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FORTE HEAVY 5-2 FAVORITE IN POOL 6 OF KENTUCKY DERBY FUTURE WAGER

Pool 6 to Close Saturday at 6 p.m. ET Prior to Florida Derby, Arkansas Derby

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Tuesday, March 28, 2023) – The final pool of the Kentucky Derby Future Wager is set to make its three-day run Thursday-Saturday where **Repole Stable** and **St. Elias Stable's Forte** was tabbed as the solid 5-2 favorite in the field of 39 individual horses plus a 40th option for “**All Other 3-Year-Olds**” not listed.

Unlike the first five Future Wager pools, Pool 6 of the Kentucky Derby Future Wager will close Saturday at 6 p.m. ET., which is 40 minutes before the \$1 million Florida Derby (Grade I) and 1 hour and 50 minutes prior to the \$1.25 million Arkansas Derby (GI) – making it a true future wager.

Pool 6 will feature \$2 Win and Exacta wagering. Fans can wager via www.TwinSpires.com along with simulcast and ADW outlets from around the country.

Forte, the 4-5 odds-on favorite in the Florida Derby, will have his final test Saturday before the \$3 million Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (GI) on Saturday, May 6. The son of Violence has taken heavy action in all five previous pools of the future wager, and added to his favoritism in his last start when he won the \$400,000 Fountain of Youth Stakes (GII) at Gulfstream Park.

Here is the complete field for Pool 6 of the Kentucky Derby Future Wager (with morning line odds provided by **Mike Battaglia**): #1 **Angel of Empire** (30-1); #2 **Arctic Arrogance** (80-1); #3 **Blazing Sevens** (50-1); #4 **Bourbon Bash** (99-1); #5 **Classic Car Wash** (80-1); #6 **Confidence Game** (25-1); #7 **Continuar (JPN)** (99-1); #8 **Cyclone Mischief** (80-1); #9 **Derma Sotogake (JPN)** (40-1); #10 **Disarm** (40-1); #11 **Dreamlike** (80-1); #12 **Dubyuhnell** (80-1); #13 **Fort Bragg** (80-1); #14 **Forte** (5-2); #15 **Geaux Rocket Ride** (20-1); #16 **Hayes Strike** (80-1); #17 **Hit Show** (20-1); #18 **I Don't Get It** (99-1); #19 **Instant Coffee** (20-1); #20 **Jace's Road** (80-1); #21 **Kingsbarns** (20-1); #22 **Mage** (80-1); #23 **Mandarin Hero (JPN)** (80-1); #24 **Mendelssohns March** (99-1); #25 **National Treasure** (50-1); #26 **Practical Move** (8-1); #27 **Raise Cain** (40-1); #28 **Red Route One** (25-1); #29 **Reincarnate** (20-1); #30 **Rocket Can** (30-1); #31 **Shadow Dragon** (99-1); #32 **Skinner** (30-1); #33 **Slip Mahoney** (80-1); #34 **Sun Thunder** (80-1); #35 **Tapit Trice** (8-1); #36 **Two Eagles River** (99-1); #37 **Two Phil's** (40-1); #38 **Verifying** (30-1); #39 **Wild On Ice** (80-1); and #40 “All Other 3-Year-Olds” (15-1).

Overall there are 14 new interests in Pool 6 from Pool 5: Arctic Arrogance, Bourbon Bash, Continuar (JPN), Derma Sotogake (JPN), Dreamlike, Dubyuhnell, Fort Bragg, Hayes Strike, I Don't Get It, Jace's Road, Mendelssohns March, Shadow Dragon, Slip Mahoney and Wild On Ice.

Wild On Ice, the winner of the \$600,000 Sunland Park Derby (GIII), was not originally nominated to the Triple Crown but his connections have paid a \$6,000 late Triple Crown nomination for him to become eligible for the series.

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 Thursday online at <https://www.kentuckyderby.com/wager/future-wager>.

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