

DERBYFIELD

Churchill Downs • Sat., May 3 • \$2,000,000 • 1 1/4 miles • NBC 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Eastern • Post time 6:04 p.m.

BETTING NUMBER	HORSE SIRE	TRACK ODDS	WATCHMAKER ODDS	BEST BEYER	OWNER TRAINER AND JOCKEY	JAY PRIVMAN AND MIKE WATCHMAKER'S COMMENTS
1	COOL COAL MAN <i>by Mineshaft</i>	20-1	30-1	98	Robert LaPenta N. Zito/J. Leparoux	JP: Other than Monba, who had an excuse, believe Fountain of Youth, which he won, was a weak race. MW: Not endorsing him, but he flopped on Polytrack last time, and Adriano exited Ftn of Youth to win at TP.
2	TALE OF EKATI <i>by Tale of the Cat</i>	15-1	15-1	95s	Charles Fipke B. Tagg/E. Coa	JP: Despite having 3 wins in 6 starts, he has not struck me as a colt who will relish the Derby distance. MW: Got great trip in Wood Memorial, and took all day - literally - to capitalize on it. He would surprise me.
3	ANAK NAKAL <i>by Victory Gallop</i>	30-1	50-1	87	Four Roses Thoroughbreds N. Zito/R. Bejarano	JP: Won his lone start at Churchill Downs, but that was a long time ago; his form this year has been poor. MW: Even his stakes win over the track was a soft event; would need many opponents to turn in stinkers.
4	COURT VISION <i>by Gulch</i>	20-1	20-1	90	WinStar Fm. & IEAH St. W. Mott/G. Gomez	JP: Blinkers being added, which should help. But I thought he had absolutely no excuse in the Wood. MW: The blinkers had better make him run much faster than he has so far; otherwise, he's too slow to win.
5	EIGHT BELLES (F) <i>by Unbridled's Song</i>	20-1	30-1	100	Fox Hill Farms J. L. Jones/G. Saez	JP: Physically, she's as big as the boys, but her penchant to break poorly could spell doom for her early. MW: Her win streak was fashioned against fillies of questionable quality; think she is shooting too high here.
6	Z FORTUNE <i>by Siphon</i>	15-1	15-1	102	Zayat Stables S. Asmussen/R. Albarado	JP: Liked his race in Ark. Derby a lot; forced wide the whole way, kept to task, and was well clear of third. MW: Indeed, he comes off what was his best performance by far; for me, he is a must-use in the exotics.
7	BIG TRUCK <i>by Hook and Ladder</i>	50-1	50-1	93	Eric Fein B. Tagg/J. Castellano	JP: Might be able to excuse dull Blue Grass on Polytrack; but seems a cut below the leading contenders. MW: Agreed. Even if you toss out his Blue Grass, a repeat of his Tampa Bay Derby won't get it done here.
8	VISIONAIRE <i>by Grand Slam</i>	20-1	30-1	98	Team Valor Int'l & Vision Racg M. Matz/J. Lezcano	JP: Caught wide on first turn in the Blue Grass, then was the only horse to make up ground late in race. MW: His major claim to fame is he won the Gotham, and that's a race the form of which I seriously question.
9	PYRO <i>by Pulpit</i>	6-1	6-1	105	Winchell Thoroughbreds S. Asmussen/S. Bridgmohan	JP: Because of his Polytrack flop in the Blue Grass, he might be best value in race. Worked well Monday. MW: Slow figs this year, and horses don't win the Derby off bad final preps, but the game has changed.
10	COLONEL JOHN <i>by Tiznow</i>	4-1	5-1	95	WinStar Farm E. Harty/C. Nakatani	JP: Has never finished worse than second, should love the distance, and worked well on dirt. Very solid. MW: The one chink in his armor is he hasn't run fast yet, but getting off synthetic tracks may help him there.
11	Z HUMOR <i>by Distorted Humor</i>	30-1	50-1	97	Zayat Stables W. Mott/R. Douglas	JP: Money earned as a 2yo at Delta carried him into the Derby; would have to run the race of his life. MW: Best that can be said on his behalf is his recent third in the Illinois Derby was his best effort this year.
12	SMOOTH AIR <i>by Smooth Jazz</i>	20-1	50-1	98	Mount Joy Stables Inc. B. Stutts Jr./M. Cruz	JP: Might be the type to clunk up and get a share of superfecta, but his recent illness a definite setback. MW: An honest, hard-trying colt, but it's difficult to make any sort of compelling case for him in this spot.
13	BOB BLACK JACK <i>by Stormy Jack</i>	20-1	30-1	109s	J. Harmon & T. Kasparoff J. Kasparoff/R. Migliore	JP: Ten furlongs is a long run for him; also suspect busy winter at SA might leave him over the top. MW: Probably doesn't want to go quite this far, but pace player figures to like going from synthetic to dirt.
14	MONBA <i>by Maria's Mon</i>	15-1	15-1	92	Starlight St., Lucarelli, & Saylor T. Pletcher/R. Dominguez	JP: If you throw out the Fountain of Youth, in which he was injured, he stacks up among the best here. MW: I know Jay is a fan of his, and I respect that. But his meager Beyers do not yet put him with the best.
15	ADRIANO <i>by A.P. Indy</i>	30-1	30-1	92	Courtlandt Farms H. G. Motion/E. Prado	JP: Have not been really dazzled by the way he has trained on CD dirt; his biggest win was on Polytrack. MW: Prado choosing him over Monba, Tale of Ekati, might be more of a knock on those than a push on him.
16	DENIS OF CORK <i>by Harlan's Holiday</i>	20-1	30-1	96	Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Warren Jr. D. Carroll/C. Borel	JP: Thought he was one of the elite earlier in year. Despite mismanagement, got in, and worked super. MW: Likely not as bad as he was at Haw, but thanks to ideal trip, may not be as good as he looked at OP.
17	COWBOY CAL <i>by Giant's Causeway</i>	20-1	20-1	95t	Stonerside Stable T. Pletcher/J. Velazquez	JP: Only dirt try was poor, but it was sprinting in his debut. It's a complete guess as to how he'll do. MW: I'm not picking him, but he ran just as well as Monba did in Blue Grass, and he'll be well placed early.
18	RECAPTURETHEGLORY <i>by Cherokee Run</i>	20-1	15-1	102	R. Lamarque & L. Roussel 3rd L. Roussel 3rd/E. Baird	JP: Defection of the speedy War Pass absolutely helps this front-runner's cause; intriguing longshot. MW: There is no crazy speed in here, but I doubt he'll get off as easy early as he did winning Illinois Derby.
19	GAYEGO <i>by Gilded Time</i>	15-1	12-1	103	Cubanacan Stables P. Lobo/M. Smith	JP: Victory in Ark. Derby was yet another example of the depth this year of California-based contenders. MW: Was as game as can be at Oaklawn. Not bred for this route, but has outrun his pedigree recently.
20	BIG BROWN <i>by Boundary</i>	3-1	3-1	106	IEAH Stables & Pompa R. Dutrow Jr./K. Desormeaux	JP: Curlin could not win off of just three starts, but this field is not as deep and strong as last year's field. MW: That's why his inexperience isn't as much of a worry. Immensely talented, and should sit a nice trip.

Odds by Mike Battaglia, Churchill Downs linemaker, and Mike Watchmaker, Daily Racing Form National Handicapper.

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

Closing Churchill Future Wager odds

HORSE	POOL 1	POOL 2	POOL 3	HORSE	POOL 1	POOL 2	POOL 3	HORSE	POOL 1	POOL 2	POOL 3	HORSE	POOL 1	POOL 2	POOL 3
Adriano	3-1f	6-1f	38-1	Colonel John	19-1	17-1	6-1	Eight Belles (F)	3-1f	6-1f	14-1f	Smooth Air	159-1	192-1	30-1
Anak Nakal	33-1	6-1f	14-1f	Cool Coal Man	3-1f	26-1	20-1	Gayego	3-1f	111-1	57-1	Tale of Ekati	33-1	47-1	18-1
Big Brown	3-1f	6-1f	3-1	Court Vision	15-1	16-1	19-1	Monba	16-1	35-1	14-1f	Visionaire	3-1f	19-1	19-1
Big Truck	3-1f	6-1f	32-1	Cowboy Cal	26-1	6-1f	14-1f	Pyro	5-1	4-1	5-1	Z Fortune	37-1	33-1	54-1
Bob Black Jack	58-1	49-1	42-1	Denis of Cork	46-1	12-1	26-1	Recapturetheglory	3-1f	6-1f	14-1f	Z Humor	45-1	6-1f	14-1f