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Royal Colors Racing May 2015 Newsletter

Triple Crown Fever

Can American Pharoah be the First to Deliver in 37 years?

There is a reason that the Triple Crown is the "Test of Champions." A big part of the challenge comes this Saturday at Belmont Park's "Big Sandy" race course. The grueling 1.5 mile test for young three-year-olds only five weeks removed from the Derby and three weeks removed from the

Preakness is a challenge like no other. The Preakness run of American Pharoah was an impressive performance in the slop, but many still have question marks and it appears as many as nine others are going to step into the ring to challenge him.

Can he do it? He looks as good as any of the 13 that have had a shot at immortality since Affirmed last accomplished the task in 1978. I (Mike Rose) am not going to miss the chance to see it, the ticket is booked and three of the Royal Colors Racing Fan Club are making the trip to New York Friday. We will be joining Trainer Bret Calhoun and several others that will be in attendance. Bret will be running Promise Me Silver (a perfect 8-for-8) in the Grade 1 Acorn Stakes. Good luck to Promise Me Silver and best of luck to American Pharoah. We will take lots of pictures!



Editor's Note: Pharaoh in "American Pharoah" is indeed misspelled, but was granted by the Jockey Club exactly as submitted by his owner...possibly the perfect horse with a name that will always be imperfect!

Ownership Opportunities for 2015 are Closing



Bull Dozer April 2015

Bull Dozer to Race in Next 14 Days

Our Oaklawn spring claim is on track to start as early as June 5th, but no later than June 15th. After a 60 day rest we returned this veteran to training and he has been ON FIRE since getting back on the Churchill Downs Surface. If you want immediate racing gratification from a

proven war horse, Bull Dozer is your horse. [Visit his profile on the RCR Website](#) and see his five recent training times below.

- 5/29/2015 Dirt 5F 1:00.20 5th/17
- 5/21/2015 Dirt 4F 49.00 7th/29
- 5/14/2015 Dirt 4F 47.40 2nd/21
- 5/6/2015 Dirt 5F 1:01.40 4th/14
- 4/29/2015 Dirt 4F 48.80 5th/14

Two-Year-Old Rikki Tikki Taxi -- Ready to Motor

Our Wilburn Colt was big bodied when we bought him as a yearling. As a two-year-old early in the year he looked like Christian Laetner when he was at Duke. Big, but athletic, awkward, but agile. Today, he looks like a Thoroughbred. This horse has really grown up nicely and we are in the final breezes that will be an early indication of where his talent might take us. His father was a large colt and this son looks to be taking after his daddy. If you want a Kentucky bred that will be making his debut mid-summer, this is not one to miss. [Visit his profile and pricing here.](#)





Tuk-Tuk,-- the Pedigree Does not Lie

By design we took our time with this May-born filly and gave her plenty of time to grow up. She has moved forward both mentally and physically. While turned out with several other fillies, she was one of the smallest (at the time) but one of the most dominate. Since returning to the track she is

moving well and has grown into an athlete. She is genetically blessed with a mix of the #7-ranked sire in the country, Ghostzapper, and a female page littered with Graded Stakes Winners and Champion Havre De Grace is her Aunt. If you want class, attitude, and athleticism--look no further. To learn more about how to hitch a ride on Tuk-Tuk, [take a look here](#).

Perplexity Offers Racing in June at a Value Price

Perplexity is a half sister to this past Friday night winner, RCR's Time Catcher. With his win, every foal of racing age out of their shared mother, Shiny Sheet, has won. Typically we would close out horses after

their first race, but all of the offspring from this mare have run best as they became four, five, and even up to eight. The four older siblings have all won \$92,000 - \$282,000. With only \$64K in the bank, we believe this filly is about to find her groove. [If you agree -- she is priced at a great value, take a look.](#)



RCR Friends & Family Kentucky Trip



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A combination of ten Royal Colors Racing owners, friends, and fans made a trip to Kentucky horse country April 16-19th. To see the highlights of our Churchill Downs, Keeneland, Horse Farms and Bourbon Distillery visits, [follow this link](#) or [click on the photo to the left to access the trip album.](#)

The RCR Winner's Circle

Time Catcher Shows up Big on May 29th

Time Catcher had run a solid second place finish on turf earlier in May at Lone Star Park. Coming into Friday Night's race, a scheduled 1 1/16th mile turf race, we felt pretty good about our morning

line 5-2 favorite status. That was until the rains continued to fall all week and the race was shifted to dirt. The only good news -- none of the other entrants had shown any promise on dirt. Time Catcher put a smile on everyone's face as he settled into third, stalked the pace, moved into the lead at the top of the stretch and fought off a challenge to secure the victory. We are optimistic that he will return even better next time out on the turf.



[To see the race, click on this link..](#)



Slew City Lou Wins First Ever Start on Turf

Basically searching for a two-turn race that might go, we entered Slew City Lou in an allowance race at Evangeline Downs on May 14th. We had our fingers crossed the weather would move it to the main track, but no such luck. That said, it worked out great as Slew City Lou ran a gutsy race on a terrible soft turf

surface. She led wire-to-wire and showed real grit digging deep at the end to hold off the other competition.

If you have not watched this race, it is worth seeing. [Follow this link.](#)

Springboard Wins in April, Claimed in May

Springboard thrilled a crowd of owners and friends on April 25th, winning what turned out to be a two-horse, mile-long match race. The winner's circle looked like we won the Kentucky Derby and several partners lost their voice cheering him through the stretch run. [If you did not have a chance to see the race, click here to watch it now.](#)

The April win was his third and essentially ran him out of allowance racing conditions. We love to find hard-working, grinding horses like Springboard that can compete through their allowance races. However, there always comes a tipping point where the horse defines himself as a Stakes competitor, an open Allowance performer, or a claiming horse. We gave him a shot at open allowance company in a softer field of six and he ran fourth. His numbers were pretty consistent. between 75-85 Beyers. At Tier One Tracks like Santa Anita, an open class 80-Beyer runner is a \$10,000 claimer.



We made the decision to send him to Kentucky where the claiming purses are stronger and put him in a spot where we thought he might have a chance to win...\$32,000 claiming. When we saw the entrants in the race, we knew we had very little shot of winning, but we also thought two horses would be obvious claim targets in front of us. Springboard ran a

well-beaten third, and the two better horses were indeed claimed. Somewhat to our surprise, Springboard was as well. Claimed by Trainer Tom Amoss and Midwest Thoroughbreds, he is going to a good barn and will receive great care.

All-in-all this horse provided, lots of thrills for his owners. He broke his maiden impressively at Churchill Downs and was listed as 200-1 on the Kentucky Derby Watch List as a two-year-old. He rallied back to race well after two significant injuries. He rarely finished out of the top three and earned just shy of \$100,000 on the track. With the claim he grossed more than \$130,000 for his owners. He will be fun to follow and good luck to his new owners. For his RCR owners, time to look for the next one!



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