



# ROYAL COLORS RACING

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## Saracen Runs Third to News-Making Colt



During his second start, Saracen drew the unlucky spot of competing with a much heralded three-year-old named “Bind.” Bind, sired by Pulpit, is owned by Claiborne Farms and Adele B. Dilschneider, owners of Eclipse-Award winning Blame. Bind proved to be the “real deal” and received significant press included the highlighted article below.

Saracen proved once again that he has loads of speed. His first quarter was run in 21.39 and first four furlongs in 44.73. Unfortunately, as in his first race, these blazing fractions set up the field to catch him in the end, resulting in another third-place finish. Sustainability or control of this speed will be the focus of his works between now and the next opportunity we have to race.

A few RCR owners were able to attend this race and were treated to a great day of racing, as Saracen's Maiden Special Weight was part of the Risen Star Stakes card at the Fair Grounds.



## Kentucky Derby not on agenda for Bind, who earned 105 Beyer in maiden win

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It's entirely possible that the most talented 3-year-old to race on the Risen Star card Saturday at Fair Grounds wasn't in the Risen Star at all. Bind made his career debut in a maiden special weight sprint, race 3, and was absolutely sensational. Bind sat third behind a scorching early pace, seized command at the top of the stretch after being roused at the three-furlong pole, and went on to win by 9 1/4 lengths. His six-furlong time of 1:08.80 produced a Beyer Speed Figure of 105, a number that seems completely legitimate. The Fair Grounds track surface played fast Saturday, but was far from the fastest surface this season. Bind's time was 0.77 seconds off the track record established in 2002, but was the first sub-1:09 six furlongs recorded at Fair Grounds since 2005.

Scariest of all, Bind is a massive, placid colt with a route pedigree, and he should be at least as good running two turns.

But quash thoughts of a Triple Crown run for Bind. Trainer Al Stall and owners Claiborne Farm and Adele Dilschneider are taking a slow and patient approach with a potential star – much as they did with a horse named Blame.

“It was only a maiden race,” Claiborne principal Seth Hancock said after leaving the winner's circle Saturday.

The product of a Clairborne mating between Pulpit and Check, an Unbridled mare, Bind, hard to believe, failed to meet a \$180,000 reserve when entered in the Keeneland

September yearling sale of 2009. Bind came to Stall's barn early in the summer, but was sent home because Stall thought he wasn't ready to start earnest training. Back on Sept. 1, Bind has been on a steady training pattern ever since. Stall said not to expect Bind to race again until late March at Fair Grounds or sometime in April at Keeneland.

## **Royal Colors Racing Current Opportunities Updated**

The RCR website has been updated to show our Stable Horses and Current Opportunities in a single section and to show Legacy Horses such as Brigade Commander and recently claimed Speedy Spice in another.

At this point shares remain available in Saracen, Doc Hudson and Forty Winks. Pink October has been closed out as an available horse. The pricing for each horse has been updated to include an acquisition cost (the original acquisition of the horse and training expenses to date) and an estimate of training related expenses for the next six months. If you are interested in looking at the current available RCR partnerships, please visit the Royal Colors Racing Website.



## **Pink October Still Looking for Return Trip to the Winner's Circle**



Pink had two tries in February to get another mark in the win column. On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Pink ran a game second and nearly got up for the win on a blustery, cold day in West Virginia. On February 19<sup>th</sup>, she ran into a more competitive field and did not look as sharp as normal. She finished well, closing from last to fourth, but it is tough to win a 4.5 furlong race coming from off the pace and swinging wide through the turn. It looks like she will get another opportunity in mid-March and we would certainly like to see her get her second win before the races she is competing in switch to three and older horses versus straight three-year-olds.



## **Doc Hudson Given a Temporary Lay-Up**

After showing consistent ankle sensitivity through a few weeks of training, we decided to turn Doc Hudson out for sixty days to give his ankle sprain or bone bruising time to heal. This horse has shown to much early promise to press him when his body is clearly telling us it needs a break. The exact origin of his discomfort is still somewhat of a mystery, but we are convinced that we are addressing it in the right way by giving him a break.



We fully expect to have him ready to return to training and racing in about 90 days after his stay at Selway Equine Therapy Center (shown above). Doc was doing everything right and showing a clear indication that he was going to thrive around two turns. We will look forward to seeing him back on the track this summer.

## **Forty Winks Continues on an Impressive Path**

Eddie Milligan and the staff at Twin Oaks Training Center are very pleased with the progress they are seeing from Forty Winks. Wink has not missed a planned day of training since being purchased in September and continues to a very sound path towards being a precocious two-year-old for our stable. He is training well



physically and mentally. Eddie says he has taken some big steps forward over the past several weeks and is moving very well. Wink has graduated to breezing on a regular basis and is being pushed through a one or two furlong work pretty much weekly. The uphill stretch at Twin Oaks Training Center truly builds muscle and explosive speed into the horses in their care. When asked to perform in the same way on a flat oval, many of them are able to simply fly.

## Speedy Spice Claimed Away from the RCR Stable

Speedy Spice was the first horse ever purchased by Royal Colors Racing and provided many thrills for our stable. She broke her Maiden at two going seven furlongs on the turf. She opened her three-year-old season with three wins in a row. Speedy was given the opportunity to compete in three stakes races including some of the best in her year group notably the Keeneland run Lexus Ravens Run Stakes (Grade II). At the time she was claimed she had earned just shy of \$100,000 for our stable and was purchased for a \$40,000 claiming price.



While tough to see her go, during her tenure with Royal Colors Racing, she gave her owners many races to cheer about. She has already awarded her new owner with a thrilling second-place finish in a \$45,000 Allowance Race at the Fair Grounds. We wish Speedy and her new owner and trainer the best of luck.

## February RCR Photos





