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U. S. S. VALOR

2024 b c, War of Will – Spangled Banner, Tiz Wonderful

On September 5, the crowd at Saratoga Racecourse was treated to a performance few regular racegoers ever see in person.

Here are some facts about that effort from the Team Valor homebred colt.

A few items of interest:

- U. S. S. Valor's 105 is the highest Beyer speed figure among all two-year-olds of 2026, 8 points higher than the leading filly Summer Starlet and 12 points better than the next highest-rated colt Pharocity.
- U. S. S. Valor's 105 Beyer is 10 points or more higher than the winner of the Grade 1 Hopeful Stakes and the Grade 1 Del Mar Futurity Stakes.
- U. S. S. Valor's 104 is the highest figure for a 2026 juvenile on Equibase, 2 points higher than Hughes earned when winning the Grade 1 Del Mar Futurity.
- U. S. S. Valor earned a high-watermark figure of 7.75 on the Ragozin sheets.
- ThoroGraph returned a 0 (zero) speed figure. This is a number one generally sees only after monster Grade 1 efforts from older horses.
- Equibase, using GPS, measured the colt's stride length at 24 feet 10 inches. Average for a thoroughbred horse is between 20 and 24 feet. Secretariat's stride was measured at 24 feet 11 inches.
- Paul Lo Duca on Fox's weekend racing show from Saratoga named U. S. S. Valor's stunning victory as his highlight of the entire Saratoga meeting.
- U. S. S. Valor's clocking of 1:22.04 for 7 furlongs was bettered only once during the entire Saratoga meeting in the Grade 1 Forego, which is for older horses.
- On-air Fox analyst Andy Serling began referring to U. S. S. Valor as "U. S. S. Freak Show."
- Saratoga race caller Frank Mirahmadi shouted "U. S. S. Valor has opened up six; a much improved performance from a very talented colt ... U. S. S. Valor is all alone ten, twelve ... what a performance! U. S. S. Valor by a block!"