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Introducing Royal Colors Racing 2.0

Update from Mike Rose, RCR Managing Partner

We are thrilled to introduce an even better Royal Colors Racing. To our partners and fans, thank you for your participation and support. For any interested in the thrills of owning your own racehorse, we have a great group of talented, ready-to-run thoroughbreds that should bring some very near-term fun and excitement. Foal crops are down, purses are up and quality horses are few and far between...now is the time to "get in the game."



"Like" Royal Colors Racing on Facebook for a Good Cause

RCR is now on Facebook. For each "Like" we get between now and the 4th of July we will contribute a dollar in support of two retired thoroughbred placement programs, The Paddock Foundation and Dallas and Donna Keen's Remember Me Racehorse Rescue Program. We recently had a great experience with the placement of one of our thoroughbreds that is highlighted below. [To visit our facebook page, click here.](#)

Effour -- Retirement Recap

Effour the Racehorse

We purchased Effour at the Texas Yearling Sale in 2011. If you ask me, he was ugly. His coat wasn't overly shiny and he was covered in brown non-uniform spots. But, one could tell there was an athlete in the making and the horse was as cool as they come. Of course he was....why? When a rare EF-4 categorized tornado with 190 MPH winds ripped through Chickasha, Oklahoma on May 24th, 2011, Wolf Creek Farm's Troy Winfrey and his family fled for a

neighbor's storm cellar. When they emerged their home and barn were destroyed. The stables were collapsed and their roof had been ripped off. Four out of five yearlings perished and only one remained unscathed, the lone survivor in a remaining corner stall...EFFOUR. This horse showed some early talent and was full of promise, but unfortunately a partially paralyzed flapper doomed his chances of success on the racetrack. We always thought he survived to race, but maybe he survived for a different calling. Read below for the inspiring account of his new owner and his role in her life.



EFFOUR - Two-years-old



Anna and her other off-track TB, My Guy, who died suddenly May 13, 2013.

Riding away from cancer with a zest for life

*--by Susan Salk for www.offtrackthoroughbreds.com
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Riding all day through the Kenyan wilderness, passing zebras and gazelles in her quest to keep on moving, the 70-year-old Texan, and recovering cancer patient, wasn't trying to be a hero about her health. But she wasn't about to take her 50-50 prognosis lying down either.

Anna Beeson considers herself to be lucky.

"I'm a member of a Stage 4 cancer survival group, and when I read their emails and they write about all their worries," Beeson says. "I think they should all get out of the house and go do what they love. Everybody in life ought to have a passion, and horses are mine."

Since that first Shetland pony ride she took as a kid, Beeson's love of horses has remained central in her life. And now, with health concerns looming and the need to stay positive, her passion and determination have joined forces to keep her in the saddle, in every sense of the word.

For Beeson, it has always been, and still is, the iconic American racehorse, possessed of indomitable spirit and the "look of eagles," that makes her heart beat just a bit faster and lifts her spirit.

"I've always loved the tenderness, responsiveness and inquisitiveness of the Thoroughbred," she says. "Their beauty of motion, fluidity and eagerness, never ceases to thrill me."

An avid horseman, Beeson enjoyed retraining off-track Thoroughbreds in the mid 90s, carving out a sideline that helped support her own riding, and the care for her beloved OTTB T For Daddy Dee, whom

she calls My Guy.

So dedicated was she to her horse habit, that in March 2011, after testing positive for cancer, her first thought was, “Damn! There goes the show season!”

“After I had a lumpectomy and was put on a series of infusion chemotherapy drugs, I was so happy that the only side effects were hair loss and a slight metallic taste in my mouth, because I told my doctors that I wasn’t going to do anything that would keep me off a horse,” Beeson says.

After six months of treatment, and just beginning a new round of oral chemotherapy she decided to keep her promise to a friend, and embarked upon a horseback riding tour of Kenya.

“At the point that I planned the trip, I was in remission, but two weeks before the trip, during a regularly scheduled CT scan, it showed the tumors were growing in my liver again,” she says. “The oncologist tried to talk me into skipping the trip, but since I felt perfectly fine, she put me on the oral chemo and wished me luck.”



Anna, while taking oral chemotherapy, rides through Kenya

Explaining that though she will never be considered clear of cancer, (she is in remission) she must get on with life. And at the top of her bucket list, after her Kenyan adventure, was a hunt for a new, gentle-riding off-track Thoroughbred.

“At this point in my life, I didn’t want to take a chance on getting dumped from a hot horse,” she says. “I was looking for an older horse, around 8-years-old, and one who was quiet.

“I found one, but he didn’t pass the vet. Then I found a rescue horse, and he didn’t pass either. Then I found Effour.”

An unraced gelding named after the EF 4 tornados that ripped through Oklahoma, Effour was stabled at Donna Keen’s well-respected facility, Remember Me Rescue, happily minding his own business, when Beeson arrived one day, as though on a mission. After persistently calling and emailing to get an appointment, she made her entrance in a hail of dust, as she sped up the driveway in her truck.

In no time, after meeting and riding Effour, she knew that this was indeed, the horse.

“He’s amazing. Nothing bothers him. The second time I rode him, another horse was tearing around the other side of the fence, and although he raised his head to look, he didn’t react to the commotion,” she says. “He has Mr. Prospector in his lineage, and he was known to be a calm horse.”

The 16.2-hand liver chestnut was considered quite ugly by yearling standards, but with his great bone structure, fantastic movement, and unflappable personality, he’s absolutely perfect for Beeson.



Beeson and Effour enjoy a little jaunt

As unflappable as his new horse mom, Effour refused to be ruffled during an experimental exercise with a Jolly Ball. Her previous horse had been terrified of the toy, but Effour didn't even give it a glance.

When Beeson kicked it toward him, nothing happened.

She kicked it harder, bumped his nose— which was busy sniffing out lush grass— and still, nothing.

Finally, in total disbelief that she couldn't get a rise out of him, Beeson tossed the ball up into the air, and watched it land with a smack on his butt.

He didn't even swish his tail.

He just carried on with his munching, ignoring the annoying object being directed his way.

That's when she knew she'd met her match as well as a kindred spirit in the form of a 1,200-pound racing machine.

"When I was looking for Effour, I only would look at Thoroughbreds," she says. "People tried to get me interested in Warmbloods or Quarter Horses, but I felt a Thoroughbred always gave 100 percent."

And maybe they gave her a little bit of courage too.

"In a way, I feel horses partly helped me go into remission, along with diet changes," Beeson says.

"Horses kept me from feeling depressed, and they gave me a reason to get up each morning.

"All of the cancer literature tells us to stay calm and not get anxious or depressed: the horses do that for me."



Anna receiving USEA Ironmaster Award for her bravery.

Current Ownership Opportunities

By methodically selecting quality horses at a price point that buys the right mix of talent and pedigree without over-the-top financial risk, we continue to attempt to bring success to our stable. To date, our approach has been able to produce an average win rate in excess of



20% and in-the-money finishes in more than half the race we enter. Like anyone passionate about racing, we continue to look for that "special horse." Based on what we have seen so far, it is quite possible "that" horse might be in the stable today.

The Royal Colors Racing stable currently has four horses in training and they all look like a promising group. There is a little bit of everything in the mix from fillies to colts, new and established sires, precocious early runners and later-blooming durable racing prospects. Highlights on each follow, but for a more in-depth look, [visit the stable offerings at the Royal Colors Racing website](#) and take a look at pedigree highlights along with some new video links and photos.

Sassy Kiss -- Do You Want To Race in June?

If you are looking for a ready-made three year old that is within thirty days of racing, Sassy Kiss is that horse. Her current owners have been required to be patient, but she is ready to roll as a well-developed three-year-old and is currently showing off. She has grown up into an athletic, 16+ hands filly that looks poised to start with a bang. If you are interested in learning more, [take a look at her profile by clicking here.](#)



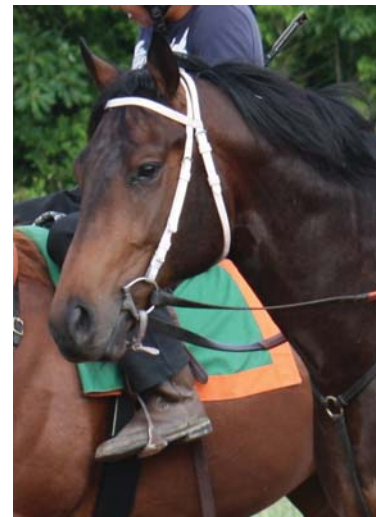
Her female family has produced multiple \$250,000+ earners and Mr. Greeley has a record of producing versatile fillies. She is gliding over the track in her works and looks like she could be a good candidate for turf, but thus far has shown no signs that dirt is not to her liking as well. Her most recent works have been effortless. [Here is a link to the most recent five furlong breeze she performed on Friday, covering the distance in 1:00.60 and ranking 3rd of 11 on the day.](#)



Sassy Kiss Breezing May 31, 2013

Springboard (Spring At Last/Woodland Sprite by Woodman)

Springboard is the lone colt featured in this new group of three. We were excited about this colt from the start at Keeneland, but his value only increased when Spring At Last exploded in the freshman sire rankings later in the year, finishing 2012 as the second-ranked new sire. Springboard was a well conformed, athletic looking yearling, but has really stretched out as a two-year-old. He stands over a lot of ground, has developed a very nice long stride, and is ripped with muscle. Get a closer look at him in [this short video highlighting his conformation.](#)



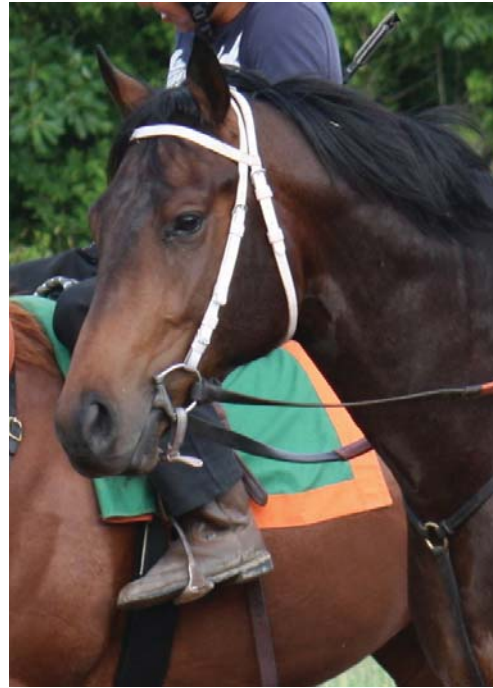
This colt has trained well to date. He is currently beginning his gate work at Twin Oaks Training Center and is breezing 5/8ths of a mile. We anticipate him shipping to the track in two to three weeks and his first race should be 30-35 days later. Springboard has a full brother and two three-quarter brothers all racing, and all showing durability and success on the track. If a precocious two-year-old colt sounds good, [learn](#)

[more here and see if Springboard is your choice.](#)

Slew City Lou (Slew City Slew/Our Linda Lou by Victory Gallop)

What is not to like when you see sire names like Slew City Slew, Victory Gallop, and Seattle Slew in your first two generations? This filly stood out as a Louisiana-bred with nothing but upside. She is smart as they come and simply "gets it." Whether it was performing at the sale, or going through her early training, she just knew what she was expected to do.

Historically Slew City Slew and Victory Gallop offspring average high lifetime earnings. They, however, are rarely precocious and tend to really hit their stride after turning three. Slew City Lou was a May foal, so we knew we might have to wait on her a little based on birth date and lineage. However, we loved the way this filly moved and one could just see the direction she was heading physically. You can get a look at what we saw at the sale, [by clicking on this video link](#).



Slew City Lou trained through the end of 2012 and then we turned her out around Christmas. Until June 1st, she had been doing just what we wanted – running in wide open spaces with other fillies, growing up more each day, and developing into a durable future race horse. She has really grown, looks great, and is just being re-introduced into training. We still intend to take it slow, but have our sights set on Fall racing. From a value standpoint, she is the best offer in the stable -- [take](#)

[a closer look by clicking here.](#)

Divine Decree (Stormy Atlantic/Well Gap by Coronado's Quest)

We have wanted to buy a Stormy Atlantic yearling for awhile but have simply not been able to afford them. Averaging \$72,000 each, the investment is normally rewarded as Stormy Atlantic offspring consistently drive him to the top 10 in earnings among the sire rankings. The great thing about his offspring is they seem to run equally well on dirt, turf, or synthetic. When given the chance to buy this filly, we jumped on it.

Divine Decree has done everything right since entering the stable. She is well into her training and has been breezing well. She is working four furlongs at this point and is about 30 days away from shipping to the track. She will see her first start late this summer. [Visit our stable to learn more about owning this filly.](#)



At the yearling sale, this filly was fat through the middle and looked tired. She simply was not showing her true colors. We could tell the lines were there, the pedigree was there, and she had a nice over stride in her walk. Since putting her in training, Divine Decree has been flawless. She has grown into an athletic looking lean and long filly. We are excited about the direction she is heading...to see some of her physical changes, [click on this video link.](#)



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