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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Sunday, Feb. 9, 2020) – With the Kentucky Derby 12 weeks away, the pari-mutuel field of “All Other 3-Year-Old Colts and Geldings” closed as the 2-1 favorite in Pool 2 of the Kentucky Derby Future Wager (KDFW) with San Vicente (GII) winner Nadal and Holy Bull (Grade III) and Champagne (GI) winner Tiz the Law as the 8-1 co-second choices.

The pari-mutuel field for the first pool of the New Year has closed as the bettors’ choice every year since the wager was inaugurated in 1999.

The Bob Baffert-trained Nadal, who won Sunday’s seven-furlong San Vicente (GII) at Santa Anita about a half-hour after the pool closed, had $38,014 bet on him to win the Derby, just $1,484 more than Tiz the Law, who is scheduled to make his next start in the March 28 Florida Derby (GI).

Other horses that attracted the most interest from bettors were Dennis’ Moment (10-1), who is scheduled to make his 3-year-old debut in the Feb. 29 Fountain of Youth (GII); Breeder’s Futurity (GI) winner Maxfield (13-1); Sham (GIII) winner Authentic (15-1); Los Alamitos Futurity (GII) and Robert B. Lewis (GIII) winner Thousand Words (16-1); and Nashua (GIII) and Jerome winner Independence Hall (19-1), who finished second in Saturday’s Sam F. Davis (GIII).

Horses in order of the public’s betting choice (with trainer, Pool 2 odds and $2 Win will pays): #24 All Other 3-Year-Olds (2-1, $6.20); #14 Nadal (Baffert, 8-1, $19); #22 Tiz the Law (Barclay Tagg, 8-1, $19.60); #5 Dennis’ Moment (Dale Romans, 10-1, $23.80); #13 Maxfield (Brendan Walsh, 13-1, $28.80); #2 Authentic (Baffert, 15-1, $32.20); #20 Thousand Words (Baffert, 16-1, $35.80); #11 Independence Hall (Mike Trombetta, 19-1, $41.80); #10 Honor A. P. (John Shirreffs, 24-1, $51.60); #1 Anneau d’Or (Blaine Wright, 28-1, $58); #19 Structor (Chad Brown, 28-1, $58.40); #6 Enforceable (Mark Casse, 29-1, $60.40); #18 Storm the Court (Peter Eurton, 30-1, $63.20); #9 Gouverneur Morris (Todd Pletcher, 32-1, $67.40); #21 Three Technique (Jeremiah Englehart, 36-1, $75.80); #4 Chance It (Saffie Joseph Jr., 39-1, $81); #3 Basin (Steve Asmussen, 39-1, $81.60); #12 Max Player (Linda Rice, 49-1, $101); #17 Silver State (Steve Asmussen, 50-1, $103.80); #8 Gold Street (Steve Asmussen, 54-1, $111.20); #15 Palm Springs (Todd Pletcher, 98-1, $199); #7 Exulted (Peter Eurton, 111-1, $225.40); #23 Violent City (Ian Wilkes, 145-1, $293.20); and #16 Premier Star (Jorge Navarro, 169-1, $341.40).

Total handle for the Feb. 7-9 KDFW pool – the second of four scheduled wagering pools in advance of the 146th running of the Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve (GI) on Saturday, May 2 – was $590,911 ($439,694 in the Win pool and $151,217 in Exactas), which was up 10.7% from last year’s $533,977 ($398,997 in the Win pool and $134,980 in Exactas).

 Betting on Pool 1 of the KDFW on Nov. 28-Dec. 1 also was a record $350,312 with another $47,082 bet into the Kentucky Derby Sire Future Wager. “All Other 3-Year-Old Colts and Geldings” closed as the even-money favorite in that pool with Tiz the Law as the 11-1 second choice.

Dates for the remaining Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks future pools are March 6-8 (Pool 3) and April 3-5 (Pool 4). The lone Kentucky Oaks Future Wager will coincide with the Derby’s Pool 3 on March 6-8.


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