

# Corinthian will be a hot sire

## PEDIGREE HANDICAPPING



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NEW YORK - After two disappointing efforts which puzzled everyone, including his trainer, Jimmy Jerkens, Corinthian emphatically stamped himself as the country's best dirt miler with a dazzling 6 1/2-length victory in last Friday's inaugural running of the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile.

While there is a new Eclipse award to correspond with the new BC Filly and Mare Sprint, there is no such award for the champion dirt miler. While that accolade would be welcome, it really doesn't matter for Corinthian, who will go to stud next year with impeccable credentials. Winning the prestigious Met Mile alone made Corinthian an attractive stallion prospect, and adding the Dirt Mile only enhanced that assessment. His 4-year-old debut at Gulfstream Park, where he dusted heavy favorite Jazil at 1 1/8 miles in an allowance race, was thrilling and he followed that with a victory in the 1 3/16-mile Gulfstream Park Handicap. His performance on the track only underscores his outstanding pedigree, and the handsome chestnut should be appealing to breeders because of the versatility he will bring to a pedigree.

Corinthian's sire, Pulpit, might have been A.P. Indy's best son, but sustained a career-ending injury finishing fourth in the Kentucky Derby. He burst onto the racing scene mak-

ing his debut at Gulfstream at 3, and after a scintillating victory in his first start, he won the Fountain of Youth, was second in the Florida Derby, and won the Blue Grass Stakes prior to the Derby.

Among all the successful sons of A.P. Indy at stud, Pulpit is a standout. His offspring win at the highest level on all surfaces - dirt, turf, and especially wet tracks. Blessed with tactical speed, the majority are even better as they mature.

Notable runners by Pulpit include Purge (as well as Purge's current 2-year-old full sister, Namaste's Wish, who has been most effective on turf), Stroll, Sky Mesa, Tapit, Essence of Dubai, Wend, Oratory, Melhor Ainda, Ecclesiastic, Lydgate, Laity, Sightseeing, and Pyro, who was second to War Pass in the Champagne Stakes and BC Juvenile.

As top-class milers have long been known to make the best stallions, Corinthian is also a product of two stellar female families that are notable as "stallion makers."

Pulpit's female family is as vaunted as his A.P. Indy-Seattle Slew-Bold Ruler sire line. Pulpit's dam, Preach, was a Grade 1 winner and half-sister to stakes-placed runners Lecture, Leford, and Seize. Preach's full sister, Yarn, is the dam of top-class European miler Minardi, as well as stakes winner and top sire Tale of the Cat. Preach's half-sister, Myth, is the dam of multiple champion Johannesburg, another formidable young stallion. Pulpit's second dam, Narrate, was a Grade 3 winner, and a half-sister to stakes winners Region, Double Feint, Announce, and Dibs. And to top it all off, Pulpit's fourth dam, Monarchy, was a full sister to Hall of Fame member and great sire Round Table.

### CORINTHIAN, 2003

Br: Gracefield Equine & Hargus Sexton (Ky.)

Pulpit 1994	A.P. Indy	Seattle Slew
		Weekend Surprise
Preach	Mr. Prospector	Narrate
		Alydar
Multiply 1992	Easy Goer	Relaxing
		SpectacularBid
Add	Number	

Corinthian's female family is just as exceptional. His dam, Multiply (Easy Goer), also produced stakes winner Desert Hero (Sea Hero) and Vitruvius (E Dubai). Be Fruitful, a 2-year-old full sister to Corinthian, scored a flashy victory in her career debut winning a seven-furlong maiden race by seven lengths on Oct. 19 at Belmont over a sealed, sloppy track.

Corinthian's third dam, Number, was a stakes winner and a full sister to stakes winner Bound. More importantly, she was also a half-sister to champion racehorse and sire Nureyev, and to stakes winner Fairy Bridge, the dam of champion racehorse and the world's greatest turf sire, Sadler's Wells.

Corinthian's fifth dam, Thong, was only stakes-placed, but she surpassed her more illustrious siblings as a broodmare. Her full sister, Moccasin, was far superior on the track, winning all eight of her races at age 2 and was so special she was named co-Horse of the Year as well as champion 2-year-old filly. Moccasin was a terrific broodmare, producing seven stakes winners, including champion Apalachee.

Thong was also a full sister to the

top-class stakes winners Ridan and Lt. Stevens, and was a half-sister to Gambetta, who produced champion filly Gamely.

There is no doubt Corinthian's first book should be oversubscribed.

### Heir apparent to Mr. Prospector

There have been dozens of highly successful sons of Mr. Prospector at stud, including Seeking the Gold, Forty Niner, Gulch, and Gone West, just to name a few, and now Smart Strike, the sire of BC Classic winner Curlin and BC Turf winner English Channel, has firmly assumed the mantle.

Smart Strike has always been a good sire since his first crop of 2-year-olds raced in 2000, but he is now among the upper strata of all stallions. Smart Strike is from Canada's greatest female family since Natalma (dam of Northern Dancer). Out of Canadian champion 3-year-old filly and Canadian Broodmare of the Year Classy 'n Smart, Smart Strike is a half-brother to Dance Smartly, who was undefeated at 3 and a champion U.S. 3-year-old filly and Canadian Horse of the Year. Dance Smartly also became a Broodmare of the Year, producing two Queen's Plate winners, Scatter the Gold and champion filly Dancethru the dawn, as well as stakes winner Dance with Ravens.

Smart Strike's second dam, No Class, was a powerhouse of a producer. A Canadian Broodmare of the Year, her foals, in addition to champion Classy 'n Smart, include champions Sky Classic, Regal Classic, Grey Classic, and stakes winner Always a Classic. No Class was a modern-day blue hen, a female who had a profound influence over many generations.

## THE MORNING LINE

By Las Vegas Sports Consultants

BUCCANEERS	4 1/2	3 1/2	37	Cardinals
TITANS	4 1/2	4 1/2	36 1/2	Panthers
FALCONS	3	3-120	37	49ers
SAINTS	3 1/2	3 1/2	40	Jaguars
LIONS	3	3	45 1/2	Broncos
BILLS	2 1/2	2	43	Bengals
Chargers	7 1/2	7 1/2	41	VIKINGS
BROWNS	1	1	47	Seahawks
Patriots	5 1/2	5 1/2	56 1/2	COLTS
RAIDERS	3 1/2	3	41 1/2	Texans
Cowboys	3	3-120	46 1/2	EAGLES

### MONDAY

STEELERS	7 1/2	9	36 1/2	Ravens
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## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

### THURSDAY

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG
GEORGIA TECH	2 1/2	Virginia Tech

### FRIDAY

OHIO	7 1/2	Temple
BOWLING GREEN	7	Akron
Nevada	6 1/2	NEW MEXICO ST

### SATURDAY

INDIANA	6 1/2	Ball St
CONNECTICUT	3	Rutgers
SFLORIDA	5	Cincinnati

NORTHWESTERN	1	Iowa
NO CAROLINA	2 1/2	Maryland
MIAMI-FLA	12 1/2	NC State
Clemson	16	DUKE
FLORIDA	16	Vanderbilt
ARKANSAS	3 1/2	S Carolina
BYU	21	Colorado St
Kansas St	14	IOWA ST
KANSAS	19	Nebraska
E Carolina	5	MEMPHIS
PENN ST	7	Purdue
NOTRE DAME	3 1/2	Navy
BOISE ST	26	San Jose St
Texas El Paso	7	RICE
Louisiana St	7 1/2	ALABAMA
Ucla	3	ARIZONA
OREGON	7	Arizona St
MIAMI-OHIO	7	Buffalo
AIR FORCE	16	Army
CENTRAL FLORIDA	14	Marshall
Michigan	4 1/2	MICHIGAN ST
OKLAHOMA	21	Texas A&M
OHIO ST	15	Wisconsin
FRESNO ST	21	Utah St
Louisiana Tech	4	IDAHO
TCU	4	New Mexico

Washington	3	STANFORD
TOLEDO	7	E Michigan
Texas Tech	21	BAYLOR
Texas	3	OKLAHOMA ST
Missouri	4	COLORADO
Wake Forest	1	VIRGINIA
So Mississippi	10 1/2	ALA-BIRMINGHAM
PITTSBURGH	12	Syracuse
BOSTON COLLEGE	6 1/2	Florida St
Tulsa	7	TULANE
SOUTHERN CAL	15	Oregon St
Illinois	11	MINNESOTA
Wyoming	4 1/2	SAN DIEGO ST
CALIFORNIA	14 1/2	Washington St
ARKANSAS ST	17 1/2	Florida Intl
GEORGIA	16 1/2	Troy
TENNESSEE	30	UL Lafayette
Mid Tennessee St	4 1/2	UL MONROE

### SUNDAY

HOUSTON	19	So Methodist
		Home team in CAPS

## BOXING

12 Round WBC Super Featherweight Title Bout  
Nov. 3, Desert Diamond Casino - Tucson, Az.  
Juan-Manuel Marquez is reigning champion

FIGHTER/ODDS	FIGHTER/ODDS
Rocky Juarez +250	vs. Marquez -350

## WOODBINE

# Two look dangerous in debuts

By RON GIERKINK

ETOBICOKE, Ontario - First-time starters Dancingall Theway and Diplomatic Impact are intriguing possibilities in Thursday's eighth race at Woodbine, a mile and 70-yard maiden special for Ontario-sired 2-year-olds.

Dancingall Theway is sent out by leading trainer Mark Casse, who has won with numerous first-timers at the meeting. His record with 2-year-old first-timers over the past five years is 3 for 11, and his ROI on those runners is a sensational \$117.9.

Dancingall Theway is by low-percentage debut sire A Fleets Dancer, a Grade 3 stakes winner, who won 12 of 41 route starts on the dirt, for earnings of just over \$1 million.

Dancingall Theway is a half-brother to Christies Treasure, who finished second in the 1 1/16-mile Tweedside Stakes on the turf at Belmont Park in July.

Patrick Husbands will ride. Diplomatic Impact has worked extensively for trainer Bob Tiller, who has also had success with debuting 2-year-olds during this decade.

Diplomatic Impact is a full brother to stakes-winning router Moon Path and stakes-placed sprinter Moon Worship. Emma Wilson has the mount on the \$55,000 yearling buy.

The other obvious contenders in the 11-horse field are Mamma's Knight, Wilberforce, Bold Suspect, Silent Knight, and Go in Peace.

Mamma's Knight made both of his starts in seven-furlong maiden sprints for Ontario-sired stock, finishing fourth in his debut and second with the addition of Lasix next out. By stamina sire Ascot Knight, Mamma's Knight has a license to handle a route of ground.

Wilberforce finished in the top three in 3 of his 7 starts, but was ineffective in two starts in restricted stakes company. He never challenged when fifth most recently in the Bull Page Stakes.

Bold Suspect finished far back in his July 2 debut. He didn't see action again until Oct. 6, when he rallied for third behind Mamma's Knight. He has worked five furlongs twice since then, and might enjoy stretching out, despite his speed-oriented pedigree.

Silent Knight raced very wide throughout his latest over 1 1/16 miles against \$40,000 maidens and managed to run third.