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The RCR Two-Year-Old Boys Approach Their Debut

Both Saracen and Doc Hudson are training extremely well as they close in on their first trip to the track. If everything stays on course, their trainers believe they have the talent to compete for some of the high-dollar purses at the New Orleans Fair Grounds Race Track. So, that is where they are slated to go. If we are fortunate enough to have both of them start as two-year-olds it will mean that every horse owned to date by Royal Colors



Racing partners has made it to the track as a two-year-old. Industry wide typically less than 40% of all thoroughbreds start as two-year-olds and in many cases that is the best course for the horse. However, we all love to see them running early and we all know they cannot return purse checks until they find their way to the track. Plan a trip to Cajun Country sometime after Thanksgiving.

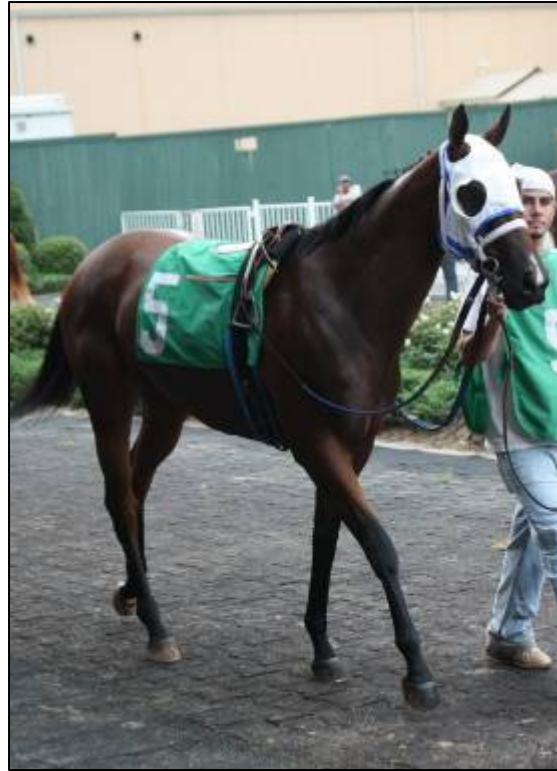


Pink October Finishes In-The-Money Yet Again

Pink October went off as the 1:2 favorite in a September 12th race at Louisiana Downs. She broke well and took an immediate lead, but was pressed very quickly by the eventual winner “G Rated.” While she kept pace well through the first half mile, she was caught by a closer in the final strides to place third. This finish put our hard-knocking filly in command of a record consisting of one second and four third-place finishes. This consistent performance led one partner to suggest that we possibly change her name to “Always a bridesmaid never a bride.” We are determined to get her to the altar yet!

Pink October to Relocate to Charles Town Raceway

Pink has proven to be a chip off the old block and is clearly a sprint specialist. The combination of her sire pedigree and dam-side influence have clearly given her the skills at this point in her racing career to go fast, but go short. While Delta Downs offered the opportunity to place her solely against Louisiana-breds, the competition to draw into races is fierce and we could not consider entering her in any races greater than five furlongs.



Charles Town Raceway, in West Virginia, is a smaller oval and offers many races at four and one-half furlongs, which should be right in Pink’s target zone. Recall, her first race (and only second place) was her debut race at a distance of 4.5 furlongs. The purses at Charles Town Races are very attractive as they are supplemented by the adjoining Hollywood Casino. At Bret Calhoun’s recommendation we have secured the third leading trainer at the track, Ollie Figgins III. Ollie will assess Pink and look for a racing opportunity later in October. We are optimistic about her chances in this new venue.

Ollie Figgins, III

Photo by Kevin G Gilbert

Speedy Spice Misses Fourth Consecutive Win by a Neck

Speedy Spice stepped up to two-turns for the first time in her three-year-old year and raced a mile against older horses on September 18th. She returned to Presque Isle Downs, the scene of her two prior wins, and drew post five against a field mostly composed of four-year-old mares. Speedy broke well and settled into her traditional stalking position, but was forced to go three-to-four wide through both turns. Turning for home she made what has become an expected move to the front and looked like she was full of run. Indeed she took over the lead with just a few strides to go. However, the eventual winner, “Even Sweeter” had run a very smart race, saved ground on the turns, and drafted right behind Speedy as she moved to the lead. Her elder ended up catching her in the final yards of the race.



Trainer Bret Calhoun commented that he did not feel like we lost a thing in that race. If anything he felt she proved she is very versatile from six furlongs up to a mile or maybe even a little longer. Her second place finish pushed her earnings to more than \$87,000 and her race record to four wins and two seconds from nine total starts. She came out of the race in good shape and we are looking for another race for her in mid-October. The lead choice at this point is a dirt mile, so we will see if Speedy's versatility also carries over to a traditional dirt track.

Featured Horse of the Month DOC HUDSON



Doc Hudson was named after the fabulous Hudson Hornet race car voiced by actor Paul Newman in the Disney movie “Cars.” During the movie one can hear Paul Newman’s voice say to all challengers “you’re gonna have to be fast,” based on what we are seeing from RCR’s Doc Hudson, the same quote will apply.

Doc Hudson is a son of Officer. Officer was very precocious, winning nearly \$750,000 as a two-year-old. He seems to “stamp” his offspring with this precocious quality as he ranks in the top 10 among current sires of two-year-old winners. His two-year-old son, “Boys of Tosconova” recently won the Grade I Hopeful Stakes and is arguably the best two-year-old in the country. Doc Hudson’s dam has produced two other foals, both colts, and both multiple winners. Her most recent foal, another colt by Any Given Saturday, sold at this year’s Keeneland September Yearling Sale for \$50,000.



Doc Hudson was a well-built yearling when purchased at Keeneland by RCR in September 2009. He had been pushed hard in preparation for the sale and we did need to turn him out for awhile prior to starting his training. Once Eddie Milligan and the staff at Twin Oaks started his training, he really hit a growth spurt and once again we needed to back off for about sixty days to let his bone

growth catch up with his muscle growth. Since returning to training he has shown nothing but talent. The “colt” in him did threaten to get in the way of his focus on the racetrack, so we gelded him this fall and have every expectation it will make him a professional and much better racehorse.

We expect between breeding and training, Doc Hudson will be very ready as he hits the track later this year.

