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## **T O ELVIS ROMPS IN \$1 MILLION CHURCHILL DOWNS PRESENTED BY FORD**

**LOUISVILLE, KY (Saturday, May 2, 2026)** – Tomoya Ozasa’s **T O Elvis** exploded from mid pack to destroy a field of top American sprinters with a 3 1/4-length victory over **Disruptor** in the 91st running of the \$1 million Churchill Downs (GI) presented by Ford for 4-year-olds and up Saturday afternoon.

Trained by **Daisuke Takayanagi** and ridden by **Ryusei Sakai**, T O Elvis completed the seven furlongs over a fast main track in a stakes-record 1:20.49.

**Macho Music** led the field through fractions of :22.46 and :45.03 with favored **Knightsbridge**, **Disco Time** and **Imagination** in closest pursuit and T O Elvis racing in mid pack between horses.

On the far turn, T O Elvis launched a four-wide move that gave him clear sailing into the stretch. He blew past Imagination before the eighth pole and never was threatened in the run to the wire.

A Grade III winner in Japan, T O Elvis improved his record to 9-6-0-3 and with Saturday’s \$530,100 check boosted his earnings to \$1,149,212. T O Elvis is a 4-year-old Kentucky-bred son of Volatile out of the Curlin mare Stopshoppingdebbie.

T O Elvis returned \$13.74, \$7.30 and \$5.58. Disruptor, ridden by **Irad Ortiz Jr.**, returned \$7.16 and \$5.44 and finished 2 lengths in front of **Imagination** who paid \$9.82 to show under **Flavien Prat**.

It was a nose back to **Crazy Mason** in fourth with Cornucopian, Knightsbridge, **Hall of Fame**, Disco Time, Macho Music and **Point Dume**.

### **CHURCHILL DOWNS QUOTES**

**Ryusei Sakai (Jockey, T O Elvis, winner)** – “It’s so special to get a win like this at Churchill Downs. It’s been such a great experience.”

**Daisuke Takayanagi (Trainer, T O Elvis, winner)** --- “This is a first winner for Japan here. It was a very challenging race but we were able to get it done. We had a plan for this race even though we did not get to run in Dubai.”

**Irad Ortiz Jr. (Jockey, Disruptor, second)** – “It was a beautiful trip. Man, the winner is a really nice horse. I was kicking and he still ran away from me. He was moving well turning for home, so I followed him. I tried to get to the clear outside, and as soon as I did that, he just opened up on us.”

**Junior Alvarado (Jockey, Knightsbridge, sixth as beaten favorite)** – “I had a good trip. We were sitting there in second and when I turned for home I asked my horse and he didn’t fire today.”

### **ABOUT CHURCHILL DOWNS RACETRACK**

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