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South Central Stables Scores Twice at Fair Grounds to Close Out the Year

Two wins with two different homebreds is how Clyde Taylor's South Central Stables finished out 2023. This barn has been on guite a roll all year, so it's only fitting to end the year in style! First up was Bourbon Day (Race Day – Penrose, by Lemon Drop Kid), who picked up his 3rd career victory at Fair Grounds on November 17th in allowance company. Off as the 2/1 favorite, Bourbon Day jumped out to an early lead and saved ground on the rail. He once again made it look easy, going gate-to-wire and cruising home to a dominant 1 ½ length score. He looked like a man amongst boys! The chestnut gelding was foaled and raised at Endeavor Farm. Next up was Gold Punch (Goldencents – Reata's Quik Punch, by Two Punch) who keeps on keeping on as a just turned six-year-old! He also was victorious in allowance company at Fair Grounds. Just like Bourbon Day, Gold Punch led the whole race, but he had to work a little harder! His multiple length lead started waning as his foe approached on the outside but he dug down deep and held on to win by a head, pushing his career earnings over the \$200,000 mark. Gold Punch was bred in Louisiana but conceived at Endeavor Farm. Congrats to South Central Stables and to conditioner Keith Bourgeois, who trains both homebreds.





Bourbon Day

Gold Punch



Traffic Boss Wins by 5 ½ Lengths at Remington Park

Traffic Boss (Cross Traffic – Take Me Home Too, by Came Home) is a maiden no more thanks to a runaway victory at Remington Park on November 30th. He didn't get a lightning-fast break but settled well and steadily gained on his rivals to get a lead that he never lost, drawing away to win by a big margin. Traffic Boss was foaled in Arkansas but conceived at Endeavor Farm and he's a homebred for J Rita Young Thoroughbreds. Great way to close out the year and super job by trainer Allen Milligan and jockey Jose Alvarez, Best of luck in 2024!

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Run Run Rabbit Breaks Her Maiden at Turfway Park

A solid performance by Endeavor Farm foaled and raised Run Run Rabbit (Broken Vow – Ocean Road, by War Front) was more than enough to get her first career score at Turfway Park on December 13th. The homebred filly ran much better than her 21/1 odds, storming down the stretch to get up just in time to put her head in front at the wire. Trainer Kevin Fletcher had her primed in her first start at the track and pilot Yarmarie Correa gave a perfectly timed ride. Congratulations to breeder and owner T.L. Wise!



Run Run Rabbit as a foal in March 2021



Run Run Rabbit breaking her maiden at Turfway

Our Cornerstone Racks Up the Money for Circle Bar H

Tim Harris' Circle Bar H has been cashing some checks with their Oklahoma-bred Our Cornerstone (Optimizer – American Sound, by Awesome Again). Not only did the just turned five-year-old win two allowance races in the last two months, he also threw in a second-place effort in between those two victories! This homebred gelding now has seven wins and six places in 27 career starts. What a hard knocking horse! Let's hope this momentum continues for the stable in 2024. Fantastic job by trainer Jerry Stephens and a bunch of stellar rides by jockey Jose Alvarez. Keep up the great work!



Our Cornerstone winning at Remington on 11/9/23



Our Cornerstone winning at Remington on 12/13/23