey Club remain after he finished well back in 'Youth. W: Showed little in his return, and looks to be a decided notch below the best here.
BLACKBERRY ROAD <i>by Gone West</i>	50-1	47-1	90	Dogwood Stable D. Carroll/R. Albarado	Risen Star, 2/9 5th by 3 1/2, 84	Louisiana Dby, 1 1/16 m Fair Grounds, 3/8	P: Has talent, but he'll be no better than fifth choice against strong line-up Saturday. W: Being fifth choice itself doesn't mean this perpetually unlucky colt has no shot.
BOB BLACK JACK <i>by Stormy Jack</i>	50-1	58-1	109s	J. Harmon & T. Kasparoff J. Kasparoff/D. Flores	Sun Mil Dash, 1/26 1st by 3 1/2, 109	San Felipe, 1 1/16 m Santa Anita, 3/15	P: Gets chance to stretch speed around two turns in San Felipe; small field is likely. W: I know he earned it sprinting, but he's one of only five listed with a triple-digit Beyer.
GAYEGO <i>by Gilded Time</i>	50-1	3-1f	102s	Cubanacan Stables P. Lobo/M. Smith	San Pedro, 1/20 1st by 2 3/4, 102	San Felipe, 1 1/16 m Santa Anita, 3/15	P: Lobo has decided to skip this week's ECR Derby in favor of next week's San Felipe. W: Last of the five listed with a triple-digit Beyer; it's amazing that group is so small.
GIANT MOON <i>by Giant's Causeway</i>	50-1	51-1	93	Albert Fried Jr. R. Schosberg/R. Dominguez	Count Fleet, 1/5 1st by a neck, 93	Gotham, 1 1/16 m Aqueduct, 3/8	P: Been King of New York this winter; several snowbirds coming to challenge in Gotham. W: He's a decent colt, but calling him King of New York, even for the winter, is too strong.
SMOOTH AIR <i>by Smooth Jazz</i>	50-1	159-1	95s	Mount Joy Stables B. Stutts Jr./M. Cruz	Sam F. Davis, 2/16 3rd by 1 1/4, 86	Tampa Bay Derby, 3/15, or Florida Derby, 3/29	P: Tampa Bay Derby doesn't look quite so appealing what with War Pass headed there. W: What's the over-under for number of opponents for War Pass in Tampa, three? Two?
Z HUMOR <i>by Distorted Humor</i>	50-1	45-1	97	Zayat Stables W. Mott/C. Velasquez	Ftn of Youth, 2/24 4th by 8 1/2, 84	Illinois Derby, 1 1/8 m Hawthorne, 4/5	P: Though he was coming back in eight days, he ran decently in the Fountain of Youth. W: I think the only ones who did any real running in the 'Youth were the first two finishers.
YANKEE BRAVO <i>by Yankee Gentleman</i>	60-1	48-1	79t	Bienstock, Winner, Harlequin St. P. Gallagher/A. Solis	California Derby, 1/27 1st by 1, 75	Louisiana Dby, 1 1/16 m Fair Grounds, 3/8	P: Sneaks back on list after getting squeezed out last week; reign might be short-lived. W: That's because he is going to have to improve a ton of lengths to contend at FG.

Horses are listed in order of Watchmaker odds

Pool 1 closing odds for Churchill Future Wager rounded down

(s) Top Beyer Figure in a sprint; (t) top Beyer on turf

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