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CHAMPION FORTE 3-1 FAVORITE IN KENTUCKY DERBY FUTURE WAGER POOL 5

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Sunday, March 12, 2023) – Eight weeks in advance of the \$3 million Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (Grade I), champion **Forte**, winner of the Fountain of Youth (GII) in his 3-year-old debut, closed as the clear 3-1 favorite in Pool 5 of the Kentucky Derby Future Wager (KDFW) with Saturday's Tampa Bay Derby (GIII) winner **Tapit Trice** the 8-1 second betting choice.

"All Other 3-Year-Olds" closed as the 10-1 third wagering option. Los Alamitos Futurity (GII) and San Felipe (GII) **Practical Move** and Kentucky Jockey Club (GII) and Lecomte (GIII) winner **Instant Coffee** were next in the betting at 12-1 and 19-1, respectively.

Horses in order of favoritism in the three-day March 10-12 KDFW Pool 5 (trainer, odds and \$2 Win will pays): #14 **Forte** (Pletcher, 3-1, \$8.76); #34 **Tapit Trice** (Todd Pletcher, 8-1, \$18.32); #40 "All Other 3-Year-Olds" (10-1, \$22.08); #27 **Practical Move** (Tim Yakteen, 12-1, \$27.04); #19 **Instant Coffee** (Brad Cox, 19-1, \$40.04); #29 **Red Route One** (Steve Asmussen, 24-1, \$50.46); #30 **Reincarnate** (Tim Yakteen, 24-1, \$51.18); #18 **Hit Show** (Brad Cox, 28-1, \$59.22); #15 **Geaux Rocket Ride** (Richard Mandella, 30-1, \$62.92); #9 **Confidence Game** (Keith Desormeaux, 30-1, \$63.98); #38 **Verifying** (Brad Cox, 36-1, \$75.60); #1 **Angel of Empire** (Brad Cox, 38-1, \$78.30); #31 **Rocket Can** (Bill Mott, 42-1, \$86.08); #20 **Kingsbarns** (Todd Pletcher, 43-1, \$89.76); #32 **Skinner** (John Sherriffs, 45-1, \$92.36); #17 **Hejazi** (Tim Yakteen, 53-1, \$108.62); #25 **National Treasure** (Tim Yakteen, 53-1, \$108.88); #26 **Perriere (JPN)** (Yoichi Kuroiwa, 59-1, \$120.98); #13 **Disarm** (Steve Asmussen, 60-1, \$122.06); #16 **General Jim** (Shug McGaughey, 65-1, \$133.82); #28 **Raise Cain** (Ben Colebrook, 66-1, \$135.14); #4 **Blazing Sevens** (Chad Brown, 66-1, \$135.22); #21 **Litigate** (Todd Pletcher, 66-1, \$135.28); #6 **Cairo (IRE)** (Aidan O'Brien, 75-1, \$153.42); #22 **Mage** (Gustavo Delgado, 75-1, \$153.84); #39 **Victory Formation** (Brad Cox, 82-1, \$166.36); #7 **Classic Car Wash** (Mark Casse, 85-1, \$173.42); #33 **Sun Thunder** (Kenny McPeck, 85-1, \$173.78); #37 **Two Phil's** (Larry Rivelli, 88-1, \$179.72); #11 **Cyclone Mischief** (Dale Romans, 89-1, \$181.84); #35 **Tapit's Conquest** (Brad Cox, 90-1, \$183); #10 **Congruent** (Antonio Sano, 94-1, \$191.88); #24 **Mandarin Hero (JPN)** (Terunobu Fujita, 116-1, \$235.38); #23 **Major Dude** (Todd Pletcher, 141-1, \$285.60); #3 **Arabian Lion** (Tim Yakteen, 179-1, \$360.04); #8 **Classic Catch** (Todd Pletcher, 179-1, \$361.80); #5 **Cagliostro** (Cherie DeVaux, 189-1, \$381.20); #12 **Denington** (Kenny McPeck, 241-1, \$484.56); #36 **Two Eagles River** (Chris Hartman, 270-1, \$543.44); and #2 **Arabian Knight** (Tim Yakteen, Wagering Suspended).

The Kentucky Derby Future Wager, offered for a 25th consecutive year, enables bettors to wager on possible Kentucky Derby contenders in advance of America's greatest race at odds that could be more attractive than those available on the day of the race. The \$3 million Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (GI) for 3-year-old Thoroughbreds will be run for the 149th consecutive year on Saturday, May 6.

In the lone Kentucky Oaks Future Wager, which was conducted concurrently with the KDFW, Honeybee (GIII) winner **Wet Paint** closed as the 4-1 favorite over champion filly **Wonder Wheel**, who was 6-1. **Hoosier Philly** was the 7-1 third choice.

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The final odds for the Oaks Future Wager: #38 Wet Paint (Brad Cox, 4-1, \$10.66); #39 Wonder Wheel (Casse, 6-1, \$15.70); #20 Hoosier Philly (Tom Amoss, 7-1, \$16.92); #30 **Punchbowl** (Brad Cox, 11-1, \$25.26); #22 **Julia Shining** (Todd Pletcher, 14-1, \$30.32); #40 **“All Other 3-Year-Old Fillies”** (14-1, \$31.78); #29 **Pretty Mischievous** (Brendan Walsh, 15-1, \$33.44); #18 **Guns n’ Graces** (Chad Brown, 20-1, \$42.46); #27 **Munnys Gold** (Todd Pletcher, 24-1, \$51.06); #12 **Dorth Vader** (Mike Yates, 26-1, \$55.26); #7 **Botanical** (Brad Cox, 31-1, \$64.16); #37 **The Alys Look** (Brad Cox, 36-1, \$74.56); #28 **Occult** (Chad Brown, 36-1, \$75.66); #25 **Mimi Kakushi** (Salem Bin Ghadayer, 39-1, \$81.38); #35 **Shidabhuti** (Chad Brown, 40-1, \$82.22); #31 **Red Carpet Ready** (Rusty Arnold II, 46-1, \$94.68); #13 **Dreaming of Snow** (Gerald Bennett, 48-1, \$99.48); #26 **Miracle** (Todd Pletcher, 55-1, \$112.10); #3 **And Tell Me Nolies** (Peter Miller, 61-1, \$124.80); #16 **Gaming Girl** (Todd Pletcher, 66-1, \$135.92); #10 **Clearly Unhinged** (Michael McCarthy, 67-1, \$136.96); #23 **Justique** (John Shirreffs, 69-1, \$140.94); #1 **Affirmative Lady** (Graham Motion, 76-1, \$155.14); #9 **Chop Chop** (Brad Cox, 89-1, \$181.34); #5 **Atomically** (Todd Pletcher, 94-1, \$190.32); #17 **Grand Love** (Steve Asmussen, 105-1, \$212.86); #4 **Asset Purchase** (Chad Brown, 106-1, \$214.50); #2 **Ami Please** (Doug O’Neill, 113-1, \$229.52); #8 **Capella** (Brad Cox, 121-1, \$244.80); #33 **Seduction** (Todd Pletcher, 125-1, \$252.78); #14 **Flashy Gem** (Brad Cox, 129-1, \$261.16); #34 **She’s Lookin Lucky** (Matt Shirer, 132-1, \$266.34); #36 **Southlawn** (Norm Casse, 147-1, \$296.12); #15 **Flying Connection** (Todd Fincher, 150-1, \$302.44); #6 **Blessed Touch** (Tim Yakteen, 159-1, \$321.68); #21 **Interpolate** (Chad Brown, 163-1, \$329.62); #11 **Condensation** (Chris Hartman, 164-1, \$331.70); #32 **Royal Spa** (Rodolphe Brisset, 224-1, \$451.34); #24 **Merlazza** (Brad Cox, 229-1, \$460.78); and #19 **Homecoming Queen** (Rodolphe Brisset, 298-1, \$598.54).

Betting on all future wagers over the three-day period was \$479,559. Total handle for the March 10-12 KDFW pool – the fifth of six wagering pools in advance of the 1 ¼-mile Kentucky Derby – was \$341,638 (\$250,906 in the Win pool and \$90,732 in Exactas). Betting on the Oaks Future Wager totaled \$70,209 (\$53,340 in the Win pool and \$70,209 in Exactas). The Oaks/Derby Future Double, which requires fans to correctly select the winners of both the \$1.25 million Longines Kentucky Oaks on May 5 and the next day’s Kentucky Derby, handled \$67,712.

The year’s sixth and final Kentucky Derby Future Wager pool is set for Thursday, March 30 through Saturday, April 1. Different from the first five pools of the KDFW, the sixth and final Pool 6 will close prior to the first Road to the Kentucky Derby Championship Series race on April 1.

Visit www.KentuckyDerby.com/FutureWager for more information.

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