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## Royal Colors Racing February 2015 Newsletter

**Introducing "Perplexity"** 

## **Unique Opportunity** for Immediate Racing

We claimed Perplexity on February 6th and plan to have her back on the track very soon. She is the four-year-old half sister to Time Catcher, thus we had been watching her for awhile. To date, all of the progeny of her dam, Shiny Sheet, that have made it to the race track have won, most earning more than six digits. However, they have all been late



bloomers, not winning until well into their three-year-old year and blossoming as four and five-year-olds around two turns. We believed with a focus on dirt racing at a mile distance, we could see this filly do well.

Our timing seems to have been fortuitous, as Perplexity won a six furlong contest impressively by more than eight lengths. She recorded her career best Beyer speed figure of 78 and a Brisnet figure of 86. The win brought her record to two first place finishes, three seconds and one third from 13 races; total winnings \$48,418.



Winning by 8 in stretch

#### **Perplexity Pedigree**

Colonel John, the multiple Grade I Stakes Winner is her sire. His early sire rankings among his peers have been near the top and he has produced a high number of stakes competitive progeny. Our filly's dam was the winner of multiple stakes races and north of \$540,000 in purses. The second dam was a Graded Stakes winner of more than \$300,000. Many of the half brothers and sisters before Perplexity proved durable and raced until they were seven or eight. Her RCR half brother, Time Catcher, presented a respectable performance first time out and will race again later this month. As a yearling, Perplexity, was purchased at Keeneland by Winstar Farms for \$80,000...

## Profile and Racing Plans

If you are interested in a more thorough analysis of Perplexity or to see her pricing, visit her profile on the RCR website by clicking here. We priced her at a premium to the claim because 1) we take all the risk in making the claim, 2) her performance was impressive and her next start will not be any lower



than Claiming \$25,000, and 3) we received an offer to purchase her for \$22,000. It is our intent to close out the opportunity to become a partner at the time of her next race, so you have less than two weeks to commit. We hope you will consider owning a portion of Perplexity.

When we claimed her the intent was to have a two-turn horse that might compete at the Allowance level at Lone Star or Remington Park. Based on the way she won at six furlongs, we are a little "perplexed" as to what her next step will be. The lucrative purse structure at Oaklawn Park offers a few more generous opportunities to race and then we will take her where her talent leads us.

### Introducing RCR's First Claiming Partnership

#### Target Claim --February/March Oaklawn Park

Some have asked us about establishing a Claiming Partnership so we decided to put one in place. Bret Calhoun and his staff have had some significant historical success claiming horses. Indeed, we had the pleasure of joining the owners of Chamberlain Bridge, a Calhoun trained \$35,000 claimer, in the Winner's Circle of the \$1,000,000 2010 Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint. Oaklawn Park's spring meet is blanketed with individuals and partnerships attempting to claim the "right" horse. Much of this can be attributed to the lucrative purses established for their race meet.

We have given Trainer Bret Calhoun and his team authority to act on our behalf in searching out a horse that based on pedigree, performance and potential may be able to take a step forward in our trainer's barn or with changes in age and



Chamberlain Bridge \$35,000 Claim - winner of \$1.9MM

race strategy. We are open to the best option regardless of age or gender. We are simply looking for a racehorse that might have upside.



# Why Join a Claiming Partnership?

A claiming partnership gives you potential for instant access to racing. One gains all the benefits of participation without waiting for a yearling or two-year-old to mature into an on-track performer. That said, the chance to hit a "homerun" is often

greater with a horse that is developed from an early point versus a horse that may have already maximized its potential on the track and thus the reason it is in claiming company. In the event of injury, the financial investment in a claiming partnership might be less than buying, for example, a yearling.

# Royal Colors Racing's Claiming Partnership Overview

Purchase Capital: We have placed \$44,000 in an Oaklawn account to claim a horse most likely in the \$15,000 - \$40,000 range (target \$25,000 - \$40,000). Of note, Oaklawn charges 9.5% tax on claims, thus the overage.



Estimated Expenses: \$12,000 for March - June 30, 2015.

Requirement: Sign and fund a Letter of Commitment now. Once a horse is claimed, Ownership Agreements will be provided with a refund of any balance of one's Purchase Capital (less 10% management commission on the purchase price to RCR). If a horse is not claimed by the conclusion of the Oaklawn Park meet (April 11, 2015) then all deposits will be refunded in full. See the Royal Colors Racing Stable Opportunities for more details.

#### Stable Updates



#### Slew City Lou Second in Stakes Race

Slew City Lou competed in the \$65,000 Louisiana Bred Premier Night Ladies Starter Stakes on February 7th. She broke well and tracked the leaders through the early part of the race and made a bold move at the 1/4-mile pole. Leading by

four lengths at the top of the stretch, we may have started to celebrate a little too soon as she was caught at the wire for a second place finish. She ran one of her best races and we are proud of the

recent form this filly is showing. She came out of the race in good shape and will be looking for the next opportunity.

If you want to see her recent race, click here and scroll down to the La. Bred Premier Night Ladies Starter Stakes.

## Time Catcher Shows Upside in Debut

Time Catcher competed around two turns on the turf for his Maiden start on January 31st. We did not know what to expect based on his average dirt workout times, however, he did not disappoint. The jockey was asked to let him settle into the race and then make one run at the finish. He settled into last but when asked came running



to finish fourth, passing all in front within a furlong of the finish line. We are optimistic his return to the races will be a good one and have entered him to race on February 21st at the Fair Grounds. This is a "big card day" including the Risen Stars Stakes.

To watch his first start, follow this link.



# Springboard Continues String of Top-4 Finishes

We stretched
Springboard out to a mile
on February 5th, but he
never seemed to get
comfortable. He was
pinned down behind two
horses and was forced to
eat the dirt they kicked

up for almost the entirety of the race. In the stretch he did not have the kick to threaten the leaders. As Bret Calhoun stated, "the ideal race for him is a 6.5 - 7.0 furlong single turn race." Unfortunately, the Fair Grounds does not have a layout that supports those distances, so we will pick and choose the right opportunities until he returns to Kentucky in the late spring where both Keeneland and Churchill Downs offer these types of races.

## Wright Flyer Runs Fourth

Wright Flyer saw his race delayed by more than 20 minutes on Friday the 13th at the Fair Grounds. The delay proved for bad luck as our horse became tense as the field did circles behind the gate during the entire delay. After loading in the gate his anxious state led to him throwing his head around



and breaking into the air, spotting the field nearly 2-3 lengths. Once engaged, he ran a respectable race closing to finish in a photo for third place. Jockey, Miguel Mena felt he would have been top three if the circumstances surrounding the start had been different. He came out of the race well and we will look for a similar spot next time out.



### Yankee Lady is on Track at Twin Oaks

Our Yankee Gentleman filly is under saddle and in training at Twin Oaks. She continues to move forward and remains the most likely first starter among our two-year-old group.

#### Rikki Tikki Taxi

Rikki Tikki Taxi is also in training and is closing in on his first two-minute licks. He is moving well, continues to grow and is a nice colt.





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## Tuk-Tuk Continues to Grow with Time off

Tuk Tuk is enjoying her time off and is growing up. Bret has another Stakes placed Ghostzapper filly on the track, Haunted Heroine. He claims she is not very big but can really run. This filly is getting bigger faster than we expected, so we are pretty excited about what is to





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