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## Royal Colors Racing June 2014 Newsletter

### Good Luck to California Chrome



The majority of horse racing fans everywhere will be cheering for California Chrome this afternoon. Good luck at becoming the first Triple Crown winner in 36 years.

Royal Colors Racing Tainer, Bret Calhoun, will make a run at the Acorn Stakes with Fiftyshadesofgold, and Marchman in the Jaipur Invitational Satakes, both on the Belmont undercard. Good luck to Bret and each horse's connections.

## Springboard Misses Top Three Finish by a Whisker

In his first race back in seven months, Springboard looked very competitive. Bret Calhoun had told jockey Miguel Mena to sit off the pace and give our colt a run in the stretch if he had it. After the race Miguel indicated that Springboard really wanted to be in race from the beginning and despite eating lots of dirt behind the leaders he did make a good run at the end, finishing fourth and narrowly missing third as shown in the photo finish.



*Springboard in center finished fourth by a slim margin*



*Springboard*

Becoming racing fit is always a challenge until a horse is actually "racing." Springboard gained a lot of fitness and experience in this race and looked good while doing it. We would expect this race to make a good contribution to his racing career. Our colt did show signs of a minor shin issue coming out of the race so it will take a little time before we wheel him back, however, it looks like when given the chance he is ready to perform.

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## Featured Horse of the Month: Wright Flyer

Wright Flyer is a two-year-old with great promise that we are excited to have in the RCR

Stable. This colt is one of those unassuming yearling sales candidates that were purchased from the same Louisiana-hosted Yearling Sale that Vicar's in Trouble was plucked from at a value price a year earlier. We loved his pedigree and saw promise in this thin-chested almost awkward looking yearling. Purchased at a great value, we have been nothing but pleased with his growth and development as a two year old.



He is certainly the center on any equine basketball team, tall and long bodied. He handled Spring training very well and has just continued to get bigger and broader. So much so, that we felt he needed some time to grow into his large frame and we have turned him out to "just be a horse" for 60-90 days. His low dosage profile, and long-striding build, would normally point to a two-turn horse and we won't see many of those racing opportunities for two-year-olds until later in the year.



*Wright Flyer at Stables*

His pedigree shows class with the Kingmambo sired Student Council on top and an Honour and Glory mare on the bottom. Student Council earned more than \$1.5MM on the race track, most of it later in his racing career and around two turns. Wright Flyer's dam, Snap To It, was a \$140,000 yearling purchase but never showed much on the race track. However, as a broodmare she has proven herself with three stakes performing foals out of six horses of racing age.

Snappy Girl, a full sister to

Wright Flyer, was stakes-placed at two and has won back-to-back stakes as a three year old. In less than 12 months of racing, she has earned more than \$206,000 on the track.

This colt represents a price point and value offering that we have rarely offered. As a Louisiana-bred, he is eligible for several restricted races with respectable purses. If you are looking to own a racehorse with the potential to take flight...Wright Flyer might be just the one, click here to

see his profile and pricing. We expect to return him to training soon and hopefully see him racing in late fall of this year. Take a look at this colt's progression by clicking on the video links below:

\* [Wright Flyer at Yearling Sale \(August 2013\)](#)

\* [Wright Flyer in training at Twin Oaks Training Center \(Winter 2013\)](#)

\* [Wright Flyer breezing \(Mar 2014\)](#)



## Stable Update

*Shares remain available in Divine Decree, Time Catcher, Wright Flyer, and Medal of Courage to learn more about these horses, visit the [Royal Colors Racing Stable and Opportunities](#) section of our website, by [clicking here](#).*



### Divine Decree Fires in First Recorded Work

We made a decision to ship Divine Decree up to Lone Star Park about four weeks earlier than planned to get a good look at her progress and to try to determine where her talent level is before it gets hot in Texas. After a non-eventful ship and a week of moving on the track, she recorded her

first official work of 2014 on Thursday morning. Our filly posted the 2nd best work of 10, covering four furlongs in 48 seconds flat. A pretty impressive and very sharp first work. Welcome Back Divine Decree. A limited number of shares remain in this Stormy Atlantic sired filly, if interested [visit the current stable opportunities of the RCR Website](#).

### Time Catcher Training at Twin Oaks

Our Temple City Colt is training well. He is two-minute-licking at Twin Oaks Training Center and will soon start

breezing. His half sister, Perplexity, coming off a Maiden win followed by an Allowance level second place was entered in a \$75,000 Stakes race but chose to scratch out of the race. Clearly this family continues to perform.



## Slew City Lou Ships to Lone Star Park

Slew City Lou arrived last Saturday at Lone Star Park. She is still several weeks away from being race ready, but we wanted to get her back in the on-track environment. She was sent out Thursday with the intention of posting a very easy first work and covered four furlongs in an easy 51.0 seconds. She is looking good and as Eddie Milligan handed

her off he said, "I don't think she has lost any of the talent she had when she left the track in December." When she last left the track she was a winner, let's hope she returns in the same form.

## Medal of Courage Training Well in Florida

Paul Sharpe has a man crush on our Warrior's Reward Colt, and right fully so. This horse is handsome. He was impressive a few months ago, but he just keeps developing in all the right ways. As Paul puts it, "he has a well-defined angular shoulder, a beautiful hip, a very long body, and is ripped with muscle." Thus far he looks to have a very high and maintainable cruising speed with an ability to produce a kick when asked. That combination can lead to a lot of wins late in the two-year-old racing season. We are pretty excited about his progress and he will most likely ship to Kentucky in about 4-5 weeks. He is currently stretching out to four furlong breezes and



*Medal of Courage April 2014*

doing gate work. We thought we may need to geld him because of his size, but he appears to be growing into it well...exciting stuff.

The industry is frothy with excitement over these Warrior's Reward Two-Year-Olds. Coming out of the juvenile sales season most thought they looked like two-turn later developing horses. On May 31st, that all changed when the first three Warrior's Reward offspring were entered into their very first Maiden Special Weight Races and all three came up away with wins. Wow. Shares still remain in Medal of Courage, [view his profile and pricing by clicking here](#).



## Sassy Kiss – Ready to Fire

Proving to be a durable, consistent performer Sassy Kiss is ready to run. We thought we might get an opportunity on a 15-day turn out of her last May 16th winning effort to run again, however, the race opportunities failed to fill. Currently it looks like she will return in mid-June. Bret Calhoun loves the way this filly continues to stay sharp and shiny. He sent her out for a four furlong maintenance work and she didn't disappoint, producing a respectable four furlongs in 50.00 flat.

## Legacy Horse Update: Why Rock

Why Rock, a former Royal Colors owned horse, has produced two foals in her short career as a broodmare. The first foal was by 2010 Kentucky Derby runner up, Ice Box, and that foal sold last winter as a weanling for \$30,000. She currently has a great looking foal by Tiz the One shown here.



*Why Rock - Rock Ice Foal 2013*



*Why Rock - Tiz The One Foal 2014*