



PEDIGREE PROFILE

Ornery Corinthian boasts regal, accomplished family tree

By Rommy Faversham

Even-money favorite Corinthian, an elegantly bred four-year-old Pulpit colt, held off fast-closing Hesandoldsalt by a neck to capture his first stakes victory on Saturday in the \$350,000 Gulfstream Park Handicap (G2).



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The sharp, but ornery, chestnut colt completed 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles in 1:55.06, and his record stands at four wins from seven lifetime starts with \$328,000 in earnings.

On February 8 in his seasonal bow, Corinthian powered his way to a 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ -length score over 2006 Belmont Stakes (G1) winner Jazil in an allowance/optional claiming race at Gulfstream.

Last year, he finished first in the Fountain of Youth Stakes (G2) but was disqualified and placed third for racing erratically in deep stretch. Not long thereafter, a hairline fracture was detected in his left hind leg, eliminating any Triple Crown aspirations.

Bred in Kentucky by Gracefield Equine and Hargus Sexton, Corinthian was purchased by Centennial Farms as a yearling for \$385,000 at the 2004 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale of selected yearlings.

His dam, the unraced Easy Goer mare Multiply, also produced 1999 San Rafael Stakes (G2) winner Desert Hero, by Sea Hero.

Easy Goer mares have combined, so far, to produce eight graded stakes winners, including 2002 champion two-year old filly Storm Flag Flying, by Storm Cat.

Corinthian's tail-female line represents one of the great American families that has been developed at Claiborne Farm in Paris, Kentucky, over the last century.

His multiple graded stakes-winning third dam, Number, was a three-quarter sister to champion and breed-shaping sire Nureyev. Number also is the dam of three graded or group winners. This, of course, also is the immediate family of European super-stud Sadler's Wells.

This internationally celebrated clan was initiated in 1952, when Claiborne patriarch Arthur "Bull" Hancock Jr. acquired Corinthian's sixth dam, the Foundation Mare *Rough Shod II.

Corinthian hails from the fifth crop of the A.P. Indy stallion Pulpit. Winner of the Toyota Blue Grass (G2) and Fountain of Youth (G2) Stakes at age three, Pulpit stands at Claiborne Farm with a 2007 fee of \$80,000. He has sired 14 graded or group stakes winners, including Grade

Corinthian, ch. c., 2003

Pulpit 94 367 fs, 25 SWs SI 2.59 DI=3.24	A.P. Indy 89 8 wins, \$2,979,815 Champion 817 fs, 97 SWs SI 4.02 DI=2.54	Seattle Slew 74 1050 fs, 114 SWs SI 4.76 DI=2.14	Bold Reasoning 68	Boldnesian 63 Reason to Earn 63
	Preach 89 4 wins, \$304,656, SW 8 fs, 1 SW DI=3.52	Weekend Surprise 80 14 fs, 4 SWs DI=2.64	My Charmer 69	Poker 63 Fair Charmer 59
		Mr. Prospector 70 1178 fs, 180 SWs SI 5.08 DI=3.95	Secretariat 70	Bold Ruler 54 Somethingroyal 52
Multiply 92 8 fs, 2 SWs DI=1.67	Easy Goer 86 14 wins, \$4,873,770 Champion 133 fs, 9 SWs SI 3.25 DI=2.07	Narrate 80 11 fs, 1 SW DI=2.43	Lassie Dear 74	Buckpasser 63 Gay Missile 67
		Alydar 75 689 fs, 77 SWs SI 5.54 DI=3.94	Raise a Native 61	Native Dancer 50 Raise You 46 Nashua 52 Sequence 46
	Add 85 4 wins, \$84,762, Spl 10 fs, 1 SW DI=1.62	Relaxing 76 12 fs, 3 SWs DI=1.38	Honest Pleasure 73	State 74
Spectacular Bid 76 753 fs, 44 SWs SI 1.58 DI=2.67	Number 79 11 fs, 3 SWs DI=1.05	Sweet Tooth 65	Raise a Native 61	Native Dancer 50 Raise You 46 On-and-On 56 Plum Cake 58
		Buckpasser 63	Buckpasser 63	Tom Fool 49 Busanda 47 To Market 48 Allemande 55
	Spectacular 70	Bold Bidder 62	Marking Time 63	Bold Ruler 54 High Bid 56 Promised Land 54 Stop On Red 59

1 winners Sky Mesa, Purge, Stroll, and Tapit, through Wednesday.

Corinthian's five-cross pedigree truly is a cornucopia of great American male and female strains, which suggests our once star-struck subject has the makings of an interesting stallion prospect as well.

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Upcoming events

March 8-9—Mare & Foal—Care & Behavior course for owners, breeding farm managers, and veterinarians at the New Bolton Center in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania. Call Cheryl O'Sullivan at (610) 925-6203 or email: cherylo@vet.upenn.edu

March 9-12—Thoroughbred Racing Associations Fifth Racing Congress (joint meeting with Harness Tracks of America and the United States Trotting Association), Westin Diplomat Resort Spa, Hollywood, Florida. Call: (410) 392-9200. Website: www.tra-online.com