



# ROYAL COLORS RACING

## July 2011 Newsletter

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### Forty Winks Looks Like a Racehorse!

#### Only two shares remain available

There are two remaining shares left available in Forty Winks, so if you are interested in owning a piece of this two-year-old now is the time to act. We will be closing out ownership opportunity in this horse prior to his first race, currently on target for August 20th. If you want instant action as an owner, the opportunities are not much better than this one.

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*Forty Winks after recent work*

Since arriving at Lone Star Park early in July, Forty Winks has been performing well. Despite ridiculously hot temperatures, he seems to be keeping weight on his frame and is doing everything right. His demeanor in the stables has been great. His work ethic in the mornings has been professional and he has not been overwhelmed by the move to a "big track." His first recorded work came on July 15th going a nice easy half mile in 51.40 ranking him 11 of 21 among those training at the distance. His second work was on July 23rd. Several of his owners came out to see him work and he did not disappoint. Once again, Forty Winks was sent out in a group of three, this time for five furlongs. He proved to be much better than one of his workmates and topped the other by a half length, recording the fastest time of the day for a 5/8ths work and ranking one of nine at the distance. He should work 5/8ths this weekend, most likely from the starting gate. He has been schooling in the gates this week and doing well.



Forty Winks is scheduled to ship to Remington Park on Monday. He received his identification tattoo at Lone Star, and assuming all proceeds well, he should remain on track for the first Maiden Special Weight race of the meet.

## Saracen Ships to Hoosier Park

After a disappointing showing on July 6th at Indiana Downs, Saracen appears to be back to his normal form. While his last race was a let down for all, after waiting 55 days to finally see a race go that fit his conditions, it should not have any long-term impact on his performance. Saracen entered the six-furlong affair as the second choice among the betting public, but clearly showed he was not at 100% very quickly. He broke fine, but just never hit the "go" button. He trailed the field from the beginning and for his efforts added a measurable amount of dirt to what we discovered was a heavy chest full of mucus. He, and several horses in the Indiana Downs Stables, had struggled with colds all meet. While not scoping clean certainly had an



impact on his performance, we later found through blood tests that his liver enzymes were off as well. We put the horse on a "liver clean" product and he has bounced back quickly and remarkably.



Saracen shipped to Hoosier Park racetrack during the third week of July. A tip of the hat to Bret Calhoun's assistant Kristen who with the help of one of Saracen's normal exercise riders (who road in the shipping van with the horse) were able to get this horse that normally does not ship very well safely up to Hoosier. Currently, his coat is shining, his weight looks good, and he seems to be moving well in his morning works. The horse seems to be 100% when working in cool conditions, but is not a fan of the heat. Unfortunately,

heat at race time will probably be the norm for the next month.

A few race possibilities exist on the August 4th and August 5th condition book listings, but much will be determined by his breeze this Saturday. It would probably suit Saracen best if these races did not immediately fill and were to slide a few days in the calendar. We will take a look at his performance over the next several days and make a call at that time.

#### **Fun fact about Saracen**

The horse likes peppermints—who knew? Most horses will just mouth a peppermint or even a carrot, but on rare occasion you find one that has a sweet tooth. Entering August Saracen should not only have clean lungs, a clean liver, but clean, minty breath as well.



## **Mid-Year Trainer Update**

### **Bret Calhoun**

As of July 27th, Bret had 497 starters in 2011 and has won 122 races. His combined earnings of \$3,540,779, ranked 9th among active North American trainers. This year, he has a 25% win percentage and a 55% in-the-money record. Calhoun was named trainer-of-the-year again at Lone Star Park and recorded 50 wins during the 2011 meet. Keep up the good work, Bret.





## Quest for Candy Training Well



*Phot by Lydia A. Williams*

Candy started the month galloping, but has wrapped up July with two breezes at 3/8ths of a mile. According to Eddie Milligan at Twin Oaks Training Center, she has worked very well and is progressing nicely. The staff is taking it easy on her and all of the horses right now as the heat has been punishing. She is looking good though and continues to grow.

One of her half brothers won earlier in the month. A filly named Electric Elise, by Stephen Got Even under her second dam has been lighting up the workout records at Woodbine, most recently recording a

half mile in 46.40 ranking 1/22.

We are not in a rush with this filly and will monitor where she takes us as we enter the Fall. Ultimately, she could race at Remington or could be tuned up and in her prime when the Fair Grounds meet starts. We will see.

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## Doc Hudson On Track for Fall Return to Racing

Doc is returning to race ready condition. He continues to work at Selway, primarily to keep him in a cooler environment and away from stress. He is fit enough to move to Twin Oaks, but with the heat and conditions where they are today, we are better off being a little patient with him and seeing if we can get some relief in the latter half of August. He continues to pack on muscle and his weight has been improving. Doc is a large thoroughbred weighing around 1,200 pounds, whereas, the average thoroughbred racehorse weighs 1,000 lbs.

While the past several months have required patience from his owners, we are optimistic that his future performance on the track will make it all worthwhile.



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## Thoroughbred Facts You May Not Know

The term "thoroughbred" describes a breed of horse whose ancestry traces back to three stallions, the Darley Arabian, the Godolphin Arabian and the Byerly Turk. These stallions were brought to England from the Mediterranean Middle East around the turn of the 17th century by their respective owners and were bred to local mares. The result was an animal that could carry weight with sustained speed over extended distances. The breed brought a new dimension to horse racing.

### More Thoroughbred Facts:

- Average race-horse weight: 1,000 lbs.

- Average race speed is 35 miles per hour, the fastest race speed ever recorded is 43 mph.
- The average stride of horse is 23" to 25". Man O'War's stride was 28".
- The force on a horse's front hoof is at its greatest as it hits the track, about 2,500 pounds.
- Coming out of the starting gate, a horse will reach 40 mph in six strides, 42 mph in 2.5 seconds.
- From rest to top speed, a horse's heart-rate increases by a factor of 10; a man's increases by only four.
- A horse inhales and exhales once every stride, or 0.42 seconds. Thus, it completes 2.5 breathing cycles a second.

*Source: The Jockey Club / National Museum of Racing*

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