



ROYAL COLORS RACING

October 2010 Newsletter

Pink October Wins in her Namesake Month



Pink October moved to Charles Town Races in West Virginia at the beginning of October. She did not take long to make her presence known, recording a win in a 4.5 furlong sprint on October 24th. This win pushes her streak of in-the-money finishes to seven straight. In her entire two-year-old career she has finished no worse than third.

Her new trainer Ollie Figgins III placed jockey Gerald Almodovar on her back with the instructions to get her to the front at all costs. Gerald offered a little

encouragement at the break and Pink did all the rest opening up two lengths in the turn and finishing with a lead of more than six lengths. Her win made her the first two-year-old winner out of her sprint-specialist sire, Ole Rebel.

Looking forward, Pink will take a significant step up as she meets other winners next time out. However, this win certainly gave her a much needed boost in confidence and we are hopeful she will carry this new tradition right into November.

Speedy Spice Represents Royal Colors Racing in Grade II Lexus Raven Run Stakes

Speedy Spice entered the \$250,000 Grade II Lexus Raven Run Stakes at Keeneland on October 23rd. While the competition was impressive, we believed she had a favorable shot at factoring into the mix as this race was a seven-furlong, synthetic track sprint similar to the races she has been winning through the summer. The first piece of bad luck was drawing post 14 in a field of 14 horses. The second negative factor was when the #13 horse broke sharply outward into Speedy Spice and then stumbled in front of her. This action pushed Speedy fifteen to twenty feet off her line and set her at a seven length disadvantage before she really even go rolling. While she made a game play at reaching the leaders, climbing as high as sixth place, her three-to-five wide trip through the entire turn was the final contributor to her not finding a way into the top five in this race.



Jockey, Willie Martinez, stated, "Without that break, we finish 4th, maybe even 3rd in that race." The statisticians at the track calculated that Speedy covered 33 more feet than the race winner Hilda's Passion. That distance represents more than four lengths, which makes her seven-length finish off the lead look pretty respectable. We will chalk this race up to experience and are currently targeting a listed Stakes Race in late November as her next start.

Twin Oaks Training Center Linked to Secretariat

Eddie Milligan Trains Belmont Stakes Winner...well, sort of.

Any of you that recently saw the movie Secretariat were treated to some fabulous cinematography, and several exciting race scenes. None better, of course, than the incredible re-enactment of Secretariat winning the 1973 Belmont Stakes by 31 lengths and in record time. Well, Eddie Milligan, owner of Twin Oaks Training Center, broke and trained a big strapping chestnut horse named Brinker Hill a few years ago. The horse never performed much on the track, but he was one of the “star horses” used in Secretariat and was the horse used in the filming of the Belmont Stakes Race. We remain confident that this won’t be the only “Classic Winner” to emerge out of Twin Oaks.

On a side note, Secretariat is worth seeing. While “disneyish” in many ways, it draws one back to a glory-filled time in the sport of horse racing. The film provides great perspective into the commitment of Penny Chenery Tweedy and the relationship between a horse and its owner and fans. While her passion for the sport and her horses was not without some sacrifice, it was nice to see her family and those closest to her ultimately support her love as this great horse found success.

Eddie Milligan on another Chestnut with “three white socks” – Brigade Commander.



Stable News

Life in the Big Easy...Majority of Racing Stable to be Located at New Orleans’ Fair Grounds by the end of November.



The New Orleans motto is “let the good times roll” and we certainly hope that is the case as Speedy Spice relocates to the Fair Grounds, joining Brigade Commander, and they will both soon to be followed by Doc Hudson and Saracen. The Fair Grounds offers lucrative purses but also high-end talent.

Races during the lengthy late November to end of March meet will measure the caliber of our stable.

Bret Calhoun bases in New Orleans during this meet and will have a watchful eye over the Royal Colors Racing horses as several of them kick off their racing careers.

SPEEDY SPICE came out of her race in good shape and is set to ship to New Orleans at the end of the week.

PINK OCTOBER continues to be a very durable two-year-old and is in fine shape. We will begin looking for the best next opportunity for her.

BRIGADE COMMANDER has shipped to the Fair Grounds and is preparing for a return to the races.

DOC HUDSON has breezed twice from the gate at Twin Oaks and will record a third gate work before shipping to Bret in New Orleans some time next week.

SARACEN is training very well and is increasing his speed and distance each week. He will begin gate training next week and should ship to the Fair Grounds in November.

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