



# Kentucky Derby Update

Monday, April 27, 2026

## SIX SPEED WORKS HALF-MILE FOR DERBY 152

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Monday, April 27, 2026) – **Brunetti Dugan Stables, Black Type Thoroughbreds, Steve Adkisson and Swinbank Stables' Six Speed**, runner-up in the UAE Derby (GII) in his most recent start, worked a half-mile in :48.80 on his own Monday morning at Churchill Downs with jockey **Declan Cannon** aboard.

Working during the training period from 7:15-7:30 (all times Eastern) for Kentucky Derby/Oaks and prior Derby winners, Six Speed produced splits of :13.20, :25 and :48.80 and galloped out five furlongs in 1:01.60 and six furlongs in 1:15.40.

Trained by **Bhupat Seemar**, Six Speed will exit post 17 under **Brian Hernandez Jr.** in Saturday's \$5 million Kentucky Derby (GI) presented by Woodford Reserve.

## KENTUCKY DERBY UPDATE

**ALBUS/INCREDIBOLT** – **Pin Oak Stud's** Derby duo of **Albus** and **Incredibolt** were back on the track early Monday morning for trainer **Riley Mott** following half-mile works Sunday morning.

With **Antonio Garcia** aboard **Albus** and **Charlotte O'Connell** partnering **Incredibolt**, the two jogged a mile with the former being accompanied by a pony shortly after 6 o'clock.

"I just wanted to let them get out for a little bit," Mott said as he watched the two complete their activity by a brief jog in the mile chute.

**Incredibolt** breezed his half-mile Sunday in :47 and will exit post 11 in Saturday's Kentucky Derby. **Albus**, who will leave post 2 in the Derby, worked his half in :49.

"We are very happy with **Incredibolt's** draw, he can do whatever he needs to do from that post," Mott said. "Albus will probably experience horses coming down over the top of him into the first turn, but he has experienced adversity, kickback, and traffic, so I think if we were going to draw inside with either of them, he would be the one."

Mott has a house guest this week – his father **Bill**, who is sending out **Chief Wallabee** in a bid for a Derby repeat following on the heels of **Sovereignty** last May.

"I was in the grandstand with my family last year," Riley Mott said. "It's going to be pretty cool saddling for the Derby next to him (in saddling stall 12). I may have to take a selfie."

**CHIEF WALLABEE** – Trainer **Bill Mott's** hope for Derby 152, **Mike and Kay Kay Ball's Chief Wallabee**, walked the shedrow the morning after his :49.20 half-mile breeze in company Sunday under **Junior Alvarado**.

**Chief Wallabee** will represent Mott's 15th Kentucky Derby starter with the first being **Taylor's Special** for Louisvillian **William Lucas** in 1984.

"I was thrilled to be here, but it was probably not very realistic," Mott said of **Taylor's Special**, who won 21 of 41 starts in a five-year career and earned more than \$1 million. "He was basically a sprinter, but he was a runner. He had won going two turns in the Blue Grass and Louisiana Derby."

Mott was 30 at the time and "we didn't have the kind of horses that we have now. They were mostly claimers."

A few of the runners in the early 1980s were for **Lucas**.

"We had **Rapid Gray** (a winner of 26 of 56 starts) and **Shot n' Missed** (a winner of 12 of 29 starts)," Mott said as he pulled out his phone and scrolled through photos. "Here is one of **Shot n' Missed** here at the three-eighths pole."

Mott did not take the picture ... he was in the saddle.

**COMMANDMENT/FULLEFFORT/FURTHER ADO** – Trainer **Brad Cox's** Kentucky Derby trio of **Wathnan Racing's Commandment, Spendthrift Farm's Further ADO** and **St. Elias Stable and Starlight Racing's Fulleffort** jogged about a mile in the first training set Monday at 5:15 a.m. following their final published works over the weekend.

**DANON BOURBON** – Japan Road to the Kentucky Derby invitee **Danon Bourbon** recorded another strong gallop Monday morning under assistant trainer **Satoshi Oshita** as preparations continued for Kentucky Derby 152.

"We'll do his final tune-up on Tuesday, and we also plan to take him to the gate afterward just to let him get used to it," Oshita said. "Mentally, he's nice and settled, and as for his feed, he's been cleaning everything up ever since the trip over, without leaving a bite. So there are no concerns on that front."

**EMERGING MARKET** – **Klaravich Stable's Emerging Market** galloped 1 ½ miles during the special training session for Kentucky Derby and Oaks contenders between 7:15 and 7:30 a.m. for trainer **Chad Brown**.

**GOLDEN TEMPO** – **Phipps Stable and St. Elias Stable's Golden Tempo** galloped about 1 3/8 miles Monday morning for trainer **Cherie DeVaux**.

"He went great," DeVaux said. "He will need to take a step forward in the Derby, but he has it in him."

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**INTREPIDO** – The California-based colt by the Into Mischief sire Maximus Mischief who is owned by **Dutch Girl Holding** and **Irving Ventures** walked the shedrow in Barn 41 Monday morning with stable overseer/exercise rider **Alejandro Galindo** involved. The day before at Churchill, **Intrepido** had turned in a wicked four-furlong move under regular rider **Hector I. Berrios** in :45 flat, the fastest of 71 works at the distance on the Sunday slate.

His trainer, **Jeff Mullins**, is scheduled to fly in from his Los Angeles base Thursday. The conditioner is dealing with a recently broken leg, but has recovered enough to be mobile and is planning on being onsite for Derby 152.

**LITMUS TEST/POTENTE** – The duo of Derby colts out of the **Bob Baffert** barn went down different roads Monday morning as they move closer to their assignments in Saturday's \$5 million Kentucky Derby.

**Potente**, who carries the silks of **Speedway Stables**, had a walk day following his serious bit of exercise the day before when covered five furlongs in company under **Martin Garcia** in :57.80.

After training the colt schooled in the Churchill Downs paddock accompanied by Baffert and chief assistant trainer **Jimmy Barnes**.

Barnmate **Litmus Test**, on the other hand, went trackside during the special 7:15 to 7:30 training session under exercise rider **Talia Viscusi** for a good tour of the big Churchill oval. The son of 2016 Kentucky Derby winner Nyquist covered a bit more than a mile in fine fashion. The bay youngster races for an extensive partnership headed by **SF Racing** and **Starlight Racing**.

On Saturday, Potente will begin his mile and a quarter journey from Post 14 with ace California rider **Juan Hernandez** aboard. Litmus Test will break from Post 4 and be handled by Garcia.

**PAVLOVIAN** – The racy roan/gray was a walker Monday morning at Churchill Downs after his five-furlong exercise out of the gate Sunday.

The son of the California sire Pavel, who is owned and was bred by Californian **J. Paul Reddam**, had regular rider **Edwin Maldonado** up for the 1:03.40 drill.

Trainer **Doug O'Neill**, a double Derby winner himself already (**I'll Have Another** in 2012 and **Nyquist** in 2016) through the Reddam connection, flew in from his California base in advance of the Sunday drill and was pleased with what he saw from his charge.

"He did well yesterday and he ate up last night and is a happy horse," O'Neill said. "He just walked this morning and he's doing great."

O'Neill, one of the top trainers on the west coast for nearly two decades now, indicated he currently has 60 horses in training in California. But, looking to take advantage of the huge purses being offered on the Kentucky circuit, he now stables 25 head at Keeneland.

"It's a sign of the times," the conditioner said. "I hope we can get things to pick up in California. That would be a good thing."

**RENEGADE** – The Kentucky Derby 152 favorite – **Robert and Lawana Low** and **Repole Stable's Renegade** stretched his legs Monday morning during the special Derby/Oaks training session at Churchill Downs that goes each morning from 7:15 to 7:30 a.m. The well-made colt by super sire Into Mischief had exercise rider **Nora McCormack** in the boot and the pair galloped a strong mile and a quarter out in the middle of the strip.

Walking back to Barn 39 after the move, McCormack was asked how her charge felt during the drill. "He felt real good," she said. "He was strong."

Renegade drew Post 1 for the 10 furlongs of the Derby on Saturday and will have regular rider **Irado Ortiz Jr.** in the saddle.

**RIGHT TO PARTY** – **Chester Broman Sr.'s Right to Party** jogged with exercise rider **Robby Albarado** aboard, accompanied by a pony ridden by **Kevin "Alf" Mudd**.

Trainer **Kenny McPeck** noted he invited the surviving members of the **Beastie Boys** to attend the Kentucky Derby in honor of the colt who's named after their famous song "Fight for Your Right (To Party)."

**SILENT TACTIC** – **John Oxley's Silent Tactic** had a scheduled walk day at trainer **Mark Casse's** barn.

**SIX SPEED** – **Brunetti Dugan Stables, Black Type Thoroughbreds, Steve Adkisson** and **Swinbank Stables' Six Speed**, runner-up in the UAE Derby (GII), worked a half-mile in :48.80 Monday morning with exercise rider **Declan Cannon** aboard for trainer **Bhupat Seemar**. The colt covered his opening furlong in :13.20, reached the quarter-mile in :25 and galloped out six furlongs in 1:01.60.

"We're not going to change too much in the Derby," Seemar said. "He's a horse that likes to be up there. If they go fast, he'll go faster. On the other hand, this horse has a deep pedigree. He has that Phipps family pedigree where there's a lot of stamina in it. We'll find out – if you don't do it, you'll never know."

**Brian Hernandez Jr.**, who won the 2024 Kentucky Derby aboard **Mystik Dan**, has the mount for Kentucky Derby 152.

**SO HAPPY** – **Norman Stables** and **Saints or Sinners' So Happy** galloped 1 ½ miles Monday morning for trainer **Mark Glatt**.

"He's doing well," Glatt said. "He's always been a cool customer. At this point, nothing seems to have fazed him."

**THE PUMA** – Florida Derby (GI) runner-up **The Puma** galloped Monday under exercise **Carlos Olivero** for trainer **Gustavo Delgado**.

Following the training session, Delgado added, "He's ready."

**WONDER DEAN (JPN)** – Yoshinari Yamamoto's **Wonder Dean** galloped Monday morning during the 7:15 a.m. Kentucky Derby and Oaks exclusive training window and could record his final breeze Tuesday, according to his connections.

**ALSO ELIGIBLES** – **Three Chimneys Farm** and trainer **John Ennis' Great White** galloped 1 ½ miles during the special training session for Kentucky Derby and Oaks contenders between 7:15 and 7:30 a.m.

"He's doing fantastic," Ennis said. "He galloped a mile and a half and really picked it up late. I'm happy with how he is moving over the track."

**THE \$5 MILLION KENTUCKY DERBY PRESENTED BY WOODFORD RESERVE (GI)** – Here's the field for Kentucky Derby 152 in post position order (with jockey, trainer and morning-line odds): **Renegade** (Irad Ortiz Jr., Todd Pletcher, 4-1); **Albus** (Manny Franco, Riley Mott, 30-1); **Intrepido** (Hector Berrios, Jeff Mullins, 50-1); **Litmus Test** (Martin Garcia, Bob Baffert, 30-1); **Right to Party** (Chris Elliott, Kenny McPeck, 30-1); **Commandment** (Luis Saez, Brad Cox, 6-1); **Danon Bourbon** (Atsuya Nishimura, Manabu Ikezoe, 20-1); **So Happy** (Mike Smith, Mark Glatt, 15-1); **The Puma** (Javier Castellano, Gustavo Delgado, 10-1); **Wonder Dean (JPN)** (Ryusei Sakai, Daisuke Takayanagi, 30-1); **Incredibolt** (Jaime Torres, Riley Mott, 20-1); **Chief Wallabee** (Junior Alvarado, Bill Mott, 8-1); **Silent Tactic** (Cristian Torres, Mark Casse, 20-1); **Potente** (Juan Hernandez, Bob Baffert, 20-1); **Emerging Market** (Flavien Prat, Chad Brown, 15-1); **Pavlovian** (Edwin Maldonado, Doug O'Neill, 30-1); **Six Speed** (Brian Hernandez Jr., Bhupat Seemar, 50-1); **Further Ado** (John Velazquez, Brad Cox, 6-1); **Golden Tempo** (Jose Ortiz, Cherie DeVaux, 30-1); **Fulleffort** (Tyler Gaffalione, Brad Cox, 20-1). Also Eligibles: **Great White** (Alex Achard, John Ennis, 50-1); **Ocelli** (Joe Ramos, Whit Beckman, 50-1); **Robusta** (Emisael Jaramillo, Doug O'Neill, 50-1); **Corona de Oro** (Brian Hernandez Jr., Dallas Stewart, 50-1).

#### LONGINES KENTUCKY OAKS UPDATE

**ALWAYS A RUNNER** – **Douglas Scharbauer** and **Three Chimneys Farm's Always a Runner** galloped 1 1/2 miles Monday morning for trainer **Chad Brown**.

**BELLA BALLERINA** – **Godolphin's Bella Ballerina** galloped Monday morning under **Erin Campbell** for trainer **Brendan Walsh**.

**BROOKLYN BLONDE/MEANING** – Trainer **Michael McCarthy's** duo of Kentucky Oaks fillies – **Bridlewood Farm** and **Eclipse Thoroughbreds' Meaning** and **Sun-Kissed Stable** and **Bobby Flay's Brooklyn Blonde** – went about the business of getting ready for their dates with destiny this Friday in the 3-year-old female classic out of Barn 27 at Churchill Downs Monday morning.

"Brooklyn" got things started at 6 a.m. with a once-around gallop of the big oval with exercise rider **Juanito**

**Alvarez** in the tack. **Meaning**, also partnered by **Alvarez**, went trackside during the 7:15 to 7:30 special training session for Derby and Oaks types and both schooled at the gate and galloped once around.

**Meaning** will be handled Friday by top California rider **Juan Hernandez** and they'll start their nine-furlong run out of Post 5. "Brooklyn" is drawn all the way outside in Post 14 and she'll have another California rider on her back in the person on **Kazushi Kimura**.

**COUNTING STARS/SEARCH PARTY** – **West Point Thoroughbreds' Counting Stars** and **Tracy Farmer's Search Party** had scheduled walk days at trainer **Mark Casse's** barn.

**DAZZLING DAME** – **Respect the Valleys, Medallion Racing** and **Madaket Stables' Dazzling Dame** jogged a mile and galloped a mile under **Emma Wolfe** for trainer **Brittany Russell**.

As part of her routine the next two days, **Dazzling Dame** is scheduled to visit the paddock Tuesday and the gate on Wednesday according to **Wolfe**.

**EXPLORA** – The daughter of **Blame**, who races in the silks of the trio of **Mike Pegram, Karl Watson** and **Paul Weitman**, had a walk day Monday following her smart five-panel drill in :58.80 under **Martin Garcia** at Churchill Downs Sunday morning.

The **Bob Baffert**-trained miss, first or second in all seven of her lifetime starts so far, has drawn Post 1 for the rich Oaks Friday and will be handled by champion rider **Flavien Prat**. She is listed as the co-third choice (with **Percy's Bar**) at 6-1 in the nine-panel Oaks.

**LOVELY GREY** – **Go Go Grey Stable's Lovely Grey** galloped Monday morning under exercise rider **Alfredo Pena** for trainer **Kelsey Danner**.

"She gets a lot out of her training each morning," **Danner** said. "She's a tough horse and but has trained well here over the dirt."

**Dylan Davis** has the mount in the Oaks as owner **Dave Portnoy** reported the filly would run there and bypass the \$600,000 **Edgewood (GII)** on turf.

**MY MISS MO** – **Averill Racing, Mathis Stable, Tristan De Meric** and **BAG Racing Stables' Gulfstream Park Oaks (GII)** runner-up **My Miss Mo** galloped Monday morning at Churchill Downs for the first time with trainer **Saffie Joseph Jr.** watching from the backstretch clocker stand.

"She's a very relaxed filly," **Joseph** said. "She peeps up a little bit when we walk over but she's fairly straightforward. She put in a routine gallop this morning and all went well."

**PASHMINA** – **Red White and Blue Racing's Pashmina** visited the paddock under **Jesse Sauter** and then galloped a mile and a quarter for trainer **Rob Atras**.

**Pashmina** will represent the second Oaks starter for **Atras**, who brought **Maracuja** here in 2021.

“They are different horses,” Atras said of the fillies. “Maracuja was big and long while Pashmina has more tactical speed, is pretty handy and a little faster.”

Maracuja wound up seventh behind **Malathaat**, the champion 3-year-old filly of 2021.

“Maracuja had the 2 hole and she didn’t get away well and that compromised her a little bit, but she still ran well,” Atras said.

Maracuja’s next race after the Oaks was the Coaching Club American Oaks (GI) in which she defeated **Malathaat** by a head.

Pashmina will exit the other end of the starting gate this year from post 12 with **Ramon Vazquez** up.

**PERCY’S BAR** – With owner **Gatewood Bell** of **Hat Creek Racing** looking on, Ashland (GI) winner **Percy’s Bar** jogged to the frontside for a quick stop in the paddock before galloping a mile under **Rene Morales**.

Percy’s Bar will exit post 10 under **Luan Machado** in the Oaks, one spot closer to the inside following the exit of **Bottle of Rouge**.

“Gatewood’s lucky number is 11, so we have that saddle cloth,” trainer **Ben Colebrook** said. “I liked the draw. I didn’t want to the 13 or 14 or the 1 or 2.”

**PROM QUEEN** – **Gary and Mary West’s Prom Queen** trained at her normal 9:15 a.m. timeslot for trainer **Brad Cox**.

“She immediately stamped herself as a filly of quality as a 2-year-old,” Cox said. “She’s a big filly and definitely has route pedigree. She’s very athletic and a good mover.”

**ZANY** – The Kentucky Oaks morning-line favorite – **Repole Stable’s Zany** – took another step forward toward the \$1.5-million classic Monday morning at Churchill Downs when she went trackside at 6:10 a.m. from trainer **Todd Pletcher’s** Barn 39 with exercise rider **Nora McCormack** at the controls.

The chestnut daughter of Triple Crown winner American Pharoah galloped nicely around the mile oval, covering roughly a mile and a quarter before heading back to her home.

Zany, who has captured three of her four lifetime outings, will come out of Post 2 Friday with champion rider **Irad Ortiz Jr.** on her back. She’s listed at 4-1 for starters in the 152nd edition of the Run for the Lillies.

#### **The \$5 MILLION LONGINES KENTUCKY OAKS** –

Here’s the field for the \$1.5 million Longines Kentucky Oaks (GI) in post position order, with jockey, trainer and morning-line odds: **Explora** (Flavien Prat, Bob Baffert, 6-1); **Zany** (Irad Ortiz Jr., Todd Pletcher, 4-1); **Search Party** (Cristian Torres, Mark Casse, 30-1); **Counting Stars** (Francisco Arrieta, Mark Casse, 8-1); **Meaning** (Juan Hernandez, Michael McCarthy, 5-1); **My Miss Mo** (Micah Husbands, Saffie Joseph Jr., 20-1); **Dazzling Dame** (Luis Saez, Brittany Russell, 30-1); **Bottle of Rouge** (Mike Smith, Bob Baffert, 20-1); **Always a Runner** (Jose Ortiz, Chad Brown, 10-1); **Prom Queen** (Javier Castellano, Brad Cox, 8-1); **Percy’s Bar** (Luan Machado, Ben Colebrook, 6-1); **Bella Ballerina** (Tyler Gaffalione, Brendan

Walsh, 10-1); **Pashmina** (Ramon Vazquez, Rob Atras, 30-1); **Brooklyn Blonde** (Kazushi Kimura, Michael McCarthy, 30-1); **Lovely Grey** (Dylan Davis, 30-1). Also Eligibles: **Nycon** (Jaime Torres, 50-1); **Resist** (Brian Hernandez Jr., 50-1).

#### **KENTUCKY DERBY, OAKS MORNING WORKOUTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC THROUGH WEDNESDAY**

– Continuing through Wednesday, Churchill Downs will be open free-of-charge daily from 6:45-10 a.m. so guests can watch the nation’s top 3-year-old Thoroughbreds train toward their engagements in this year’s Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks during Dawn at the Downs.

Horses train on Churchill Downs’ main track daily from 5:15-10 a.m. There is an exclusive training window only for Derby and Oaks participants from 7:15-7:30 a.m. following the 6:45-7:15 a.m. renovation break. Those horses will be identified by special saddle towels that include their names: yellow saddle towels for Derby horses and pink saddle towels for Oaks contenders.

Guests can park for free in the Yellow Lot off Longfield Ave. (all vehicles must be removed by 10:30 a.m.) and enter Churchill Downs through the Clubhouse Gate. Guests will be directed to Sections 115-117 to watch the morning workouts.

On Monday, fans can enjoy a premium breakfast in Millionaires Row or the Stakes Room for Dawn at the Downs Dining. Tickets and more information can be found at [www.kentuckyderby.com/visit/derby-week-events/dawn-at-the-downs/](http://www.kentuckyderby.com/visit/derby-week-events/dawn-at-the-downs/). The 152<sup>nd</sup> runnings of the \$1.5 million Longines Kentucky Oaks (Grade I) and \$5 million Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (GI) will be held Friday, May 1 and Saturday, May 2, respectively. Opening Day of Derby Week and the 44-day Spring Meet is Saturday at 12:45 p.m.

#### **KENTUCKY DERBY MORNING WORKS SHOW CONTINUES THROUGH THURSDAY**

– The Kentucky Derby Morning Works Show presented by TwinSpires.com continues through Thursday, offering fans an exclusive look at the final preparations of Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks contenders.

Airing daily from 6:45-7:45 a.m. (all times Eastern), the one-hour program will be streamed live on the Kentucky Derby [Facebook Page](#), [YouTube](#) and X accounts. The show will highlight the 15-minute exclusive training window from 7:15-7:30 a.m. for horses preparing for the \$5 million Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (Grade I) and the \$1.5 million Longines Kentucky Oaks (GI).

Hosted by Churchill Downs’ expert handicappers **Joe Kristufek, Kaitlin Benson, Tony Calo** and **Kevin Kilroy**, the show will include insight, commentary and exclusive interviews from notable figures such as the voice of the Kentucky Derby **Travis Stone**, former leading rider **Rosie Napravnik**, TwinSpires.com handicapper **James Scully**, Churchill Downs morning line oddsmaker **Nick Tammaro** and racing analyst **Ren Carrothers**.

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