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## A GOLDEN MORNING FOR GOLDEN TEMPO AND DEVAUX

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Sunday, May 3, 2026)** – Phipps Stable and St. Elias Stable’s **Golden Tempo** is scheduled to ship back to Keeneland around 10 a.m. Sunday following his victory in Kentucky Derby 152.

Trainer **Cherie DeVaux** made an emotional first stop Sunday morning at the late **Chuck Simon**’s former barn at Churchill Downs, a full-circle moment after the biggest win of her career.

“He meant a lot to me and my career,” DeVaux said. “To come back here after something like this, it’s really special. We all miss Chuck but I’m sure he’s watching over us. He would’ve loved this.”

DeVaux was still taking in the milestone victory after celebrating Saturday night with family and friends.

“I’m so overwhelmed right now,” DeVaux said. “I’m so proud of Golden Tempo. Really proud of Jose Ortiz. I’m so grateful to everyone involved.”

DeVaux mentioned the May 16 Preakness Stakes (GI) could be in the cards but wants to watch Golden Tempo train and make the decision with the owners prior to confirming his start in the second jewel of the Triple Crown.

**RENEGADE (second)** – Robert and Lawana Low and Repole Stable’s **Renegade**, who made a big late run but came up just a neck short in Derby 152, was doing fine at trainer **Todd Pletcher**’s Barn 39 Sunday morning.

“He came back in good order,” the conditioner said. “Tough beat.”

The Into Mischief colt had been bumped and pushed sideways to start the mile and a quarter Derby, then was shuffled back to 15th in the early going under regular rider **Irad Ortiz Jr.** The two gradually moved forward, then swung wide on the far turn and came running very wide through the lane and had to deal with another bump nearing the three-sixteenths, carried on and looked like a winner in the last 100 yards, but couldn’t resist the outside charge of Derby hero **Golden Tempo**.

When Ortiz Jr. dismounted and met Pletcher on the track, there were tears in his eyes. Tough beat, indeed.

Pletcher indicated that the bay colt would head up to Saratoga with many of his other Kentucky horses.

“We’re going Tuesday,” he said.

**OCELLI (third)** – **Ocelli**, who rallied from off the pace as the longest shot in the race to put his head in front at the sixteenth pole, was doing fine at trainer **Whit Beckman**’s barn Sunday morning

“Unreal,” Beckman said of the maiden Ocelli’s performance that came up a length short of garnering the roses. “Getting that feeling, even for a moment, makes all the work worth it. We won’t stop until we win that race.”

**CHIEF WALLABEE (fourth)** – Mike and Kay Kay Ball’s **Chief Wallabee** likely will ship to Saratoga in the coming days along with 2025 Kentucky Derby winner Sovereignty and a bunch of other horses for trainer **Bill Mott**.

In just his fourth start, Chief Wallabee was sent off as the fifth choice in the Derby.

“I thought he ran a very courageous race,” Mott said. “He got bumped at mid-stretch and still came on to get fourth. It was very courageous and he was still trying. The race was as good as it looked and maybe a little better.”

Plans going forward are to be determined but they do not include a trip to Maryland for the Preakness at Laurel in two weeks.

“Nobody talks about the Preakness,” Mott said. “The Belmont at Saratoga; we need to discuss that. Kay Kay was thrilled with the way he ran yesterday. He has done a lot since the first of the year.”

**DANON BOURBON (fifth)** – Danox Co. Ltd.’s **Danon Bourbon** moved into contention and took the lead in mid-stretch before tiring late to finish fifth in Kentucky Derby 152. The colt is scheduled to return to Japan early this week.

“Everything had gone well with his preparation here, and he handled the paddock and gate very professionally,” trainer **Manabu Ikezoe** said. “The plan was to be forward without having to make the lead, and he was able to do that. He’s still only 3 and showed he can compete at this level. There’s more to come from him.”

**INCREDIBOLT (sixth)/Albus (15th)** – Trainer **Riley Mott**’s first two Kentucky Derby starters exited Saturday’s race in good order.

“They both looked good this morning, jogging up sound and clean-legged,” Mott said. “We will monitor them over the next week or so and make plans with the **Pin Oak Stud** team.”

**Albus** lost all chance at the start when he was jostled between horses and pinched back while **Incredibolt** was involved in some bumping with **Renegade** in the upper stretch before continuing to pass several horses and finish sixth beaten only 4 lengths by **Golden Tempo**.

**COMMANDMENT (seventh)/FURTHER ADO (11th)** – **Wathnan Racing's Commandment** and **Spendthrift Farm's Further Ado** returned to Barn 22 following Kentucky Derby 152.

"It's obviously disappointing, but both horses came back in good order," Cox said. "They showed up and ran their race, and they'll fight another day."

**WONDER DEAN (JPN) (eighth)** – **Yoshinari Yamamoto's Wonder Dean** finished eighth in Kentucky Derby 152 and is scheduled to return to Japan early this week.

"He broke well and put himself in a good position, but he took some bumping around the turn," trainer Daisuke Takayanagi said. "Even so, he kept trying all the way to the wire. He's matured a lot through these experiences, and we still believe there's improvement ahead."

**SO HAPPY (ninth)** – **Norman Stables** and **Saints or Sinners' So Happy** is scheduled to fly back to California early this week for trainer Mark Glatt after exiting the Derby in good order.

**EMERGING MARKET (10th)** – **Klaravich Stables' Emerging Market** emerged from his Kentucky Derby effort in good order and walked the shedrow at **Chad Brown's** Barn 25 Sunday morning. The colt ships to Saratoga on Monday.

**POTENTE (12th)/LITMUS TEST (17th)** – The Kentucky Derby runners were doing fine Sunday morning at Barn 33, according to assistant trainer **Jimmy Barnes**.

"We won't make a decision on the Preakness until the end of the week," trainer **Bob Baffert** said.

**Litmus Test** is owned by an extended partnership headed by **SF Racing and Starlight Racing**, while **Potente** races in the silks of **Speedway Stables**. Both are Grade II stakes winners.

**SIX SPEED (13th)** – **Brunetti Dugan Stables, Black Type Thoroughbreds, Steve Adkisson** and **Swinbank Stables' Six Speed**, who set the pace in Derby 152, came out of the race in good order and will remain in North America for the time being.

**ROBUSTA (14th)/PAVLOVIAN (18th)** – **Pavlovian** was a factor early on in Saturday's Kentucky Derby, but couldn't continue on late and was eased through the lane by rider **Edwin Maldonado** to finish 18th and last in the mile and a quarter classic.

The youngster, who was bred and is owned by Californian **J. Paul Reddam** and is trained by **Doug O'Neill**, was doing well at Barn 41 Sunday morning. The Reddam/O'Neill combo already has two Derby trophies on their shelves (**I'll Have Another** in 2012 and **Nyquist** in 2016), but had no luck in 2026.

O'Neill, who was headed back to his Santa Anita base Sunday morning, noted that he was still waiting to talk to Reddam about further possibilities for their charge, though he indicated the likely plan is to bring the colt back to California.

**Calumet Farm's Robusta** will join Pavlovian on the 2 a.m. Tuesday flight back to California.

**INTREPIDO (16th)** – The bay California-based colt **Intrepido**, who finished 16th in Kentucky Derby 152 Saturday, will head back to the Golden State on a plane at 2 a.m. Tuesday.

He came out of his Derby run "fine," according to members of his ownership group at Barn 41 Sunday morning. Trainer **Jeff Mullins** checked on his colt early, then grabbed an 8 a.m. flight back to his Santa Anita headquarters.

Intrepido is owned by the partnership of **Dutch Girl Holdings** and **Irving Ventures**.

**GREAT WHITE (Scratched at gate)** – **Three Chimneys Farm** and **John Ennis' Great White** was a late scratch for Kentucky Derby 152 after he flipped behind the starting gate just prior to the loading process.

"He's doing fine," Ennis said. "Tough game, but we're thankful he came out of it OK."

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