



# ROYAL COLORS RACING

## August 2011 Newsletter

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### Thoroughbred Yearling Sales are Underway

#### RCR Managing Partner to Present at Fasig-Tipton Buying & Selling Seminar

The yearling sales season is off to a good start with sellers appearing willing to sell and buyers willing to buy at what most deem to be fair prices on both sides. The first sale that Royal Colors Racing plans to look for potential members of its new class, is the Fasig-Tipton Texas Yearling Sale. According to Mike Rose, RCR plans to attend the FT Texas sale followed by the Keeneland September sale in search of new yearlings for the stable. If more bloodstock is needed, the Louisiana-Monroe Yearling Sale and Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Fall Yearlings sale remain options. Owners and prospective owners are always welcome to attend the sales, please let us know if you would like to participate.



Mike Rose

The Texas Thoroughbred Association will conduct a buying and selling seminar Aug. 28, beginning at 10 a.m., at Lone Star Park. RCR Managing Partner, Mike Rose, has been asked to present the "new buyer's perspective." This seminar is composed of a multi-member panel representing all aspects of thoroughbred buying, selling, and ownership. If you would like to attend, please respond to this email, or visit [this link to the Texas Thoroughbred Association for more details.](#)

#### Highlights of the Fasig-Tipton Texas Yearling Sale as reported by The Bloodhorse Staff



Fasig-Tipton has cataloged 372 yearlings for its Texas summer yearling sale. The number is up 2.5% from last year's total of 363.

The auction will be held Aug. 30 at Fasig-Tipton's sales facility on the grounds of Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie. It will begin at 10 a.m. (CDT).

Following the sale, 53 horses of racing age will be offered in phase III of the Heiligbrodt Racing Stable dispersal.

The 425 horses in the dispersal and the yearling sale combined will be the highest number ever offered by Fasig-Tipton in one day in Texas.

"Talk about critical mass, this year's (yearling) catalog includes 49 Texas-breds, 214 Louisiana-breds and 52 Oklahoma-breds," said Tim Boyce, Fasig-Tipton's director of sales in Texas. "Our sire power is exciting with about 20% of the sires being first year sires such as Brother Derek, Divine Park, Into Mischief, Midnight Lute, Red Giant, and Tiz Wonderful. All had horses sell for \$100,000 or more at the recently concluded Fasig-Tipton July select sale in Kentucky."

Proven stallions with offspring in the yearling catalog include Exchange Rate, Flatter, Latent Heat, Lemon Drop Kid, Lion Heart, Smoke Glacken, Speightstown, Stormy Atlantic, Successful Appeal, Tale of the Cat, Valid Expectations, and Yes It's True.

"With the sale being on Tuesday, it will give buyers an extra day of looking," Boyce said. "Our consignors see the Heiligbrodt horses of racing age as a new dimension to the day, which they hope will encourage some new faces (to appear) on the sales grounds. The same format worked well at our recent Kentucky select sale and should feed the energy here as well. If you plan to race in the Southwest, you need to be at this sale."

Catalogs can be viewed online at Fasig-Tipton's website: [www.fasigtipton.com](http://www.fasigtipton.com).

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## **Forty Winks Doesn't Shine, but Sparkles in Debut**



*Forty Winks near finish line*

Like a diamond prior to polishing, there was just enough in Forty Winks' first race on August 20th to see the sparkle of a good future. A conversation with RCR trainer Bret Calhoun following Forty Winks' race was a much needed reminder that first-time, sprint-distance winners and two-turn track performers are typically mutually exclusive company. Bret reminded all of us that, with the rare exceptional horse, one typically has a precocious sprinter, or a developing distance runner. We bought Forty Winks to win around two turns. We were looking for a mile to 1 1/8th mile sweet spot. It is early, but quite possible we have that type of horse.



In his debut, Forty Winks was a little amped in the paddock area and heading on to the track. While his behavior was not outrageous you could tell the weekend crowd had his attention. Once on the track, he was professional. He loaded into the gate well, and while breaking inward, he straightened quickly and got away sharply. The game plan was to track three-to-four lengths off the leaders and make a run at the end if he had it within him. He positioned well through the first quarter, but backed up in the turn as significant dirt was thrown in his face. Once settling around tenth place in a twelve horse field, the realization that the dirt would not hurt him, kicked in and he made a run, finishing fifth.

Bret's assistant trainer, Jay Severs, pointed out that only Forty Winks and one other horse were moving



forward at the end, the remainder of the field was starting to back up. Our horse galloped out well and his jockey, Cliff Berry, was quick to say that "he is a much better horse than he showed today." Forty scoped well and looked good the next day. Typically Bret will look for thirty-plus days after a first race, but much will be driven by the horse and the upcoming Remington condition book. Look for him to return later in September.

## Saracen -- Race Ready



### Horse slated for start Tuesday at Hoosier Park

Saracen will depart from post position number eight in a field of eight at Hoosier Park in race 6 at Hoosier Park on August 30th. The field is a flight of three-year-olds restricted to maiden or claiming wins with the option of running for a \$50,000 claiming price. Saracen and four others have multiple wins and will be entered with the claiming tag. This is a mixed field of three-year-old colts and geldings, but

includes the winner and runner-up from the last rendition of this race. Saracen fits in well here and should be game if he has returned to his winning form.

Hoosier Park does have a live video feed of its races, so if anyone wants to join his owners in cheering him on, please follow [this link for the start of race 6 at 6:40 CST on Tuesday evening](#).

## Quest for Candy Arrives in

## Remington Park

As much as we wanted to be patient with this filly, she simply demanded to get to the race track. Thus, on Tuesday of this week, Quest for Candy made her way to Remington Park. She joins Bret's stable and will immediately begin training once she has settled in to her new surroundings.



*The easy-going days at Twin Oaks are over for awhile*

We had thought about holding her back for the Fair Grounds meet, but she has advanced so nicely that we needed to give her a chance to run. Eddie Milligan

has been delighted with the desire this filly has shown to just keep running. He has been pushing her through half-mile and 5/8th-mile works and once she hits the finish line she just seems to keep on going. We will look forward to seeing what she has to offer in October.

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## Doc Hudson to Ship to Twin Oaks Training Center

After spending most of the summer at the spa (and that is not, as in Saratoga), Doc will be returning to full training. It may still be hot in Texas on September 1st, but like it or not, he is going to become reacquainted with a saddle. After arriving at Twin Oaks, the staff there will assess his fitness and chart a course to get him up to Remington Park and to Calhoun this fall. He should have a pretty good base of conditioning after his work at Selway through the summer. We will look forward to his return to the races as a three-year-old.



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