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TOUR PLAYER CRUISES TO VICTORY IN KNICKS GO

LOUISVILLE, KY (Saturday, May 2, 2026) – **Graham Grace Stables' Tour Player** took over from pacesetting **Scotland** at the head of the stretch and cruised to a 2 1/2-length win in the fifth running of the \$200,000 Knicks Go Overnight Stakes (L) presented by L&N Federal Credit Union for 4-year-olds and up Saturday afternoon.

Trained by **Whit Beckman** and ridden by **Flavien Prat**, Tour Player completed the mile over a fast main track in a stakes-record 1:33.97.

Scotland led the field through fractions of :22.75 and :45.40 with Tour Player in closest pursuit. Tour Player began to close in on the turn, drew even entering the stretch and drew off.

Tour Player is a 5-year-old Kentucky-bred son of American Pharoah out of the Ghostzapper mare Inshannity. Now a two-time stakes winner, Tour Player improved his record to 12-6-0-1 and with Saturday's \$119,280 check increased his earnings to \$421,107.

Tour Player returned \$8.70, \$4.62 and \$3. **Moonlight** rallied from last to get second under **Jose Ortiz** and return \$7.06 and \$3.90 with **Dragoon Guard** finishing a neck back in third and returning \$2.64 to show under **Irad Ortiz Jr.**

It was a half-length back to **Will Take It** with **Be You, Capital Idea, Prince of Power, Banjo Chris** and Scotland following in order.

KNICKS GO QUOTES

Flavien Prat (Jockey, Tour Player, winner) – “He got himself into a good position and I was able to get him off the fence and into the clear. When we turned for home, he gave me a really strong turn of foot and opened up on the field.”

Whit Beckman (Trainer, Tour Player, winner) --- It's always special to get a win on Derby Day, let alone a stakes race. Flavien (Prat) gave him a perfect ride. He really responded to him when asked and loves it here at Churchill.

Jose Ortiz (Jockey, Moonlight, second) – “I am really happy to see him back in form. The last two starts have been very disappointing. I was in a good position early on and the early pace set things up for me. If there was more pressure up front, maybe I could have won but the mile is a good distance for him.”

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