

June 2010 Newsletter

Own Your Own Sports Franchise

Do you ever look at guys like Mark Cuban (Dallas Mavericks owner) or Jerry Jones (Dallas Cowboys owner) walking around on their team's sidelines and think, how cool is their job? Royal Colors Racing gives you a chance to own your own sports franchise at a fraction of the cost. As an owner of a thoroughbred:

- you can be involved in drafting the players (by attending the auctions)
- you can visit their training camp (and watch morning workouts)
- you have access to the players and the coaches (horses, jockeys, and trainers)
- you can visit the showers (or at least the bathing racks at the barn)
- you will have preferred seating on game day (or race day)
- when your team wins (you will be in the winner's circle accepting the trophy)

The value of the Cowboys Franchise is estimated at \$1 Billion, and the Dallas Mavericks around \$400 Million. For significantly less you can experience many of the same ownership thrills and experiences by purchasing a share in a thoroughbred with Royal Colors Racing.

Speedy Spice Wins in Three-Year-Old Debut

While we knew Speedy was training well her first time out as a three-year-old was nothing less than a fantastic return to the track. Her owners have certainly been through the peaks and valleys of horse racing over the past month. She was originally pointed to a very soft exclusively three-year-old filly race whose field had been scratched down to five. This race was on June 4th, and while nothing is a sure thing in racing, we were highly confident that as



the 1-to-1 favorite we had the race won. Unfortunately, only hours before the race, our trainer was informed that another horse's blood test (ultimately found to be in

error) would quarantine Speedy's entire barn for the night. Very disappointed, we began the search for another race, and finally found a less than ideal, but useable, spot on June 19th.

Speedy competed in a field of ten horses, most of them older and more experienced, and went off the 7-to-2 third choice. She left the gate a little lethargic, but her jockey Bobby Walker, Jr. asked her to go and she responded. She settled into a ground-saving rail trip, four lengths off the lead and ultimately found daylight in the stretch and made an aggressive move to defeat the favorite by more than a length. Her five furlong time of 56.01 on the turf made her the third fastest filly at that distance during the three-month old Lone Star meet, her time bested by a seven-year-old, and a five-year-old filly that set the track record this year.

Needless to say we are very excited about the return of Speedy Spice and her potential going forward.



Stable News



Larry Taylor has most likely seen his last ride on Pink following the six-wide sight seeing tour he took her on during her last race.

Pink October has recorded a second-place, and two thirds in her first three races. We will look for a trip to the winner's circle against Louisiana-bred company soon and should see her next race in early July.

She continues to impress us as a durable, hard-trying filly we simply want to boost her confidence with a win.

Speedy Spice celebrated with several of her fans following her big win. She is currently stabled next to an older male horse, named the King of Speed. The King loves to eat DONUTS and will gobble a dozen down from an open box at one time. He has raced more than 100 races and won more than 27...if she gets to that point, we will bring some donuts.



Speedy came out of her race in great shape and returned very quickly to the track, galloping a mile two days after her race. She should return in early to mid-July.



Saracen has about one week remaining in his time at the "horse spa" known as Selway **Equine Therapy Center.** He will ship to Twin Oaks Training Center at the end of the month and begin his off-track training. He looks great remain we optimistic that he will be racing by the fourth quarter of this year. His three-year-old half brother, Strike, **Ice**

continues to compete at the top tracks in the country recording wins or second-place finishes on a consistent basis.

Doc Hudson will enter his second month of stall and paddock rest in July. A recent visit left us stunned at how much he had grown. His Sire, Officer, is the second leading sire of two-year-old runners in the country thus far in 2010. This colt appears to be heading in the right direction we simply needed to give him a little time to let his bone growth catch up with his muscle growth. We expect to resume training with him in August and hope he can add to Officer's progeny earning by year end.



Featured Horse of the Month BRIGADE COMMANDER

Brigade Commander was purchased at the Keeneland September Yearling Sale in 2008. He is the son of Stormy Atlantic and a Stakes winning mare Sariano. Stormy Atlantic was a fashionable sire in 2008, but really got hot as that year came to a close and throughout 2009. His consistent production of winners on all surfaces, at all distances, and often as early-winning twoyear-olds, placed him consistently in the **top-10** ranked sires based on progeny earnings.

As a two-year-old, Brigade Commander was a little slow to mature (as we sort of expected), but by year end he had truly blossomed. His off-

track training was so strong, that Bret Calhoun and Twin Oaks Training Center Manager, Eddie Milligan, both agreed his talent would suit him well against the





stout competition found at New Orleans Fair Grounds racetrack during the high-purse paying winter meet. Brigade Commander did not disappoint as he posted lights out training times through November and December leading up to his first race. He was consistently one of the best, if not the best, at each morning workout and many eyes were on this promising two-year-old.

He competed in his first race on December 14th and was sent off as the never-before raced 6-to-5 favorite. During this race, he did not disappoint as he came three wide through the turn to take the lead and then suddenly slowed. Unfortunately, when changing lead legs, he overextended his left

leg and chipped a small bone in his knee. The chip was in a favorable location and was easily removed arthroscopically; however, it moved B.C. to the sidelines pending a full recovery. If he had won that race as handily as it appeared he was going to do so, it was our intent to nominate him to the Louisiana Derby and he

would have been one of the promising group of three-year-olds competing for a spot in the Kentucky Derby, or alternatively, we anticipated six-digit offers to purchase him.

The good news is, he remains a **Royal** Colors Racing Horse, appears to be 100% healthy and will be returning to the races this summer. According to Eddie Milligan, he does not believe B.C. has lost a step and plans to ship him to the location of Bret's choice at the end of June. expect this colt to be a presence among threeyear-old male horses by year end.



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