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KING OF THE ROXY ALL SET TO ENTER STUD THIS SEASON IN NEW MEXICO, BELMONT FUTURITY HERO STANDS FOR \$3,000 AT MCCALLUM VIEW FARM, GRADE 1 SANTA ANITA DERBY SECOND STAYS PROPERTY OF TEAM VALOR

Team Valor International's King of the Roxy, who is a double Grade 2 winner of the Belmont Futurity and the Hutcheson Stakes, will enter stud this season in New Mexico at McCallum View Farm.

The 6-year-old earner of more than \$600,000 will stand as the property of Team Valor at Chad and Tracey McCallum's farm near Moriarity, New Mexico.

His introductory stud fee will be \$3,000 on a live foal basis.

King of the Roxy was one of the best elongated sprinters of his generation and he was able to carry his speed over 9 furlongs in Grade 1 company.



King of the Roxy won the Grade 2 Futurity at Belmont.

Best in 5 of 16 career outings, King of the Roxy was bought by Team Valor from owner-trainer Richard Matlow after breaking his maiden sprinting at Hollywood Park at 2. Racing for his new owners and trained by Todd Pletcher, he won the Grade 2 Futurity at Belmont Park and was a close second in the Grade 2 Saratoga Special. In his final outing, he was unplaced in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile.

King of the Roxy at 3 began with a victory in the Grade 2 Hutcheson Stakes at Gulfstream Park, recording a 104 Beyer speed figure. He followed up with a half-length second to Tiago in the Grade 2 Santa Anita Derby going 9 furlongs.

Team Valor opted out of the Kentucky Derby, deciding instead to point him for the Preakness Stakes, in which he finished sixth of 9 to Horse of the Year Curlin. He was also second, beaten a length, in the Grade 3 Barbaro Stakes at Delaware Park.

The 16 hands 2 ½-inch bay horse experienced leg problems after two starts at 4 and was retired from racing. On the shelf months, the horse eventually came around again last year and made a comeback, which saw him account for the Honey Jay Stakes at Thistledown in his native Ohio and the Don Bernhardt Stakes at Ellis Park. He was not at his best last season, but he showed a lot of heart to overcome previous soundness problems by posting a pair of rail-skimming, courageous sprint stakes victories.

"When he was good, he was very good," said Barry Irwin. "His win in the Hutcheson was superb and his second in the Santa Anita Derby was top drawer. He lost more ground than he was beaten by being taken very wide on the turns in that \$750,000 race. He deserved a better fate in that one."

King of the Roxy was voted Horse of the Year in his birth state of Ohio.