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## Royal Colors Racing October 2013 Newsletter

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### Sassy Kiss – Continues to Shine

Sassy Kiss continued to climb the competitive ladder after her first two career start wins. For her third start we placed her on the turf at Indiana Downs, a surface we expected to fit her nicely. Instead, she just never seemed to get her legs under her and while running a competitive fifth she made it clear to us that she did not like the grass. In September she was given another opportunity to shine under the twin spires of Churchill Downs. The field was packed with seasoned race horses.



They made our three-start experienced, three-year-old look like the fresh-out-of-high school quarterback stepping onto the Ohio State football field for the first time. Despite the competition,

Sassy Kiss ran a gutsy race and finished in third. She lost to a four wins in six Churchill starts, four-year-old filly and a seven-year-old mare that dropped into the race for a \$62,500 claiming tag and brought with her a graded-stakes placed pedigree, 11 in-the-money finishes from 14 races at Churchill Downs, and more than \$300,000 in earnings. Needless to say, we thought Sassy Kiss' determination to hold on to the third place finish was a real credit to our horse and we look forward to her next start. She is currently targeting a more favorable condition at Keeneland on October 9th.

Follow the links below to view either of her last two races:

[Indiana Downs August 23rd - 5th place.](#)

[Churchill Downs September 14th - 3rd place.](#)



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## Springboard Runs in Big Company Saturday

Springboard races Saturday at Keeneland in with a strong field of Maidens. Sixteen horses tried to enter the race and only twelve could be used. Springboard has been made the fifth choice of the odds makers at 8-1 and drew post #10, a little further outside than we would have liked, but we would prefer outside versus inside with an inexperienced starter. Our horse ran a respectable fifth last time out in his debut at



Kentucky Downs. According to jockey, Miguel Mena, he ran a little "green" but Miguel added, "you have a very nice horse here, he will do well in the future." (to see his Kentucky Downs start, [click here.](#))

Springboard is fit enough for the seven-furlong contest and his sire Spring at Last has produced some remarkable synthetic runners (Keeneland's surface). His two training partners in the Calhoun stable have both recorded wins in their first or second start. The

competition in Remington is not what our horse is facing, but he showed us he had the talent to take a shot at this level of racing. Good luck to Springboard and his owners. [To watch the race live or see a replay, click here](#) -- he is in race #3 at 1:09 CST.

The Saturday card at Keeneland is arguably their best day of fall racing. It will feature many of the horses one will see at the Breeders' Cup this year including 2012 Champion Wise Dan, prolific sprinter Groupie Doll, and Turf superstar Dayatthespa. All seating is sold out, but if you own a share in Springboard, this is a race card you should not miss. Please let us know if you plan to attend.




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## Feature Horse of the Month: Slew City Lou

## Slew City Lou -- the best value in the stable?

Slew City Lou grew up just as we had hoped. She has a solid long lean body and looks like she could easily be a two-turn horse. We gave her the time she needed to grow up and she has never taken a bad step since. Eddie Milligan, owner of Twin Oaks Training



Center, has commented all along that he sees "a lot of heart in this horse." Our confidence is high enough from what we have seen early in this horse that we nominated her to the Louisiana Champions Day Stakes on December 14th. [To see her breezing in September at Twin Oaks, follow this link.](#)



*Do you really want to mess with this?!?*

Her sire, Slew City Slew, is arguably one of the most under appreciated stallions to have gone to stud. Not flashy in his appearance, he was simply a hard-working race horse that won 11 of 42 starts and more than \$1,100,000 on the track. He quietly has produced more than 100 stakes winners, progeny earnings in excess of \$45,000,000, and \$60,000 average in earnings per runner. To add icing to the cake, he

has consistently lead the ranks of sires producing the most durable progeny. Simply put, he creates race horses. Slew City Lou looks to be no exception. The Slew City Slew/sons of Fappiano cross gives her an A+ nick and her dam has already produced a stakes-placed runner. Bundle all of this up and combine it with the fact that she is a Louisiana-bred and eligible for lucrative state-restricted races with nice-sized purses and it is hard to see her as anything other than successful. To see her profile and pricing, [please visit the stable opportunities section of the RCR website.](#)

## Slew City Lou Training in Louisiana

Slew City Lou shipped to Evangeline Training Center last week and has settled in well. She will most likely breeze for the first time this weekend. We were able to get a "zero

date" (earliest possible date for race entry purposes) at Delta Downs for their upcoming meet. Trainer Bret Calhoun comments, "This should set up perfectly to get an experience race in the horse at Delta Downs just prior to the start of the Fair Grounds meet in November."

If you want to jump into a ready-made race horse that is in the shadow of her first start this is your opportunity. If she mirrors her bloodlines, this filly should have a long, exciting racing career in front of her.



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## Stable Updates

### **Divine Decree Maturing at Serenity Farms**

Divine Decree is doing very well at Serenity Farms. She continues to run in her large paddock in the company of a few other fillies. Each cool fall morning is a reason to celebrate and kick up her heels. We plan to have the vet give her a full physical in a week or so and should be positioned to return her to training soon after.

Her pedigree continues to get a boost as her half brother recorded his third win of the year last week. Her Sire, Stormy Atlantic, currently has the highest money earning two-year-old racing, a colt named Wired Bryan.



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## **New RCR Yearlings Soon to be Introduced**

## Royal Colors Racing will be adding some exciting new horses to the stable

The yearlings sales are drawing to a close and it was a banner year for sellers of future racehorses. The Keeneland yearling sale was incredibly hot and

filled with high prices. We had the vet take a look at nearly 30 horses. Of those, about half passed our criteria but we were only able to buy two at what we considered good value for future RCR owners. However, we really like both of the horses we purchased. We added three other Louisiana bred to the mix. The end result is a good combination of price points representing a mix of pedigrees that should produce in some cases an early precocious sprinter or a later developing two-turn horse. All of them possessed a great early developing athletic physique. The one new theme that held across this group of yearlings is a stronger dam-side influence in the pedigree, in most cases represented by a higher level of racing class by either the dam herself or her current on-track progeny. We look forward to introducing them soon.



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