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## **Royal Colors Racing January 2015 Newsletter**

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### **2014 Year-In-Review**

## Another Solid Year

During 2014 our stable nearly doubled its number of starts from 2013. The year was a good year, but in racing, there is always room to improve. At the end of 2014, our stable continues to maintain cumulative statistics among the best in racing syndicates around the country:

- Win Percentage 20%!
- In-The-Money 47%!
- Top 11% in Stable Earnings!



## The RCR Stable is off to a fast start in 2015

Less than a month into the year and Royal Colors Racing is posting great results. Our horses have crossed the line in the top spot twice, and second twice in just five starts. We will have six

starts after Time Catcher finishes his debut on January 31st.

## Trainer Bret Calhoun Continues Success

Bret had another solid year. His numbers improved from 2013, ranking 11th in the nation in wins (168) and 21st in total earnings \$5,230,164. Ever consistent, his win percentage remained at a stellar 21% with 51% in-the-money finishes.



*Take Charge Brandi*

## Twin Oaks Training Center Prep Back-to-Back Champions

Twin Oaks Training Center, near Athens, TX, is where all Royal Colors Racing horses get their start. Horseman Eddie Milligan and his staff were represented by multiple stakes winners in 2014, including the return of 2013 Champion three-year-old Will Take Charge. However, Take Charge Brandi was the belle of the ball as the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Winner

and ultimately the 2014 Eclipse Award winning two-year-old filly.

# Stable Highlights

## Slew City Lou is a Welcome Surprise

After breaking her maiden in claiming company in December of 2013, Slew City Lou required some time off. Upon her late summer return she was training with a vengeance, but racing like a burro. A frustrated drop to \$5,000 claiming level resulted in a confidence building eight-length win and since she has looked great. In her most recent start she was the best amongst state-bred allowance company by nearly ten lengths, but was DQ'ed to third by a questionable call. To see her most recent top performances, follow the links below:

- [Win #2, Louisiana Downs 09/13/2014](#)
- [Best by 10 lengths, 01/07/2015](#)



## Wright Flyer Kicks off 2015 with a Bang

After two starts including a second place finish in the slop, Wright Flyer rewarded his owners with a win by eight lengths on January 2nd. [To see his impressive performance, follow this link.](#) He has proven to be a courageous horse, with a hint of stamina and heart. We look forward to taking advantage of Louisiana bred races through the remainder of the Fair Grounds meet.







## Springboard Rewards his Owner's Patience

After two long layoffs it was not unreasonable for some of Springboard's owners to question whether he could step out of the shadows and return successfully as a racehorse. He fortunately has looked great in his return, running twice third and once second. We have put him in six furlong competitions thus far, but he has shown us that he wants to try longer. So, expect to see him around two turns next time out and will hope the added distance suits him well.

## Time Catcher Shares Available for Three More Days

Time Catcher is entered to make his first start on [January 31st](#) at the Fair Grounds. Time Catcher has always moved like a turf runner and is bred to go long. His sire, Temple City (by Dynaformer), did all his best work over turf and synthetic surfaces. His dam, Shiny Sheet, won the majority of her \$540,000 in purse earnings around two turns. Starting a horse at a mile the first time out is always a daunting task, but this is where he needs to be, now or later.

Shares can still be purchased in him at this point, but we will close the window of ownership after his first race. If you are looking to try thoroughbred ownership, there could be no better way to jump in than to buy a share and be racing right away. [Check out this video of him recently working](#) or [follow this link to his profile on the Royal Colors Racing website](#) and let us know.





*Time Catcher November 2014*





## **Sassy Kiss Claimed in 2014**

After winning four times from 13 starts for her owners and accumulating nearly \$107,000 in earnings, Sassy Kiss was claimed for \$40,000 in 2014. She was a fun filly finishing in the top three in nearly two-thirds of her races for our stable.

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## **Introducing New Two-Year-Olds**



## Ghostzapper Filly Named "Tuk-Tuk"

We purchased three new two-year-olds as yearlings and are excited to make them available to new and existing partners. Over the next few months we will highlight each of them.

Tuk-Tuk is a filly by Ghostzapper out of the Dynaformer mare Dynabunny. She is a little power pack. As a May foal we are giving her a some time to mature, but she is growing up nicely and will be back in training this spring. Champion Havre de Grace is out of her second dam and puts enough black-type print on her pedigree page to make it look almost bruised. Ghostzapper is as hot as any stallion out there right now and we are pretty excited to have this filly join the stable. To learn more about her, [visit her profile by clicking here](#).





## Wilburn Colt named "Rikki Tikki Taxi"

Quick like a mongoose, Rikki Tikki Taxi (Tavi was trademarked), is the only colt among our two-year-olds. He was a big bodied yearling and has just kept growing. His consignor said he was a leader among the young colts on the farm and he has done everything right since we have had him. He looks developed enough to be precocious and after a little time off over Christmas, we have brought him back into training. If you would like to own a share in this fine colt, [visit his profile and pricing page on the RCR website](#).

## Yankee Gentleman Filly is our "Yankee Lady"

Yankee Lady was "pleasantly plump" at her yearling sale and consequently gave us a unique buying opportunity. She is by Yankee Gentleman, who has delivered well as a Louisiana-based sire and her dam, Zarb's Ballerina, was a multiple stakes winner of nearly \$500,000. This horse should be the "value buy"



of the year for us and as a Louisiana-bred will qualify to compete for state-bred restricted purses. She broke well, has trained well and should be set up nicely to race early this year. To learn more about Yankee Lady, [visit her profile in the Royal Colors Racing Stable offerings](#).

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## Favorite Photos from 2014

We posted a photo album with some of our favorite moments from 2014. Click on the photo to the right to visit our [RCR Facebook page](#) and view the album.



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