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Royal Colors Racing June 2015 Newsletter

Mid-Year Review

Half Way through 2015, Royal Colors Racing is off to one of our Best Starts Ever

- 29 starts
- 17% win rate
- 59% top-3 finishes
- Earnings \$156,483

The RCR Stable has been in the Winner's Circle five times in 2015, and in second (an almost frustrating) nine times. On average, we are seeing \$5,400 in earnings per start. In addition, every horse in the stable is currently healthy! Good luck to all of our owners in the second-half of 2015.



Time Catcher Wins May 29th



Trainer Bret Calhoun - Keeneland

Trainer Bret Calhoun - Solid in 2015

Bret has had some great success in 2015 and sits in the top 20 in earnings through the end of June. With 100 wins to his credit, he is showing a 22% win rate and 52% in-the-money finish. With stars like Promise Me Silver, and recent Bashford Manor Stakes Winner He's Comin' in Hot, Calhoun should be set up well for a strong finish to the year.

American Pharoah Wins Triple Crown - We Were There!

A few Royal Colors Racing Friends and Family made the trip to New York for the Belmont Stakes. Needless to say none of us were disappointed. There are rare opportunities in life to participate in an event which becomes one of those milestone "I was there" memories. Being at Belmont Park to see the first Triple Crown Winner in 37 years is one of those special moments. With a little help from Promise Me Silver owners, Bob and Myrna Luttrell, we were able to secure great seats and found ourselves just shy of the finish line and just a few boxes over from the day's winning trainer, Bob Baffert. Great weather, great camaraderie, and a great finish made for a fantastic trip. To see some of our favorite photos from the day, [follow this link to our trip's facebook album](#).



Click on Photo for more from our RCR trip to the Belmont Stakes.

Featured Two-Year-Old: Rikki Tikki Taxi



Impressive Athletic Colt Relocating To Calhoun Stable

Rikkitt Tikki Taxi (RTT), our two-year-old colt by Wilburn is in his final two weeks of gate works at Twin Oaks Training Center and will then be shipping to the race track. According to Eddie Milligan, the colt will be a good one for us, the question is simply "how good?" RTT was a tall,

monster of a yearling for a late April baby, and has filled out nicely. The most remarkable part is he is STILL growing. He could be a man among boys when mixed in with his fellow two year olds and we are pretty excited to see him racing later this summer.

Rikki Tikki Taxi Represents Good Value

RTT is by sire Wilburn. He is a first crop sire without a flashy reputation.

However, he is grand looking, won five of nine on the track including the Indiana Derby, and attracted 120 mares in 2014. Many in the industry



think he will really deliver as a sire. Our colt is by a Dixie Union sired mare who won more than \$115,000 on the track. His second dam was a Graded Stakes winner of more than \$290,000 and the third dam, a multiple stakes winner of more than \$200,000. So there is some racing class supporting this athletic colt. How determined is he? How big is his heart? Does he have the will and desire to compete? Those are always the big questions, but I wouldn't bet against this one.

To learn more about Rikki Tikki Taxi, [visit his profile at the RCR website.](#)



Rikki Tikki Taxi, June 2015

NOTE: Two-Year-Old Prices to Increase July 15th.

Based on what we are seeing from both Rikki Tikki Taxi and Tuk-Tuk, we are increasing their acquisition price on July 15th. If you are interested in purchasing shares under today's acquisition price plus your share in their expenses, consider taking advantage of their current pricing.

Stable Updates

Slew City Lou to compete in \$100,000 Louisiana Legends Distaff Stakes on Saturday

Slew City Lou has been a consistent performer around two-turns as of late. With the heavy hitters out of this stakes race, it looked like a spot where our filly could have a shot. There are eight other Louisiana-bred fillies entered to compete in the race and any in the top half have a shot at winning it. Our filly will depart July 4th from the seventh post at 8:49 CST with jockey Roberto Morales on board. Morales is winning at a 19% rate and has put Slew City Lou in first and second during his last two rides. Good luck to Lou and her owners.



To watch her race live or see a replay [click on this link and watch race 8 on July 4th at 8:49 CST - Evangeline Downs](#).



Perplexity to Race Friday Night at Lone Star Park

Perplexity failed to impress going short on the turf last out. However, to be fair to our filly, she really is not built to be a turf sprinter. We knew it before the race, but had waited nearly two months for an opportunity and

just became impatient. She is best built for a dirt performance in the 6-7 furlong range. That said an opportunity presented itself to compete at 7.5 furlongs on turf at Lone Star Park on July 3rd at 8:55 CST in Race 6. Drawing post position #4 she is ridden by Cliff Berry. As frequently as races have come off the turf at Lone Star Park this meet, we hoped for a little weather luck, but unfortunately it looks like things will remain dry and this filly will stay on the turf. She is the pre-race fourth choice at 6-1. Good luck to her owners.

[To watch her race live, follow this link on Friday night.](#)

Time Catcher Fails to Show Up on Dirt

The perils of having a turf horse is that often the rain will come and the race will slide to an alternate dirt surface. Such was the case Saturday night when Time Catcher was entered for a mile on turf at Lone Star Park. While



the day was sunny and bright, the rain the night before had saturated the turf to the point that the race was moved to dirt. Unfortunately, the betting public did not get the message and pushed his odds to 6-to-5 as the betting favorite. Bret Calhoun's riding instructions to Cliff Berry, a simple "God Bless You." Time Catcher finished fifth. We re-affirmed our belief that he might be able to run on sealed dirt, but not a fast, sandy track. We will hope for a warm day on the grass next out.



Bull Dozer is Race Ready and Looking for an Opportunity

After an appropriate rest, Bull Dozer is ready to roll. We attempted to enter a race at Indiana Grand today for July 3rd, but unfortunately it did not fill and was not brought back. So, with Churchill Downs shutdown until September, we will keep looking. At this point, sooner is better than

later.

Tuk Tuk is Breezing Well

Our Ghostzapper filly is doing well. She continues to grow and is breezing both in company and alone. According to Eddie Milligan at Twin Oaks, she is hitting the ground well and appears to be on track to move forward towards a start this fall. Her pedigree could get a nice boost as a three-year-old Tiznow filly from her second dam who sold for \$1,700,000 as a yearling, is about to make her first start and has been training impressively. Keep an eye out for Tizavision.



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