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‘ALL OTHERS’ 6-5 FAVORITE, U. S. S. VALOR 8-1 IN POOL 1 OF KENTUCKY DERBY FUTURE WAGER

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Monday, Oct. 26, 2026) – Team Valor International’s dominant Champagne Stakes (Grade I) winner **U. S. S. Valor** (8-1) headlines the first of six opportunities to bet on Kentucky Derby 153 contenders in advance of the May 1 classic when Pool 1 of the Kentucky Derby Future Wager opens Wednesday. With the 1 ¼-mile race more than 26 weeks away, it is no surprise that the “**All Other Colts and Geldings Foaled in 2024**” betting option among 40 wagering interests is the 6-5 morning-line favorite.

Wagering for Pool 1 of the Kentucky Derby Future Wager opens Wednesday at noon (all times Eastern) and will close Friday at approximately 4 p.m. ET ahead of the \$2 million Breeders’ Cup Juvenile (GI) at Keeneland, which has a 4:55 p.m. ET post time.

Trained by **Shug McGaughey III**, U. S. S. Valor stamped himself as one of the early contenders for Kentucky Derby 153 with a commanding 6 ½-length victory in the Oct. 3 Champagne at Belmont Park. The son of War of Will, who previously broke his maiden by 13 ¼ lengths at Saratoga, will bypass Friday’s Breeders’ Cup Juvenile after his connections elected to give him additional time with a potential run in next year’s Kentucky Derby as the ultimate goal.

Other leading individual interests in Pool 1 include undefeated two-time Grade I winner **Hughes** (10-1), the likely favorite for Friday’s Breeders’ Cup Juvenile; Breeders’ Futurity (GI) winner **American History** (20-1) and runner-up **Coach Pope** (15-1); and unbeaten Iroquois Stakes (GIII) winner **Salahudin** (25-1).

The lineup for Pool 1 (with trainer, sire and morning-line odds):

- #1 **American History** (Todd Pletcher, Constitution, 20-1)
- #2 **Card Man** (Chad Brown, Life Is Good, 99-1)
- #3 **Caribbean Life** (Will Walden, Life Is Good, 99-1)
- #4 **Club Reign** (Whit Beckman, Core Beliefs, 99-1)
- #5 **Coach Pope** (Kenny McPeck, Tapit, 15-1)
- #6 **Conviction** (Saffie Joseph Jr., Tiz the Law, 80-1)
- #7 **Damavand** (Todd Pletcher, Not This Time, 75-1)
- #8 **Dargham** (Linda Rice, Army Mule, 99-1)
- #9 **Earth Song** (Jorge Delgado, Justify, 60-1)
- #10 **Endrush** (Bob Baffert, Curlin, 80-1)
- #11 **Fleetfoot Mac** (Kenny McPeck, Maclean’s Music, 99-1)
- #12 **Fools Rush In** (Brad Cox, Into Mischief, 80-1)
- #13 **Gaudreau** (Chad Brown, Nyquist, 40-1)
- #14 **He Is No Lie** (Doug O’Neill, Early Voting, 60-1)
- #15 **Highwaymen** (Cherie DeVaux, Curlin, 99-1)
- #16 **How’s Al Today** (Riley Mott, Munnings, 99-1)
- #17 **Hughes** (Bob Baffert, Into Mischief, 10-1)
- #18 **Imperial Honor** (Bob Baffert, Honor A. P., 80-1)
- #19 **Inshallah** (John Sadler, Flightline, 75-1)
- #20 **Jas** (Steve Asmussen, Justify, 40-1)
- #21 **Just for Pipa** (Greg Foley, Justify, 80-1)
- #22 **Lord Mischief** (Brad Cox, Into Mischief, 75-1)
- #23 **Mystik Bayou** (Kenny McPeck, Wells Bayou, 75-1)
- #24 **Net Par** (Antonio Garcia, Pavel, 75-1)
- #25 **Nevada** (Chad Brown, Uncle Mo, 80-1)
- #26 **Odenkirk** (Mark Casse, Nyquist, 99-1)
- #27 **Pharocity** (Steve Asmussen, American Pharoah, 99-1)
- #28 **Powerline** (Steve Asmussen, Flightline, 99-1)
- #29 **Q B Rocket** (Brad Cox, Gun Runner, 50-1)
- #30 **Salahudin** (Bob Baffert, Uncle Mo, 25-1)

- #31 **Showa** (Wesley Ward, Constitution, 99-1)
- #32 **Social Deception** (Steve Asmussen, Charlatan, 99-1)
- #33 **Staunch** (Brendan Walsh, Liam's Map, 60-1)
- #34 **Tap Our Way** (Chad Brown, Tapit, 99-1)
- #35 **The Good Life** (Brad Cox, Life Is Good, 50-1)
- #36 **Twinkle Town** (Kenny McPeck, Take Charge Indy, 50-1)
- #37 U. S. S. Valor (Shug McGaughey III, War of Will, 8-1)
- #38 **Zedan** (Bob Baffert, Flightline, 75-1)
- #39 **All Fillies Foaled in 2024** (99-1)
- #40 All Other Colts and Geldings Foaled in 2024 (6-5)

Pool 1 offers \$2 Win and Exacta wagering. Fans can place wagers at simulcast outlets across the country and at ADWs such as TwinSpires.com, the official wagering platform of Churchill Downs Incorporated and the Kentucky Derby.

All told, there will be six Future Wager pools for Kentucky Derby 153. Kentucky Derby Future Wager Pool 2 and the Sire Future Wager will run Thursday, Nov. 26-Sunday, Nov. 29. Following the New Year, the final four pools will take place: Pool 3 (Jan. 15-17); Pool 4 (Feb. 12-14); Pool 5 (March 12-14) and Pool 6 (April 1-3). For the first time, the Longines Kentucky Oaks Future Wager will be offered twice, running concurrently with Pools 5 and 6.

There are no refunds in the Kentucky Derby Future Wager. If Churchill Downs officials determine during the duration of this week's pool that one of the wagering interests experiences 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 Wednesday at KentuckyDerby.com.

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