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U. S. S. Valor Top Individual Choice in Derby Future

Churchill Downs releases morning-line for the first 2027 Kentucky Derby Future Wager.

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Team Valor International's dominant Champagne Stakes (G1) winner **U. S. S. Valor** (8-1) headlines the first of six opportunities to bet on 2027 Kentucky Derby (G1) contenders in advance of the May 1 classic when Pool 1 of the Kentucky Derby Future Wager opens Oct. 28.

With the 1 1/4-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 at noon ET Wednesday and will close at about 4 p.m. Oct. 30—ahead of the $2 million Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) at **Keeneland**, which has a 4:55 p.m. post time.

Trained by Shug McGaughey, U. S. S. Valor stamped himself as one of the early contenders for Kentucky Derby 153 with a commanding 6 1/2-length victory in the Oct. 3 Champagne at **Belmont Park**. The son of **War of Will**, who previously broke his maiden by 13 1/4 lengths at Saratoga Race Course, 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 1 winner **Hughes** (10-1), the likely favorite for Friday's Breeders' Cup Juvenile; Breeders' Futurity (G1) winner **American History** (20-1) and runner-up **Coach Pope** (15-1), and unbeaten Iroquois Stakes (G3) winner **Salahudin** (25-1).

Kentucky Derby Future Wager Pool 1 Lineup

No.	Horse / Betting Interest	Trainer	Sire	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 McPeek	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 McPeek	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 McPeek	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 McPeek	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 Inc. 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 Kentucky Oaks (G1) Future Wager will be offered twice, running concurrently with Pools 5 and 6.

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**.