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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
BIG BROWN <i>by Boundary</i>	7-2	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	Privman: Coming to CD earlier than first planned; must mean feet are in good shape. Watchmaker: Inexperience might not matter considering how fast and talented he is.
COLONEL JOHN <i>by Tiznow</i>	5-1	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	P: Should love 1 1/4 miles, and finished strong winter at SA with super work Sunday. W: If he can improve his Beyers going from synthetic to dirt, he's a serious threat to win.
PYRO <i>by Pulpit</i>	6-1	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	P: Threw in a stinker in Blue Grass. Supporters have to hope Polytrack was the reason. W: The game has changed, but few have won the Derby off bad losses like his at Kee.
GAYEGO <i>by Gilded Time</i>	15-1	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	P: Another California-based horse who ran well moving from synthetic to Oaklawn dirt. W: Pressed a fast Ark. Derby pace and still finished strongly; outrunning his pedigree.
TALE OF EKATI <i>by Tale of the Cat</i>	15-1	33-1 47-1 18-1	95s	Charles Fipke B. Tagg/E. Coa	Wood Memorial, 4/5 1st by 1/2, 93	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/3	P: With Prado opting for Adriano, mount came open; Coa moved to him from Big Truck. W: Prado taking Lane's End winner over the Wood and Blue Grass winners says a lot.
Z FORTUNE <i>by Siphon</i>	15-1	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	P: Showed his Rebel was too bad to be true with excellent runner-up effort in Ark. Derby. W: Considering the ground he lost, that was a fine performance, his best by far to date.
COURT VISION <i>by Gulch</i>	20-1	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	P: The way hot pace unfolded in Wood, no excuse for him not to finish better and win. W: Winning? He couldn't even get past a softened up War Pass; too slow right now.
COWBOY CAL <i>by Giant's Causeway</i>	20-1	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	P: Made a nice transition from turf to Polytrack, but he's still a question mark on dirt. W: Ran just as well as Monba in Blue Grass, but who knows what that means for Derby?
MONBA <i>by Maria's Mon</i>	20-1	16-1 35-1 14-1f	92	Starlight St., Lucarelli, & Saylor T. Pletcher/R. Dominguez	Blue Grass, 4/12 1st by a neck, 92	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/3	P: Bounced back from Fountain of Youth; one of few in Derby who has won at Churchill. W: Unless Polytrack really muted his Beyer, he must get faster quick to contend in Derby.
RECAPTURETHEGLORY <i>by Cherokee Run</i>	20-1	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	P: Defection of speedy War Pass absolutely helps this front-runner's cause; intriguing. W: I agree. Right now, the early pace in this Derby doesn't look as crazy-fast as usual.
BEHINDATTHEBAR <i>by Forest Wildcat</i>	30-1	3-1f 6-1f 14-1f	99	Padua Stables, Shustek & Stanley T. Pletcher/undecided	Lexington, 4/19 1st by 1, 99	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/3	P: Prefers synthetic, and has ugly way of going, but owner gets giddy over being in Derby. W: Strong impression is the owner and trainer don't agree on whether he's Derby caliber.
BOB BLACK JACK <i>by Stormy Jack</i>	30-1	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	P: Wonder if big winter has taken its toll; wasn't crazy about his work Monday at SA. W: Distance is an issue, but I'm interested seeing him get off synthetic tracks onto dirt.
VISIONAIRE <i>by Grand Slam</i>	30-1	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	P: Was far back early in Blue Grass, and was only horse to make up any ground late. W: That might be an indictment of the Blue Grass, as there was no speed bias at Kee.
ADRIANO <i>by A.P. Indy</i>	40-1	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	P: Big endorsement that Hall of Fame jockey Prado chose him over Monba, Tale of Ekati. W: Maybe instead of Adriano wowing Prado, it was more like Monba, Tale of Ekati didn't.
COOL COAL MAN <i>by Mineshaft</i>	40-1	3-1f 26-1 20-1	98	Robert LaPenta N. Zito/J. Lejaroux	Blue Grass, 4/12 9th by 10 3/4, 74	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/3	P: With exception of Monba, who had an excuse, Ftn of Youth was a negative key race. W: I disagree. First two in Ftn of Youth had excuses next time, Adriano won Lane's End.
DENIS OF CORK <i>by Harlan's Holiday</i>	40-1	46-1 12-1 26-1	96	Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Warren Jr. D. Carroll/C. Borel	Illinois Derby, 4/5 5th by 8 1/2, 88	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/3	P: Been mismanaged, but top-class on his best day; looks like he might get in after all. W: Not yet sure he's top-class even on his best, but belongs here more than some others.
EIGHT BELLES (F) <i>by Unbridled's Song</i>	40-1	3-1f 6-1f 14-1f	100	Fox Hill Farms J. L. Jones/undecided	Fantasy, 4/6 1st by 3/4, 99	Kentucky Oaks, 5/2, or Kentucky Derby, 5/3	P: Derby earnings rule needs to be re-written so that fillies-only races do not count. W: Why stop there? Shouldn't 3yo graded earnings count more than 2yo earnings?
PROUD SPELL (F) <i>by Proud Citizen</i>	40-1	3-1f 6-1f 14-1f	99	Brereton C. Jones J. L. Jones/G. Saez	Ashland, 4/5 3rd by 2 3/4, 83	Kentucky Oaks, 5/2, or Kentucky Derby, 5/3	P: Jones says her chances of running in Derby is only 15%; good, she can win Oaks. W: A very nice filly, but really doesn't belong in a spot like this; betting she runs in Oaks.
SMOOTH AIR <i>by Smooth Jazz</i>	40-1	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	P: Those who got him in either Pool 1 or 2 of Future Wager are hoping to strike it rich. W: His odds then were silly, but that alone doesn't make him a more effective performer.
BIG TRUCK <i>by Hook and Ladder</i>	50-1	3-1f 6-1f 32-1	93	Eric Fein B. Tagg/J. Castellano	Blue Grass, 4/12 11th by 11 3/4, 73	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/3	P: When horses run bad on Polytrack, it's a built-in excuse; never ran a jump on the stuff. W: The thing with him is, it was debatable how good he really was before the Blue Grass.
Z HUMOR <i>by Distorted Humor</i>	50-1	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	P: Has the money to get in, but showed again in Ill. Derby he's a cut below the best. W: That said, his performance at Hawthorne was his best in three starts so far this year.
ANAK NAKAL <i>by Victory Gallop</i>	60-1	33-1 6-1f 14-1f	87	Four Roses Thoroughbreds N. Zito/R. Bejarano	Wood Memorial, 4/5 5th by 3 1/2, 87	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/3	P: Has underachieved this year, but like many others, has enough cash to run, so he will. W: Maybe he hasn't underachieved this year. His big win last year was of dubious quality.
HALO NAJIB <i>by Halo's Image</i>	60-1	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	P: Best races have been on synthetic surfaces, so that doesn't explain his dull Blue Grass. W: He is in the top 25 of current possibles for the Derby. That's only reason why he's here.
INDIAN SUN <i>by Indian Charlie</i>	60-1	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	P: A cut below best, but on Derby Watch because of where he stands on earnings list. W: Certainly not better than El Gato Malo, but earnings rule doesn't account for talent.
TOMCITO <i>by Street Cry</i>	60-1	3-1f 6-1f 32-1	92	Jet Set Racing Stable D. Zanelli Jr./J. Chavez	Lexington, 4/19 6th by 3 3/4, 92	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/3	P: Ran in Lexington in order to try and pick up more graded cash, but was no threat. W: And because he didn't run well enough, he'll need lots of help to get into the Derby.

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Pool 1, 2 & 3 closing odds for Churchill Future Wager rounded down

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

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