



# ROYAL COLORS RACING

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## Kentucky Derby – Reminds Us Why We Love the Sport

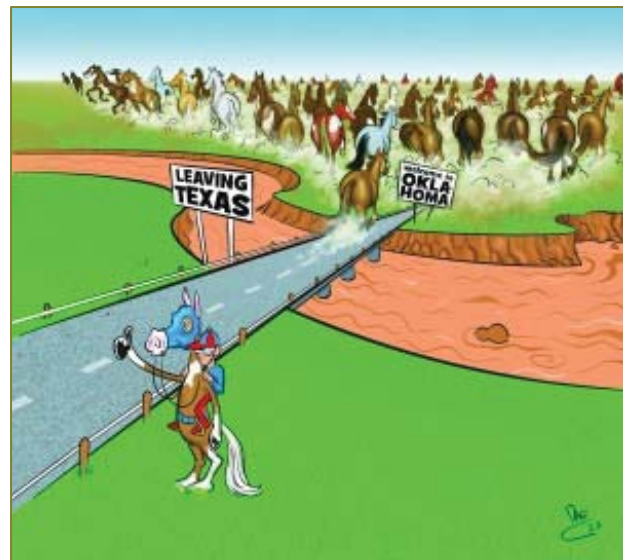
The 137<sup>th</sup> running of the Kentucky Derby is just around the corner and is an annual reminder of everything great about our sport. During the past several weeks, the top three-year-olds in the country have scrambled to get their graded earnings in order to make the elite field of participants in the Derby. Saturday in May the racing will be on display. Party to attend, or better yet, watch on TV. NBC will have full coverage this year and fortunately will retain coverage of all three of the most exciting two



permitted to host one yourself. NBC year and fortunately will triple-crown races. Enjoy minutes in sports!

## Perform An Action to Help Horse Racing

The State of Texas hosted the “All-Star Game” of horse racing, The Breeder’s Cup, in 2004. Since then Texas racing has been on the decline as most states hosting pari-mutual wagering (horse and greyhound racing) have permitted the introduction of slot machines at their racing venues. This policy change enhanced the purses, breeder’s awards, and revenues for the states that elected to take this step. Texas has not and has failed to remain competitive. There are currently bills in the Texas House of Representatives and before the Texas Senate that



advocate putting the choice to Texas voters to determine if Texas racing venues can also conduct this alternative form of gaming. Texas, like many states, needs a way to generate revenue and this is one step that could bring millions and eventually billions

of dollars to the State. In addition, it would bolster the horse industry in Texas and all of the jobs and dollars associated with the related agricultural and farm businesses. To learn more, visit the Texas HORSE website; [www.texashorseweb.com](http://www.texashorseweb.com).

House Bill 2111 was heard before the House Licensing & Administrative Procedures Committee on March 29. To get it voted out of committee and on to the next step, we need your help. Please pick up the phone and call the following committee members. Ask whoever answers the phone to please tell the representative you want them to support HB 2111.

<i>Licensing &amp; Administrative Committee</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Telephone-District</i>	<i>Telephone-Capitol</i>
Mike Hamilton	Chairman	409-745-3644	512-463-0412
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Roland Gutierrez		210-532-2758	512-463-0452
Patricia Harless		281-376-4114	512-463-0496
John Kuempel		830-379-8732	512-463-0602
Jose Menendez		210-673-3579	512-463-0634
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## Forty Winks on Track to Start at Two



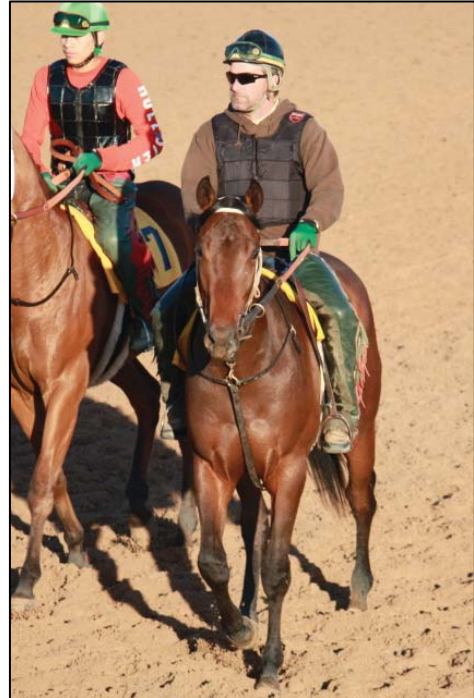
Forty Winks continues to move forward in his training and looks great as an early two-year-old. Our expectations at this point are to see him transferring to trainer Bret Calhoun's care in July. He has recently been breezing 3/8ths and 1/2 mile for Eddie Milligan at Twin Oaks. Eddie says he is moving very well and has shown a very strong closing kick.

During the brief time we had him training at Lone Star Park he handled himself like a real professional. The environment and associated stress of “the big track” can certainly throw some of these young two-year-olds, but Wink stayed mentally and physically sharp. He handled the quantity of horses well and remained focused on what he was asked to do.

We did geld him during mid-April and will be turning him out for a few weeks during the month of May. We have been asking a lot from him in training and the brief turn out will do much for him in the way of both physical and mental growth. When we bring him back into training, the Twin Oaks staff will work on developing his skills managing traffic, adverse conditions, and starts from the gate. We are very optimistic about his future and should have some excitement with him through late summer and this fall.

### **Limited Shares Made Available in Forty Winks**

A limited number of shares have been returned to availability in Forty Winks. If you are interested, you can see the details and revised pricing in his profile within the current offerings section of the Royal Colors Racing website.



### **Saracen Runs Fourth in Lesson-Learning Race**



Saracen ran among other winners in an allowance race at Oaklawn Park on April 16<sup>th</sup>, a talent-loaded race card including the Arkansas Derby. We knew with Saracen’s running style drawing the inside post might be a challenge and has expected it proved troublesome. For the first time in his short racing career, Saracen broke poorly and had to rush up to settle into third position. Most of the race found him boxed in on the rail with two horses in front and two horses to his outside. The good news is he faced every challenge around him well and learned that adverse conditions on the race track are not going to hurt him.

Bret Calhoun pointed out that he ate a lot of dirt that day and still hung in position and looked for ways to get

through any seam and advance. Jockey Cliff Berry said, “He learned a lot in that race but there was just never any room.” We had bigger expectations for that race but liked what we saw.

Saracen came out of the race in good condition and shipped north to his summer base at Indiana Downs. Indiana Downs has been hit hard with some of these Midwest rains, but the track has remained open and horses have been training, albeit in less than ideal conditions. We expect Saracen to be racing again in the first half of May. Indiana Downs does not write Allowance races restricted to three-year-olds. So he will be in against older horses, however, we are optimistic his talent will suit him well in these spots.

## Pink October Flashes Early Speed



Pink returned this week to the races at Charles Town after a 33-day break. She broke well and flashed early speed taking the lead briefly and then settling into a comfortable second position. The pace was a hot one as the front two horses covered the first quarter mile in 21 4/5ths and the half in just over 46 seconds. She looked well positioned, but faded close to the finish line narrowly missing a top-four finish.

## Doc Hudson Working His Way Back to the Races

Doc Hudson was re-examined by Dr. David Stephens in mid-April and everything looks great. Dr. Stephens gave him the thumbs up to return to conditioning and gallops in the eurocizer at Selway. He will maintain muscle mass through these works over the next month and then we will pick up the pressure on him as we get him ready to return to the race track.

Doc Hudson has also been taking a turn or two on the EquiVibe. Body vibration is a form of biomechanical stimulation that increases blood circulation and prevents loss of bone density. This form of therapy is ideally suited for thoroughbreds and other performance horses.

