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Royal Colors Racing January 2014 Newsletter

2013 Year-In-Review

The Stats Don't Lie

While the total number of races was lower than we might have liked, the results were great. At the end of 2013, our stable recorded some of the best stats found among syndicates in the country:

- Win Percentage 38%!
- In-The-Money 54%!
- Top 8% in Stable Earnings!
- Average Earnings per Start \$8,333!



Every RCR Horse Started in 2013, Wins in 2013!

- Sassy Kiss breaks maiden first time out, reels off three wins from seven starts
- Springboard breaks maiden by five lengths



- at Churchill Downs in third start
- Slew City Lou gives owners an early Christmas present with a December 23rd win in her second start.
- Valentine Eddie is claimed away in his second start and wins South Mississippi Owners and Breeders Stakes next time out.

Trainer Bret Calhoun Continues Success

Bret had another solid year ranking 16th in the nation in wins (142) and 23rd in total earnings \$4,839,303. Ever consistent, his win percentage remained at a stellar 23% with 56% in-the-money finishes.



Will Take Charge

Twin Oaks Training Center on the National Stage

Twin Oaks Training Center, near Athens, TX, is where all Royal Colors Racing horses get their start. Horseman Eddie Milligan and his staff had their fair share of stakes winners in 2013 but none bigger than three-year-old Champion "Will Take Charge."

Stable Highlights

**Springboard
Featured on**

Kentucky Derby Futures at 200/1

Apparently Springboard's impressive 5 1/2 length win at Churchill Downs garnered some attention. On at least one of the Kentucky Derby Futures wagering sites he is called out at 200/1. Unfortunately, he has spent some time on the bench and while we expect him back on the track and racing by the first Saturday in May, it won't

be in the run for the roses. Nonetheless, it is flattering for him to have been called out among a few dozen as a three-year-old with potential.



Sassy Kiss Runs Third in Steep Allowance Company

Sassy Kiss ran a solid third in allowance company at Oaklawn on January 12th. The track at Oaklawn Park had been ridiculously slow through the first several days of racing and the contenders in her race ran the best time by far in the opening weekend. Sassy ran third finishing behind an Adele

Dilschneider/Claiborne Farms owned stakes-placed filly name Apropos. This filly should reappear in a stakes race near you soon. Sassy recorded the same speed figure as the well thought of three-year-old colt, Ride on Curlin, who won his race at the same six-furlong distance a race earlier. We plan to return Sassy Kiss to the same condition in February. [To see her most recent race, click here.](#)

Slew City Lou Wins Maiden at the Fair Grounds

On December 23rd, Slew City Lou won wire-to-wire as the 9:5 favorite at the Fair Grounds. Rosie Napravnik was in the irons and put the filly in the perfect spot from start to finish. We are giving the filly a short break, but should have her back to the track soon. [If you would like to see her win, click on this link.](#)



Two-Year-Olds Progressing Well

Temple City Colt Named "Time Catcher"

We received some great input. The list was narrowed to Time Catcher, Torque Converter, and Town Crier. His current owners voted for Time Catcher, sounds like a stallion in the making. Our colt has been doing well. We turned him out in a large paddock with two other colts. He is probably getting more of a workout on these crisp mornings "playing with the boys," than he was on the track.



His pedigree is poised for a good endorsement as his three-year-old half-sister Perplexity is training very well for her second race at Oaklawn. She is a WinStar farm-owned, Mark Casse trained daughter of Colonel John and looks ready to run. Shares remain available in Time Catcher, [visit the RCR Stable for more information](#).



Help Us Name The Next Two

We need some creative suggestions for two more of our two-year-olds. Be creative...draw upon their sire and dam names if you wish, but some of the best names have nothing to do with the legacy names. Please [visit the](#)

[Royal Colors Racing Facebook page](#) to make suggestions.

1) Colt by Student Council out of the mare Snap To It. This Colt is a Louisiana-bred. He started out a little thin chested and has grown into a "man among boys." [Take a look at his profile.](#)

2) Filly by Half Ours out of the mare Casual Feat. This filly has a face that only a mom could love, but has developed a body anyone looking for a racehorse will appreciate. She is also a Louisiana-bred, with black type in her first, second, and third dam. [Learn more about her in our current offerings.](#)

Warrior's Reward Colt Named "Medal of Courage"

Not a whole lot to say about this colt, he is simply a stud. He is growing bigger and stronger every day. He was a little head strong until the Twin Oaks team allowed him to start running. Once he realized his purpose in life was to do more than gallop, he became a happy guy. He, like all of these new two-year-olds, is starting to get some speed work and loves it. It will take a big horse to live up to the new big name -- he can handle it. Want to own a share? [Visit his profile and let us know.](#)



Songandaprayer Filly Named "Theyplayingoursong"

This filly was previously named before we bought her and to be honest we are not in love with the name. The Jockey Club charges \$125.00 to change a name, but if someone wants to purchase a 20% share we will change the name free of charge to the name of your choice. This filly is doing well. She looks like she will be an early, speedy one. As a Louisiana-bred, we should have lots of options. See how pretty she looks in pictures by [visiting her highlights.](#)

Favorite Photos from Fall-Winter

We posted a photo album with some of our favorite moments from the Fall and Winter of 2013. Click on the photo to the right to visit our [RCR Facebook page](#) and view the album.



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