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Forty Winks' Mile Debut -- Trick or Treat?

Two-Year-Old Colt shines, but misses winner's circle (Tricky Treat)

Forty looked good entering the third race of his career and many of his supporters felt the same way as he was sent off as the 3-2 favorite. Post position four was his draw and has been one of the least productive post positions in mile-long races this meet. He broke very well and tried to go to the front. His jockey, Cliff Berry, was forced to hold him pretty tight but he looked to be in a good position heading through the first turn, stalking just off the shoulder of the number one horse who took the early lead.

Late in the back stretch he was joined by two on the outside, resulting in pressure both to the inside and out. A young horse like this, in his third race, is going to struggle to handle that kind of pressure. Forty continued to move forward, but another of the favorites moved up on the outside to take the win. Our horse and the winner, however, were clearly the best of the field, separating themselves by about seven lengths from those remaining.

A "super horse" might be able to withstand the pressure ours met with on Saturday night. However, there were several factors that were not in his favor, the undesirable post, the pressured trip, and possibly a downpour of rain that began during the post parade and turned the track from fast to sloppy in about 15 minutes. The next step will be to find another one-mile opportunity sometime between Nov. 10th - 20th. The current condition book is only good through the 13th, so we will hope for a race that fits him in the beginning of the next book.

If you want to see his October 22nd race, [click here and select October 22nd Race #3.](#)



Saracen Sprints at Hoosier Park -- Trick or Treat?

Saracen Runs Third, No Real Excuses (Trick)

Saracen looked well placed in his straight non-winner of three \$25,000 claiming race at Hoosier on October 22nd. Coming out of the turn, many of us were encouraging him to fire, but the finish was just not there. The eventual winner made a move on the rail, and Saracen just held position off the early leader, finishing third.

This was his fifth in-the-money finish in nine lifetime races pushing his earnings to \$64,000, however, he has not shown the form he showed earlier in the year. Bret echoed these comments and feels he has never returned 100% from the summer illness that plagued him. We drew blood again this week and his levels looked fine. That said, his weight is off, his coat has looked poor for two cuts, and he has some minor issues in his ankles. Rather than continuing to press on the horse and run 3rd-5th, we have decided to give him a little time off to try to get him back from the bottom we believe he hit this summer. Our plans are to send him to a local farm in Kentucky and in about 30-45 days we will ship him to Bret's barn at the Evangeline Training Center and begin race prepping him for either a turf start at Fair Grounds, or an early race at Oaklawn Park which opens on January 13th.

This was a tough call as we have not had many races this year for him, but it will clarify for us what level of horse we have and make future choices easier.



If you want to see his October 22nd race, [click here and select October 22nd Race #8.](#)

Doc Hudson Finds New Home -- Trick or Treat?

Doc Hudson Moves to New Texas Home (Sweet Treat)

Doc found a home in Graham, Texas where he will spend his time as part pleasure horse, part lawn ornament. Tracy Smith, the owner of an 80-acre ranch/farm contacted us and liked what she saw last weekend and took Doc to his new home. Here he is shown just after arrival and visiting with one of the local residents and a new friend.



Bret Calhoun Returns to Breeders' Cup -- Trick or Treat?

Chamberlain Bridge Fights to Retain Title in Turf Sprint (Treat TBD)



One of Bret Calhoun's winners from last years Breeders' Cup, Chamberlain Bridge, returns this year to defend his victory in the Turf Sprint. According to Bret, he is training great and has always loved the turf surface at Churchill Downs. Best of luck to owners Carl and Valinda Moore.

Sassy Kiss -- Featured Horse of the Month -- Trick or Treat?



Sassy Kiss (Sure to be a Treat!)

Sassy Kiss might better be named Serendipity. This filly somehow slipped through the cracks on Day 3 of the Keeneland September Yearling Sale. Typically, these yearlings do not exhibit a big walk on the cushion foam of the back ring, but she sure did. Her movement was outstanding, she had a keen eye, and a strong physical build. The average sale price on Day Three at Keeneland was \$164,000, so getting her for less than a third of the average was a steal.

Sassy Kiss is quite possibly the strongest combination of pedigree and athleticism that we have ever introduced into the Royal Colors Racing Stable. To learn more about adding her to your stable, [click on this link for her profile and pricing in the opportunities section of the Royal Colors Racing website.](#)

Sassy Kiss was a name waiting for a very special horse and we believe we have found one in this filly. She is doing everything asked of her at Twin Oaks and is currently galloping on a daily basis. According to training center owner, Eddie Milligan, "Sassy" is a choiceful five-letter word for this spirited filly. To get a closer look, visit the photos and videos of her in her profile section of the RCR website or [click here to see a recent work in the round pen.](#)



This Filly looks like the perfect blend of her sire Mr. Greeley and Broodmare Sire Fusaichi Pegasus. Her dark coloring and white star on her forehead are reminiscent of both Mr. Greeley and FuPeg. To get a look at the sire's performance on the track click on the photos below and to read more about the very current performance of Mr. Greeley progeny, see the article below published by Blood-Horse.



To get a flavor of the race track performance of Mr. Greeley, click on the photo above to see him winning the 1995 Grade III Spectacular Bid Breeders' Cup Stakes.



For even greater thrills take a look at Fusaichi Pegasus winning the 2000 Kentucky Derby by clicking on his photo above.

Mr. Greeley Reaches New Heights

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Mr. Greeley enjoyed a superlative weekend Oct. 8-9 as three of the deceased stallion's runners proved best at the highest level of racing.

The Coolmore runner Crusade was the first. The colt, trained by Aidan O'Brien for Sue Magnier, Michael Tabor, and Derrick Smith, won the Emaar Middle Park Stakes (Eng-I) at Newmarket Oct. 8.

Stateside Oct. 9, the 3-year-old colt Western Aristocrat and the 4-year-old filly Aruna swung into action. Western Aristocrat, racing as a homebred for Tom Simon's Vinery, won the Jamaica Handicap (gr. I) at Belmont Park in his first start since his recent overseas arrival to become his sire's 57th stakes winner.

Aruna, a homebred racing for Flaxman Holdings, got the grade I victory that had eluded her earlier in the Diana Stakes (gr. IT) at Saratoga when she won the Juddmonte Spinster Stakes (gr. I) at Keeneland. The Juddmonte Spinster was Aruna's fourth stakes win.



Aruna in the Spinster Stakes. Photo by Matthea Kelley.

The three grade/group I winners pushed Mr. Greeley's career total to 11. His earlier stars include Cartier Award winner Finsceal Beo.

Mr. Greeley, who stood the last part of his career at the Beck family's Gainesway Farm near Lexington, was euthanized last November because of complications from laminitis. The son of Gone West out of the Reviewer mare Long Legend was 18.

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