



Name: SARACEN – Gelding Sire: Orientate

Foaled: March 5, 2008 Dam: Loving Lucy by Lycius

## **RETIRED TO A NEW CAREER MARCH 2012**

Saracen was Sam Houston's famous massive war horse and our horse embodied his name in spirit. On the day he was purchased at Keeneland, he was the highest graded horse among our reviewed selections. Saracen's sire Orientate quickly moved up the national rankings as each crop continued to be more successful with maturity. His stakes-winning dam passed on her talent as his half brother earned more than \$100,000 prior to the end of his three-year-old year.

We took our time with this horse and began racing him at age three. He did not take long to establish himself in the stable, breaking his maiden at Oaklawn Park on his third race. He recorded a Ragozin figure of 7 ½, and began to get some real attention. He followed that win two races later with an allowance win at Indiana Downs. During the summer Saracen fought colds and flu and never seemed to be the dominant force he had been in the spring. At the beginning of his four-year-old year he began to show signs of ankle pain and arthritic issues. The partners all agreed to retire the horse sound and without injury so he could prosper in his next career.

Saracen ran 11 races in the RCR silks and hit the board in six of those races, winning more than \$67,000 for his owners.