



ROYAL COLORS RACING

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Racing Economic Indicators Post Strong Close to 2011

While overall handle (wagering) for 2011 was down versus 2010, the year ended on an upbeat note. The year-over-year increase in U.S. wagering from December 2011 — when compared to December 2010 — represented the first increase since February 2008 (46 months ago). Figures for the fourth quarter of 2011 surpassed those for the fourth quarter of 2010 — with wagering up 1.37%, race days up 4.40% and purses up 10%. The last quarter to show an increase for wagering occurred during the third quarter of 2007 (17 quarters ago), when wagering was up .68% when compared to the third quarter of 2006.

For the year 2011, U.S. purses experienced a 2.89% increase when compared to 2010. The last yearly upturn for purses occurred in 2007, when the increase was 3.63% over 2006. As horse owners, we all welcome the rise in purses.

Two-Year-Olds in Training Sales off to a Good Start in 2012

Both the OBS March Select Sale and initial Fasig-Tipton sale of the season saw rises in both average and median prices for two-year-olds in training. It appears the desire for quality horses remains and participation in the sport continues to be robust. Fasig-Tipton Texas will conduct its two-year-olds in training sale this week at Lone Star Park. The under tack show will begin Monday, April 2nd, at 11:00 a.m., and the sale will be conducted Thursday, April 5th, also beginning at 11:00 a.m. If you are in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and would like to attend, RCR Management plans to be in attendance and would welcome the chance to show you around. Give Mike Rose a call at 214-681-5004 or email at mrose@royalcolorsracing.com, if interested.



Forty Winks Breezes in two-year-old sale last spring

Forty Winks Opens March with a Win!

Forty Winks broke his maiden in a six-furlong race on March 2nd. His jockey, Israel Ocampo, placed him in a great tactical position and gave him a good target to shoot for in the stretch. [One can click here to watch his win.](#)

We were able to bring Forty Winks back to race at month's end; however, the starter allowance race was stacked with some talented horses. Drawing the tenth post position certainly did not help, and forced our horse to track four wide through most of the turn, resulting in a fading finish at the end. He is on track to ship to Lone Star Park next week and could be back on the track as early as April 14th.

The Texas track and company should fit him well and we look forward to seeing how he can perform for us this summer.



Winning run.



Saracen Runs Second in Charles Town Debut

Saracen looked well positioned in his first start at Charles Town on March 10th. He left the gate as the 1:2 race favorite. Our horse did not break as sharply from the gate as normal but engaged through the turn. Unfortunately, a horse named "No Attraction," at 48-1 proved to have the night of his racing career and pulled ahead to win. Saracen ran a game second, finishing in-the-money for his sixth time in 11 career starts and pushing his earnings to more than \$67,000.



Quest for Candy Moves on from a Frustrating Fair Grounds Meet



Quest for Candy remains a two-time winner from three starts as the Fair Grounds meet comes to a close. We raced her when given the opportunity to place her in sprint races that suited her style. Very few of those happened to present themselves. The good news is she remains very fit, very fast, and lightly raced as we press into the heart of her three-year-old year.

Two Year Olds Update

Valentine Eddie prepares to ship to Lone Star Park

Valentine Eddie has returned to breezing and is preparing to ship to Lone Star Park. As a Louisiana-bred, we have lots of options with this colt, but will start him at Lone Star in order to favorably position him for the \$75,000 TTA Futurity Stakes on June 16th. The priority for entry is based on overall earnings first, followed by winners from Lone Star Park.

Eddie is doing everything right, continues to look precocious, powerful, and has great acceleration. April

through July should be very fun for this horse and his owners. Limited shares remain, [if you are interested visit his profile](#) and let us know.



Effour began breezing this week.

As the staff at Twin Oaks prepared many of their two-year-olds for the upcoming sales, the desire to run fast seems to be in the air. Effour has caught the "bug" and began breezing this week as well. We will continue to work him up through increasing distances over the next two weeks and then get his initial gate training completed. At that point, he should be ready to head to the races. We still

anticipate him to be racing in Louisiana by mid-summer. The lucrative purse structure in Louisiana should be very rewarding for this value-priced colt.

Sassy Kiss prepares to end Spring Break and return to training

Sassy Kiss is within just a few weeks of returning to training. Her turn out time has done just what we wanted -- given her a chance to grow even more, reset everything for a fresh return to training, and mentally got her prepared for her racing debut.



Sassy Kiss...slightly out of sight these days, but not out of mind

This Filly remains the "steal of the season." Just as Mr. Greeley as a sire seemed a little cold...last September...we bought this filly and three weeks later during the weekend of October 8-9th, three individual Mr. Greeley sired horses won Grade 1 Stakes. Since then, top-level stakes continue to see his progeny winning or placing on a regular basis. His progeny continue to salute his 2010 passing by performing on the track maintaining his solid ranking as a top-tier sire.

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