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BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE WINNER FORTE TABBED AS 10-1 INDIVIDUAL FAVORITE IN POOL 3 OF KENTUCKY DERBY FUTURE WAGER

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023) – Kentucky Derby Future Wager Pool 3 is set for its three-day stand Friday-Sunday where fans will have the third of six early opportunities to bet the contenders pointed toward the 149th running of the Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (Grade I).

Pool 3 is led by **Repole Stable** and **St. Elias Stable's** Breeders' Cup Juvenile (GI) winner **Forte**, who was made the 10-1 individual betting favorite while the pari-mutuel field of "**All Other 3-Year-Old Colts and Geldings**" not listed within the 38 individual betting interests was tabbed as the heavy 6-5 choice.

Kentucky Derby Future Wager Pool 3, which features \$2 Win and Exacta wagering, will open Friday at noon (all times Eastern) and close Sunday at 6 p.m. Fans can wager on www.TwinSpires.com along with participating simulcast and ADW outlets from around the country.

Forte, who jumped onto the early Road to the Kentucky Derby with a victory in the Breeders' Futurity (GI) in October, closed as the 10-1 individual favorite in Pool 2 of the Kentucky Derby Future Wager, which spanned Nov. 24-27. The **Todd Pletcher**-trained son of Violence also took heavy interest in Pool 1 where he closed at 16-1. Forte was given time off following the Breeders' Cup and has yet to make his 3-year-old debut.

Trainer **Brad Cox** has a roster of 11 3-year-olds in Pool 3 led by the returning Breeders' Futurity (GI) runner-up **Loggins** (20-1) and undefeated **Corona Bolt** (20-1). The others are **Victory Formation** (30-1), **Giant Mischief** (40-1), **Instant Coffee** (40-1), **Jace's Road** (40-1), **Verifying** (40-1), **Tapit Shoes** (50-1), **Angel of Empire** (80-1), **Hit Show** (80-1) and **Tapit's Conquest** (99-1).

Here is the Pool 3 field for the Kentucky Derby Future Wager (with trainer and morning line odds provided by **Mike Battaglia**): #1 **Angel of Empire** (Cox, 80-1); #2 **Arctic Arrogance** (Linda Rice, 50-1); #3 **Banishing** (Brendan Walsh, 40-1); #4 **Blazing Sevens** (Chad Brown, 40-1); #5 **Confidence Game** (Keith Desormeaux, 99-1); #6 **Corona Bolt** (Cox, 20-1); #7 **Curly Jack** (Tom Amoss, 80-1); #8 **Cyclone Mischief** (Dale Romans, 40-1); #9 **Disarm** (Steve Asmussen, 80-1); #10 **Dubychnell** (Danny Gargan, 30-1); #11 **Echo Again** (Asmussen, 80-1); #12 **Extra Anejo** (Asmussen, 20-1); #13 **Forte** (Pletcher, 10-1); #14 **Giant Mischief** (Cox, 40-1); #15 **Gulfport** (Asmussen, 80-1); #16 **Gun Pilot** (Asmussen, 80-1); #17 **Hit Show** (Cox, 80-1); #18 **Instant Coffee** (Cox, 40-1); #19 **Jace's Road** (Cox, 40-1); #20 **Kingsbarns** (Pletcher, 80-1); #21 **Litigate** (Pletcher, 80-1); #22 **Loggins** (Cox, 20-1); #23 **Lugan Knight** (Michael McCarthy, 50-1); #24 **Practical Move** (Tim Yakteen, 80-1); #25 **Prairie Hawk** (Saffie Joseph Jr., 99-1); #26 **Recruiter** (Cal Lynch, 99-1); #27 **Rocket Can** (Bill Mott, 99-1); #28 **Shesterkin** (Pletcher, 80-1); #29 **Shopper's Revenge** (Asmussen, 80-1); #30 **Signator** (Shug McGaughey, 40-1); #31 **Sun Thunder** (Kenny McPeck, 99-1); #32 **Tapit Shoes** (Cox, 50-1); #33 **Tapit Trice** (Pletcher, 30-1); #34 **Tapit's Conquest** (Cox, 99-1); #35 **Two Phil's** (Larry Rivelli, 80-1); #36 **Verifying** (Cox, 40-1); #37 **Victory Formation** (Cox, 30-1); #38 **Wildatlanticstorm** (Ray Ashford Jr., 50-1); #39 "All 3-Year-Old Fillies" (30-1); and #40 "All Other 3-Year-Old Colts and Geldings" (6-5).

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In total, there are 17 new betting interests in Pool 3 from Pool 2: Angel of Empire, Arctic Arrogance, Banishing, Confidence Game, Dubyuhnell, Gun Pilot, Jace's Road, Kingsbarns, Lugan Knight, Prairie Hawk, Shesterkin, Shopper's Revenge, Sun Thunder, Tapit Shoes, Tapit Trice, Two Phil's and Wildatlanticstorm.

As with the first two pools, betting interest No. 39 is an option for gamblers to wager on "All 3-Year-Old Fillies." In Pool 2, it closed at odds 29-1 and 37-1 in Pool 1. Two of the nation's top 3-year-old fillies have already been listed as early nominees to become eligible against open company in the March 25, \$1 million TwinSpires.com Louisiana Derby (GII): **Hoosier Philly** and **Wonder Wheel**.

All told, there are six Future Wager pools scheduled in advance of the 2023 Kentucky Derby. The first two were held Nov. 1-3 and Nov. 24-27. Other pools will be held Feb. 10-12 (Pool 4); March 10-12 (Pool 5); and March 30-April 1 (Pool 6). The lone Kentucky Oaks Future Wager will coincide with Kentucky Derby Future Wager Pool 5 on March 10-12.

As was the case last year, Pool 3 will assume that horses under the care of trainers suspended from competing in the 2023 Kentucky Derby will not be under consideration. Instead, they will be included within the pari-mutuel field.

There are no refunds in the Kentucky Derby Future Wager. Should Churchill Downs officials determine during the duration of this week's three-day pool that one of the wagering interests has experienced an injury, illness or other circumstance that would prevent the horse from participating in the Kentucky Derby, betting on the individual horse will be suspended immediately.

More information, Brisnet.com past performances and real-time odds on the Kentucky Derby Future Wager will be available before the pool opens Friday online at <https://www.kentuckyderby.com/wager/future-wager>.

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