



ROYAL COLORS RACING

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Do Not Buy These Horses!

Thinking about owning a share of a thoroughbred? Been thinking about maybe dipping your toe in the water and becoming a Royal Colors Racing Partner? If so, that is great, but don't buy any of the three two-year-olds we have remaining. They are looking too talented and quite frankly we would just as well keep a larger ownership level to ourselves. Enjoy the summaries below and if you are indeed interested, we will find a way to part with some additional shares and make room for you to join us in the winners' circle. All of these should be racing in the next two to six months, so now is the time to move if you are interested in owning part of the excitement. More information on all of these horses can be found in the [opportunities section of the Royal Colors Racing Website.](#)

Sassy Kiss - One Classy Filly

Since the day we bought her this filly has never taken a step backwards. Sired by the multiple Graded Stakes winning sprinter, Mr. Greeley, and out of a very well-bred Fusaichi Pegasus mare, Sassy Kiss looks to have inherited all the talent we had hoped she would possess. overly precocious offspring, but our filly is moving forward exceptionally well. Her training has consistently resulted in top performances and her gate training has been flawless. She is showing some precocious talent, but looks to be too classy



Breezing - February at Twin Oaks

to risk pressing her hard early. We have decided to give her the spring to continue to develop, but expect her to be racing by mid-summer. To see [a 30-second video of her recent gate work, click here.](#)



Sassy Kiss has the pedigree to not only be a great racehorse, but assuming she establishes a strong reputation on the track, she should have some real upside as a future broodmare. Historically, Mr. Greeley has produced very talented crops of fillies and will inevitably be a top-rated broodmare sire in the future. Sassy Kiss will race where her talent takes her, but more than likely she will spend the summer racing in Kentucky based out of Bret's Churchill Downs Stable. This is not one to miss...[visit her profile on the RCR website for more information.](#)

Valentine Eddie - Ready to Roll

This horse could double what we have invested in him by July. You could take a picture of Valentine Eddie to define the ideal body design of a powerful, compact sprinting two-year-old. This horse has grown immensely since his purchase last August. He is thick through the chest, strong in the rear, ripped with muscle and extremely efficient with his movements. He is nominated to the \$75,000 Texas Thoroughbred Association Futurity Stakes and the \$100,000 Texas Stallion Stakes.



Training at Twin Oaks - February

The TTA Futurity only had 36 nominees in February and will be contested in June. The Texas Stallion Stakes is three weeks later in July, also at Lone Star Park. These are the targets for Valentine Eddie and while we thought about sending him to Keeneland, we knew we would need him back in TX in May and putting the stress of that travel, the changing tracks, and the rigorous training required might not best prepare him for our summer goals.



His sire Valid Expectations was highlighted in the January 28th edition of the Thoroughbred Times. He was once again the leading sire in Texas and continues his reputation as a two-year-old, star-making sire. Valentine Eddie looks ready to deliver in 2012. To get an appreciation of his speed, [click on this thirty second video of his recent gate work.](#) Note, his gate opened late and he spotted his stable mate three lengths, but when tapped by his rider, the dirt flew and he gobbled up

ground as he closed to side-by-side in seconds. If you would like to own a share in this very exciting two-year-old, [visit his profile and pricing here](#).

Effour - Blowing and Going

As many know, Effour was the sole survivor of five yearlings that were tragically killed when the EF-4 rated tornado tore through Chickasha, OK in May of 2011. Many are also familiar that he was a tall, long-bodied colt with a chocolate-freckled coat that only a mother could love. But, what most do not know is that this horse has grown into a monster of a two-year-old. Like the awkward teenager that suddenly has transformed into a muscular, athletic young man, Effour has



turned the corner from potential to reality. Check out this [ten-second teaser of him galloping recently on the training track at Twin Oaks](#).



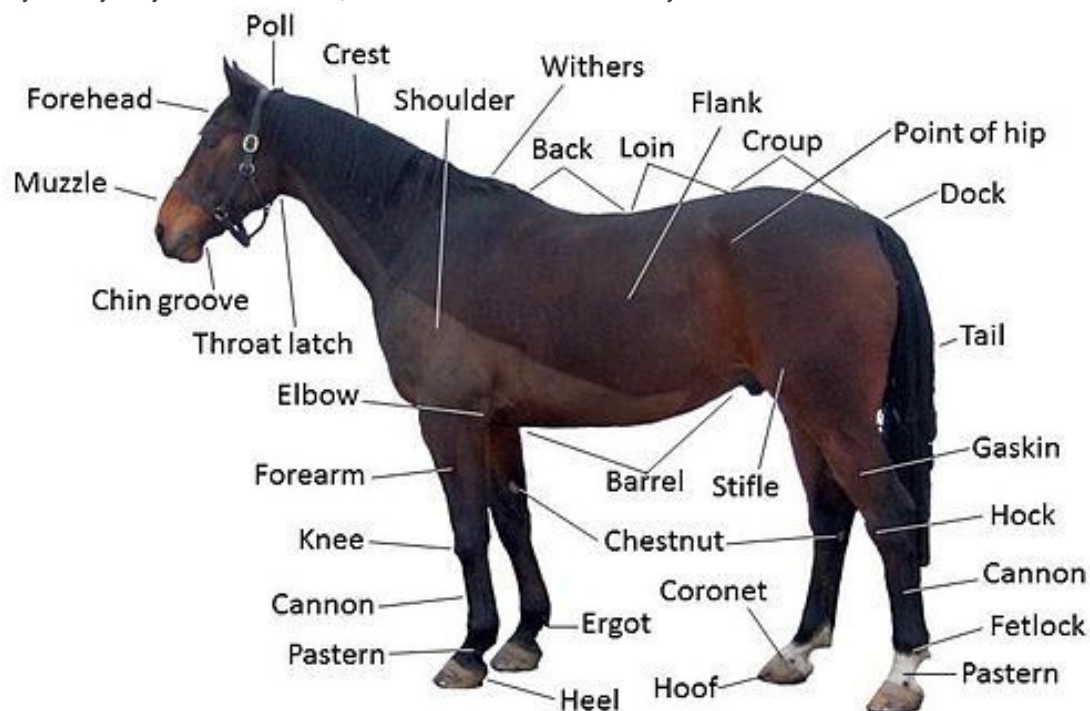
As a horse eligible to run in Louisiana-bred restricted races, this colt is destined to be a man among boys. From a value standpoint, you would be hard pressed to beat the quality you can get from Effour for the money. His sire, Limehouse, finished 2011 ranked 15th nationwide in third-crop progeny production, and looks poised for long-term success. If you want to own a horse that will most likely run consistently at two-turns, can run in restricted races but looks fully qualified for open company, then you need to

look no further than Effour. See his profile and pricing in the [current opportunities section of the RCR website](#).

How to Speak Horse

Horse racing and horse ownership has a language all its own. When discussing upcoming race options one will often hear we could consider the "a other than" or the "2X" or the "Starter" ...all terms that quickly become a new part of the horse owners vocabulary once he or she understands the meaning. Similarly, the parts of a horse can often be a mystery. Most of our trainers are pretty good at recognizing that many of the RCR owners still need them to Keep It Simple and will say...that horse has sore ankles, or she banged her right back leg. However, if you are looking to impress in the future take a look at the chart below and brush up on the main points of the horse. This should make you stand out in the

stables, right up to the point that Dr. Stephens starts talking about paralyzed “flappers” or the upcoming myectomy on your colt....ahhhh, another lesson for another day.



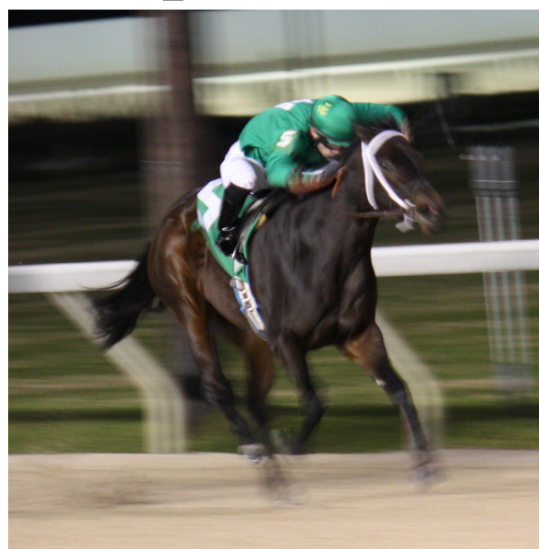
Current Stable Update

Quest for Candy and the Conditions Conundrum

Quest for Candy continues to train at Fair Grounds and is ready to return to the track, but the conditions book and its list of race options continue to cause problems. Basically, what everyone wants is an early winner, a two-time winner – even better. The problem is there are not many of them out there early in a three-year-old filly's career. Finding 8-to-10 that are race ready, co-located at the same racing venue, all in allowance-level company is tough. We have chased the limited few options available at both Fair Grounds and Delta Downs during February, but to date, none have filled. We will keep looking for options as we head towards March. The good news is she is maintaining her condition and continues to train very well. If you want to see her winning form, select either of the dates below for video of her victories:

[*Remington Park 11/30/11](#)

[*Delta Downs 02/04/12](#)



Forty Winks Competes Well in Second-Place Finish

Forty Winks dropped in class from allowance-level racing to the Maiden Claiming \$25,000 level and performed well. In his Oaklawn Park race on February 4th, he found himself among a group early where no horse desired to take the lead. Our horse was game so his jockey let him go the lead on the rail.



Unfortunately, a first time starter engaged him from the outside and basically kept pressure on Forty Winks through a five-furlong match race. Forty won the match race and move forward, but did not have enough in the tank to fend off the late-charging favorite, , who passed him for the win. He showed real grit and tried to engage the eventual winner.

Overall, it was a good race for Forty Winks, one he probably wins with a slightly different trip. This race was reassuring,

because it showed all of his owners that our horse does indeed have heart and a will to win. Bret's assistant trainer at Oaklawn reported that he came out of the race in good shape and was strutting in the barn and kicking in his stall. It was her impression that he really thought he had accomplished something. Hopefully in the near future he will discover the winners' circle and gain a real appreciation for what "accomplishment" is.

Saracen Waits on the Bench for Next Race

Finding a non-winner of three race at Charles Town has proven to be tough. At this point we are looking for the next opportunity that presents itself. The 4.5 furlong sprint distance at Charles Town should be right in his cross-hairs and we are optimistic for a return to the winners' circle.



Saracen is kicking and screaming for a race

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