

DERBYWATCH

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
SMARTY JONES <i>by Elusive Quality</i>	8-1	9-5f 4-1f 10-1	108	Someday Farm J. Servis/S. Elliott	Arkansas Derby, 4/10 1st by 1 1/2, 107	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/1	Privman: All he does is win and run fast. He won me over this spring. Watchmaker: The pressure is on now, and the game gets a lot tougher.
LION HEART <i>by Tale of the Cat</i>	10-1	14-1 16-1 16-1	110	D. Smith & M. Tabor P. Biancone/M. Smith	Blue Grass, 4/10 2nd by a half, 110	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/1	JP: Hung on bravely for second in fastest of last week's Derby preps. MW: Has real talent and a big heart, but also has only two Derby preps.
TAPIT <i>by Pulpit</i>	10-1	17-1 18-1 23-1	98	Ronald Winchell M. Dickinson/R. Dominguez	Wood Memorial, 4/10 1st by 1/2, 98	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/1	JP: Do you believe in miracles? Yes! Dickinson brings him back from the brink. MW: I like him, and if he had three preps instead of two, I would love him.
THE CLIFF'S EDGE <i>by Gulch</i>	10-1	28-1 16-1 16-1	111	Robert La Penta N. Zito/S. Sellers	Blue Grass, 4/10 1st by a half, 111	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/1	JP: Got lifetime best fig winning Blue Grass; heading in right direction. MW: I must admit, he ran a lot better at Keeneland than I thought he could.
MASTER DAVID <i>by Grand Slam</i>	12-1	19-1 18-1 12-1	100	Georgica Stable, et al R. Frankel/A. Solis	Wood Memorial, 4/10 2nd by 1/2, 97	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/1	JP: Figured to need his last. Can improve significantly come Derby Day. MW: Certainly a legit contender; just wish his Beyers were a little better.
READ THE FOOTNOTES <i>by Smoke Glacken</i>	12-1	14-1 20-1 17-1	113	Klaravich Stables Inc. R. Violette Jr./J. Bailey	Florida Derby, 3/13 4th by 4, 86	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/1	JP: With The Cliff's Edge, Tapit winning, the Fla. Derby is looking better. MW: Whatever. He's still coming off a layoff that hasn't worked in 48 years.
ROCK HARD TEN <i>by Kris S.</i>	12-1	9-5f 18-1 14-1	103	Mercedes Stables & Paulson J. Orman/G. Stevens	Santa Anita Derby, 4/3 2nd by a head, 103	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/1	JP: His graded stakes earnings might be insufficient to make final field. MW: He and Eddington are superior to many who are guaranteed starters.
BORREGO <i>by El Prado</i>	15-1	52-1 24-1 16-1	105	Kelly, Ralls & Foster C. B. Greely/V. Espinoza	Arkansas Derby, 4/10 2nd by 1 1/2, 105	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/1	JP: Has been expertly managed this spring, and will love Derby's distance. MW: Would become first since Alysheba to make Derby his first stakes win.
EDDINGTON <i>by Unbridled</i>	15-1	9-5f 15-1 13-1	101	Willmott Stables Inc. M. Hennig/J. Bailey	Wood Memorial, 4/10 3rd by 1/2, 97	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/1	JP: The length of Master David's nose may be difference in making field. MW: That's a tough one, though I thought he'd run better in Wood than he did.
IMPERIALISM <i>by Langfuhr</i>	15-1	9-5f 24-1 15-1	104	Steve Taub K. Mulhall/K. Desormeaux	Santa Anita Derby, 4/3 3rd by 2, 100	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/1	JP: Got through along rail, but with his eyesight, that was not the place to be. MW: Was fouled in SA Derby, but it didn't cost him a better finishing position.
CASTLEDALE <i>by Peintre Celebre</i>	20-1	9-5f 4-1f 6-1f	103	F. Lyons & G. Knee J. Mullins/J. Valdivia Jr.	Santa Anita Derby, 4/3 1st by a head, 103	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/1	JP: Roulette wheel landed on him two weeks ago in topsy-turvy prep season. MW: Question now is, can he put two 'A' races together? So many here can't.
MINISTER ERIC <i>by Old Trieste</i>	20-1	32-1 52-1 27-1	101	Diamond A Racing Corp. R. Mandella/V. Espinoza	Kee Allowance, 4/14 1st by 4 1/4, n/a	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/1	JP: Easily disposed of Kee creampufts, but he should beat up on those types. MW: Like Borrego, he's attempting to make the Derby his first stakes victory.
FRIENDS LAKE <i>by A. P. Indy</i>	25-1	9-5f 4-1f 22-1	99	Chester & Mary Broman J. Kimmel/R. Migliore	Florida Derby, 3/13 1st by 3/4, 92	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/1	JP: His weak Fla. Derby fig looks better now that The Cliff's Edge, Tapit won. MW: And what about Value Plus's flop? No, the Fla. Derby fig is still very poor.
POLLARD'S VISION <i>by Carson City</i>	25-1	9-5f 4-1f 6-1f	107	Edgewood Farm T. Pletcher/undecided	Illinois Derby, 4/3 1st by 2 3/4, 107	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/1	JP: Just when 'Seabiscuit mania' ended, colt who's blind in one eye emerges. MW: There wasn't a lot behind him at Haw., but he earned a competitive Beyer.
WIMBLETON <i>by Wild Rush</i>	25-1	9-5f 13-1 16-1	101	James McIngvale B. Baffert/undecided	Santa Anita Derby, 4/3 5th by 9 1/2, 87	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/1	JP: Still think he's better than his last one; wish he'd have finished better. MW: Had chance to show he can win without aid of perfect set up, and didn't.
BIRDSTONE <i>by Grindstone</i>	30-1	12-1 13-1 19-1	99s	Marylou Whitney Stables N. Zito/E. Prado	Lane's End, 3/20 5th by 10 3/4, 77	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/1	JP: Between Lane's End debacle, Blue Grass scratch, signs are negative. MW: Instead of Derby, I hope he gets the time he needs to get himself right.
PREACHINATTHEBAR <i>by Silver Charm</i>	30-1	9-5f 4-1f 20-1	101	Michael Pegram B. Baffert/undecided	Blue Grass, 4/10 7th by 30 1/2, 61	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/1	JP: San Felipe form looks suspect after subsequent losses by him, St Averil. MW: The Derby is almost never won off horrible races like his most recent.
ST AVERIL <i>by Saint Ballado</i>	30-1	25-1 15-1 26-1	102	Stan Fulton R. Becerra/T. Baze	Santa Anita Derby, 4/3 6th by 10 1/2, 86	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/1	JP: Was done after three furlongs in SA Derby; hard to endorse off that. MW: Agreed; the vast majority of Derby winners run better in their last prep.
LIMEHOUSE <i>by Grand Slam</i>	40-1	9-5f 35-1 28-1	100	Dogwood Stable T. Pletcher/undecided	Blue Grass, 4/10 3rd by 6 1/2, 100	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/1	JP: Never threatened top two in Blue Grass, but ran well Derby Day last year. MW: Nice to know he can handle the Derby commotion, if not the opposition.
POMEROY <i>by Boundary</i>	40-1	9-5f 4-1f 6-1f	92	D. Smith & M. Tabor P. Biancone/M. Smith	Gotham, 3/20 2nd by 2 1/4, 92	Lexington, 1 1/16 m Keeneland, 4/17	JP: Was good enough to finish in front of The Cliff's Edge in Ky. Cup Juvenile. MW: Note that the scorching pace he disputed in Gotham was wind enhanced.
SONG OF THE SWORD <i>by Unbridled's Song</i>	40-1	9-5f 4-1f 77-1	103	Paraneck Stable J. Pedersen/undecided	Illinois Derby, 4/3 2nd by 2 3/4, 103	Lexington, 1 1/16 m Keeneland, 4/17	JP: Got lifetime top Beyer fig when bravely holding on to second in Ill. Derby. MW: Like Rock Hard Ten, he didn't start until Feb.; history says that's too late.
PRO PRADO <i>by El Prado</i>	50-1	9-5f 4-1f 6-1f	102	Mrs. James Winn R. Holthus/J. McKee	Arkansas Derby, 4/10 3rd by 3, 102	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/1	JP: Ran sneaky-good in Ark. Derby. Not the worst Derby longshot I've seen. MW: Has been no match for Smarty Jones. No one else has been yet, either.
QUINTONS GOLD RUSH <i>by Wild Rush</i>	50-1	9-5f 4-1f 76-1	98	Padua St. & Manoogian S. Asmussen/J. Bailey	Santa Anita Derby, 4/3 4th by 3, 98	Lexington, 1 1/16 m Keeneland, 4/17	JP: Might be nice colt if given time to develop; not being managed that way. MW: Perhaps a meaningless stat: he is two for two against Wimbledon.
VALUE PLUS <i>by Unbridled's Song</i>	50-1	9-5f 27-1 25-1	108s	Aaron & Marie Jones T. Pletcher/J. Velazquez	Wood Memorial, 4/10 6th by 8 1/4, 84	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/1	JP: Considering way Aqu played on Saturday, he should have lasted longer. MW: It doesn't look like he wants 1 1/8 miles right now, let alone 1 1/4 miles.
ACTION THIS DAY <i>by Kris S.</i>	60-1	14-1 16-1 16-1	98	B. Wayne Hughes R. Mandella/D. Flores	Blue Grass, 4/10 6th by 13 1/2, 89	Kentucky Derby, 1 1/4 m Churchill Downs, 5/1	JP: Thought he was one of few who would love 1 1/4 miles; preps below par. MW: Since he wasn't much to start with, he can't be labeled a disappointment.

Horses are listed in order of Watchmaker odds

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

(s) Top Beyer Figure in a sprint