

# DERBYWATCH

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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>BIG BROWN</b> <i>by Boundary</i>	<b>7-2</b>	3-1f 6-1f 3-1	106	IEAH Stables & Pompa R. Dutrow Jr./K. Desormeaux	Florida Derby, 3/29 1st by 5, 106	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/3	<b>Privman:</b> Will do all his serious training in Florida and arrive at Churchill week of Derby. <b>Watchmaker:</b> His inexperience might not matter considering how fast and talented he is.
<b>COLONEL JOHN</b> <i>by Tiznow</i>	<b>5-1</b>	19-1 17-1 6-1	95	WinStar Farm E. Harty/C. Nakatani	Santa Anita Derby, 4/5 1st by 1/2, 95	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/3	<b>P:</b> Heads to Derby never having run on dirt, but style suggests he will love 1 1/4 miles. <b>W:</b> Was visually impressive. The big question is, can he improve his Beyers on dirt?
<b>PYRO</b> <i>by Pulpit</i>	<b>6-1</b>	5-1 4-1 5-1	105	Winchell Thoroughbreds S. Asmussen/S. Bridgmohan	Blue Grass, 4/12 10th by 11 1/2, 73	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/3	<b>P:</b> Threw in a stinker in Blue Grass. Supporters have to hope Polytrack was the reason. <b>W:</b> The game has changed, but few have won the Derby off bad losses like his at Kee.
<b>WAR PASS</b> <i>by Cherokee Run</i>	<b>12-1</b>	6-1 9-2 14-1	113	Lane's End Fm. & LaPenta N. Zito/C. Velasquez	Wood Memorial, 4/5 2nd by 1/2, 92	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/3	<b>P:</b> Certainly ran better in Wood than Tampa, but 1 1/4 miles looks awfully far for him. <b>W:</b> Was much the best in the Wood, but final time was slow, and distance is an issue.
<b>GAYEGO</b> <i>by Gilded Time</i>	<b>15-1</b>	3-1f 111-1 57-1	103	Cubanacan Stables P. Lobo/M. Smith	Arkansas Derby, 4/12 1st by 3/4, 103	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/3	<b>P:</b> Another California-based horse who ran well moving from synthetic to Oaklawn dirt. <b>W:</b> His very game effort at Oaklawn makes the injury to Georgie Boy sting a bit more.
<b>TALE OF EKATI</b> <i>by Tale of the Cat</i>	<b>15-1</b>	33-1 47-1 18-1	95s	Charles Fipke B. Tagg/undecided	Wood Memorial, 4/5 1st by 1/2, 93	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/3	<b>P:</b> Showed tenacity to get up and win, but think whole Wood field was staggering at end. <b>W:</b> It took him all day - literally - to capitalize on the dream trip he received in the Wood.
<b>COURT VISION</b> <i>by Gulch</i>	<b>20-1</b>	15-1 16-1 19-1	90	WinStar Fm. & IEAH St. W. Mott/G. Gomez	Wood Memorial, 4/5 3rd by 1 3/4, 90	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/3	<b>P:</b> The way hot pace unfolded in Wood, no excuse for him not to finish better and win. <b>W:</b> Winning? He couldn't even get past a softened-up War Pass; too slow right now.
<b>COWBOY CAL</b> <i>by Giant's Causeway</i>	<b>20-1</b>	26-1 6-1f 14-1f	95t	Stonerside Stable T. Pletcher/J. Velazquez	Blue Grass, 4/12 2nd by a neck, 92	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/3	<b>P:</b> Made a nice transition from turf to Polytrack, but he's still a question mark on dirt. <b>W:</b> Ran just as well as Monba in Blue Grass, but who knows what that means for Derby?
<b>MONBA</b> <i>by Maria's Mon</i>	<b>20-1</b>	16-1 35-1 14-1f	92	Starlight St., Lucarelli, & Saylor T. Pletcher/undecided	Blue Grass, 4/12 1st by a neck, 92	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/3	<b>P:</b> Bounced back from Fountain of Youth; one of few in Derby who has won at Churchill. <b>W:</b> Unless Polytrack really muted his Beyer, he must get faster quick to contend in Derby.
<b>Z FORTUNE</b> <i>by Siphon</i>	<b>20-1</b>	37-1 33-1 54-1	102	Zayat Stables S. Asmussen/R. Albarado	Arkansas Derby, 4/12 2nd by 3/4, 102	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/3	<b>P:</b> Showed his Rebel was too bad to be true with excellent runner-up effort in Ark. Derby. <b>W:</b> Considering the ground he lost, that was a fine performance, his best by far to date.
<b>BOB BLACK JACK</b> <i>by Stormy Jack</i>	<b>30-1</b>	58-1 49-1 42-1	109s	J. Harmon & T. Kasparoff J. Kasparoff/D. Flores	Santa Anita Derby, 4/5 2nd by 1/2, 94	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/3	<b>P:</b> Derby distance likely beyond his range, but showed again in SA Derby he's game. <b>W:</b> Can be better on dirt that won't compromise his speed, but the Derby is so tough.
<b>COOL COAL MAN</b> <i>by Mineshaft</i>	<b>30-1</b>	3-1f 26-1 20-1	98	Robert LaPenta N. Zito/undecided	Blue Grass, 4/12 9th by 10 3/4, 74	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/3	<b>P:</b> With exception of Monba, who had an excuse, Ftn of Youth was a negative key race. <b>W:</b> Don't agree. First two in Ftn of Youth had excuses next time (Polytrack, heat stroke).
<b>VISIONAIRE</b> <i>by Grand Slam</i>	<b>30-1</b>	3-1f 19-1 19-1	98	Team Valor Int'l & Vision Rcg M. Matz/J. Lezcano	Blue Grass, 4/12 5th by 6 1/4, 82	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/3	<b>P:</b> Was far back early in Blue Grass, and was only horse to make up any ground late. <b>W:</b> That might be an indictment of the Blue Grass, as there was no speed bias at Kee.
<b>ADRIANO</b> <i>by A.P. Indy</i>	<b>40-1</b>	3-1f 6-1f 38-1	92	Courtlandt Farms H. G. Motion/E. Prado	Lane's End, 3/22 1st by 2 1/2, 92	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/3	<b>P:</b> Will bypass Lexington and go straight to Derby following satisfactory work at Churchill. <b>W:</b> Since Lane's End, wins by Big Brown, Colonel John make things look tougher for him.
<b>DENIS OF CORK</b> <i>by Harlan's Holiday</i>	<b>40-1</b>	46-1 12-1 26-1	96	Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Warren Jr. D. Carroll/undecided	Illinois Derby, 4/5 5th by 8 1/2, 88	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/3	<b>P:</b> Connections should rip up sheets used to mismanage him; apparently out of Derby. <b>W:</b> There have been complaints he was the victim of a speed bias at Haw; not true.
<b>EIGHT BELLES (F)</b> <i>by Unbridled's Song</i>	<b>40-1</b>	3-1f 6-1f 14-1f	100	Fox Hill Farms J. L. Jones/R. Dominguez	Fantasy, 4/6 1st by 3/4, 99	Kentucky Oaks, 5/2, or Kentucky Derby, 5/3	<b>P:</b> Derby earnings rule needs to be re-written so that fillies-only races do not count. <b>W:</b> Why stop there? Shouldn't 3yo graded earnings count more than 2yo earnings?
<b>RECAPTURETHEGLORY</b> <i>by Cherokee Run</i>	<b>40-1</b>	3-1f 6-1f 14-1f	102	R. Lamarque & L. Roussel 3rd L. Roussel 3rd/E. Baird	Illinois Derby, 4/5 1st by 4, 102	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/3	<b>P:</b> Got soft trip and made the most of it in Ill. Derby; two-turn form has been quite good. <b>W:</b> Maybe he's War Emblem version 2, but I didn't have him in the Derby, either.
<b>SMOOTH AIR</b> <i>by Smooth Jazz</i>	<b>40-1</b>	159-1 192-1 30-1	98	Mount Joy Stables Inc. B. Stutts Jr./M. Cruz	Florida Derby, 3/29 2nd by 5, 98	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/3	<b>P:</b> Those who got him in either Pool 1 or 2 of Future Wager are hoping to strike it rich. <b>W:</b> His odds then were silly, but that alone doesn't make him a more effective performer.
<b>BIG TRUCK</b> <i>by Hook and Ladder</i>	<b>50-1</b>	3-1f 6-1f 32-1	93	Eric Fein B. Tagg/E. Coa	Blue Grass, 4/12 11th by 11 3/4, 73	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/3	<b>P:</b> When horses run bad on Polytrack, it's a built-in excuse; never ran a jump on the stuff. <b>W:</b> The thing with him is, it was debatable how good he really was before the Blue Grass.
<b>Z HUMOR</b> <i>by Distorted Humor</i>	<b>50-1</b>	45-1 6-1f 14-1f	97	Zayat Stables W. Mott/R. Douglas	Illinois Derby, 4/5 3rd by 4 3/4, 94	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/3	<b>P:</b> Has the money to get in, but showed again in Ill. Derby he's a cut below the best. <b>W:</b> That said, his performance at Hawthorne was his best in three starts so far this year.
<b>ANAK NAKAL</b> <i>by Victory Gallop</i>	<b>60-1</b>	33-1 6-1f 14-1f	87	Four Roses Thoroughbreds N. Zito/undecided	Wood Memorial, 4/5 5th by 3 1/2, 87	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/3	<b>P:</b> Has underachieved this year, but like many others, has enough cash to run, so he will. <b>W:</b> Maybe he hasn't underachieved this year. His big win last year was of dubious quality.
<b>HALO NAJIB</b> <i>by Halo's Image</i>	<b>60-1</b>	3-1f 6-1f 14-1f	90s	Zayat Stables D. Romans/undecided	Blue Grass, 4/12 7th by 8 1/4, 78	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/3	<b>P:</b> Best races have been on synthetic surfaces, so that doesn't explain his dull Blue Grass. <b>W:</b> At this point, it seemed most fair to make this list earnings-driven; that's why he's here.
<b>INDIAN SUN</b> <i>by Indian Charlie</i>	<b>60-1</b>	3-1f 6-1f 14-1f	92	Cecil Peacock D. Hendricks/A. Solis	Arkansas Derby, 4/12 4th by 6 1/2, 92	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/3	<b>P:</b> Seems a cut below best, but merits spot on list this week strictly because of earnings. <b>W:</b> Also listed only because of earnings; he's certainly not better than El Gato Malo.
<b>SALUTE THE SARGE</b> <i>by Forest Wildcat</i>	<b>60-1</b>	3-1f 6-1f 95-1	89s	Southern Equine Stable E. Guillot/M. Baze	San Miguel, 3/29 1st by 1 3/4, 89	Lexington, 1 1/16 m Keeneland, 4/19	<b>P:</b> Hard to imagine these connections passing Derby if he were to run well in Lexington. <b>W:</b> Hey, let's run the Derby in heats: two 20-horse qualifiers and then a 20-horse final.
<b>TOMCITO</b> <i>by Street Cry</i>	<b>60-1</b>	3-1f 6-1f 32-1	85	Jet Set Racing Stable D. Zanelli Jr./J. Chavez	Florida Derby, 3/29 3rd by 12 1/2, 85	Lexington, 1 1/16 m Keeneland, 4/19	<b>P:</b> He's on the bubble in terms of earnings; Lexington an opportunity to get more cash. <b>W:</b> Tough to be enthusiastic about him given how far he was beaten in Florida Derby.

Horses are listed in order of Watchmaker odds

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