



ROYAL COLORS RACING

May 2010 Newsletter

Girl Power Starts the Spring Race Schedule

While the Royal Colors Racing boys are in varying stages of race preparation, both of the RCR girls are at the track training and racing. Pink October put on a great show in her race debut driving to a commanding lead only to get caught at the wire and finish second. Similar to many two-year-old toddlers she became a little distracted in the stretch run and may have even forgotten she was in a race. We will work on increasing her attention span over the next few weeks and expect even more improvement from her later in May.

Speedy Spice, after a significant break, has been posting top training times on a consistent basis and will see her return to the races in May. She has recorded three works since shipping to Lone Star Park and has been among the top-three at each distance in every work. Everyone around her in the barn or on her back on the racetrack claims she is twice the horse as a three-year-old that she was as a two-year-old.

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ROCK!*

RCR Website Goes Live in April

The Royal Colors Racing website is active and already experiencing a high level of traffic. Displaying team biographies, the RCR approach to fractional ownership, five horses currently offered to future partners, current stable news, and a comprehensive set of Frequently Asked Questions, it is the first stop for all those inquiring about owning a share in a top-quality racehorse. Some interesting features found on the website include expandable printable catalog-style pedigrees, direct links to the Blood-Horse stallion directory for each of the sires, and printable brochures on each horse offered. Updates and news for each horse will be posted once monthly, however, for horse owners updates and racing news will be sent weekly.

Stable News

Brigade Commander will ship from Selway during the first week in May to Twin Oaks Training center in Murchison, TX. The vet has stated his knee looks to be 100% and Daniel has kept him busy at Selway with daily exercise and aqua-tread workouts. Here he is pictured “flexing” for the camera.



This boy has grown up from the “smallish” yearling we bought in September 2008.

Speedy Spice looks ready to return and is generating a lot of excitement in the Bret Calhoun stable. She did show a little soreness in the latter part of April following a quality workout, but has worked through it well and appears to be back in good form. She will return to the races in May and we are excited to welcome her back. We will probably look for a short race as a prep race before stretching her back to two turns.

Bret has given her a stall at the end of the stable with views out both entrances. The activity she generates daily taking in all of the action outside of her stall should keep her more than fit.



Pink October. We all thought we had another winner's circle photo. Despite not crossing the line first we could not have been more pleased with her debut performance. She handled herself professionally in the paddock, entered the gate with minimal resistance, broke like a pro, and was clear of traffic and the disadvantage of her rail post in less than 100 yards. Larry Taylor, her mount, stated that he had plenty of horse at the finish and if she had seen the closer coming we would have run the race. Hard to see them when they are well behind, eh, Pink? After posting a "66" Beyer Speed Rating for her first race (a very respectable two-year-old number) there is significant future owner attention on this filly.



Hey Pink! We are still racing here!

Doc Hudson has spent most of April alone down at Twin Oaks and has progressed in the span of thirty days from conditioning works, to two-minute licks (one mile gallops at a two-minute mile pace), to full breezing. Eddie took him out for a breeze late in April against a Langfuhr colt and Belong-To-Me sired colt. While the Belong-To-Me colt got an early jump on Doc Hudson, Eddie was very pleased at the way he came back to the lead horse and passed him at the end. We continue to look forward to his late summer preview.





Saracen. The “war horse” looks like he is fighting back. After completing three shock wave therapies, platelet-rich-plasma therapy (PRP), and hours of working out we have done everything we could do to enhance the healing of his suspensory inflammation. Dr. Stephens will perform another ultra-sound in late May and that will determine whether we put him back into training now or late in his two-year-old year. Regardless, everyone should be very optimistic about the future of this racehorse. We visited the new gelding late in April and he looks fantastic. We barely recognized this muscle-ridden two-year-old and can’t wait to get him to the track. Daniel had hoped the couple ounces removed from between his legs would calm him down a little, but he seems to be as feisty as ever. We will take it as a sign that he is ready to get back to some real running.

Trainer Update

Royal Colors Racing Trainer, Bret Calhoun, is off to a great start in 2010. Throughout the first third of the year he has maintained a solid top-10 ranking in earnings and top-5 ranking in total wins.

Some of his top-performers in April included: Dubai Majesty, 2nd-place finisher in the \$300,000 Vinery Madison Stakes (Gr. 1); Bubbler, winner of the Irving Distaff Stakes, improving his record to 6 of 8; and Euroears, who barely missed in the Texas Mile Stakes, finishing 2nd in the \$200,000, Grade 3 affair.

TRAINERS			
Name	Starts	1st	Purses
Todd Pletcher	306	85	\$5,872,491
Steve Asmussen	839	186	4,664,920
Bob Baffert	143	31	2,857,851
John Sadler	186	39	2,815,840
Jerry Hollendorfer	347	87	2,530,002
Richard Dutrow Jr.	168	46	2,093,179
Bret Calhoun	249	72	2,012,995
William Mott	247	31	1,662,124
Doug O'Neill	305	56	1,531,929
Michael Maker	173	34	1,497,752

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Racing leaders for 2010

North American statistics through April 17
Information based on Equibase LLC data

Featured Horse of the Month

“Pink October”

Pink October was named as a tribute to breast cancer survivors, Pink being the well-recognized color of the Susan G. Komen charity and October being breast-cancer awareness month. Pink recently completed the first race of her career with an experience-building, second-place finish (the race is outlined in detail in her “updates” section and captured visually in the photo strip to the right). Since reporting to Bret’s stable she has done nothing but improve and we expect to see her picture in the winner’s circle very soon.

More than 50% of Pink October is sold out at this point and future owners considering her are missing purse earnings such as those she collected late in April. She is an interesting option as she is sort of like a well-wrapped Christmas present—the package looks beautiful, the box is the right size, but you really don’t know what you have until you open it. The analogy holds true in her case as she is the first foal out of Ole Rebel, a “freshman” sire (meaning his first babies are racing as two-year-olds) and she is the first foal out of a race winning mare, Sarah Can Run. We believed this provided an advantage when we purchased her.

Because the Louisiana purses are so rich for the limited number of La-breds, a well-built yearling out of a proven sire and dam will often bring \$40,000 or more at auction. RCR liked that Pink’s January birthday set her up to have a shot running as a two-year-old. Her pedigree genetically built her to be a sprinter, she looked like a sprinter as a yearling at auction, and all early two-year-old races are.....you guessed it, sprints! Her sire was a multiple stakes winning sprinter and she looks a lot like him, down to the slight white sock on a single hoof. We prefer foals that are the first, second or third out of their dam. We believe that the mares are more fit and able to provide better for their new foals when it is one of their first not thirteenth. (Ask any mom if the recovery time was shorter or longer the third or fourth time around)

Pink came out of her April race in great shape and will return for the May 20th TTA Futurity Stakes Trials at Lone Star Park. This race presents a \$17,000 purse and sets her up for the \$80,000 June 5th Stakes race.

