



PEDIGREE PROFILE

Stamina influence pays off as Oil Man scores on Hollywood turf

by Rommy Faversham

Oil Man (Ire) registered his first career stakes victory on Sunday as he rallied through the stretch to prove best by a widening length in the \$100,000 Cinema Handicap (G3) at Hollywood Park.



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OIL MAN

The three-year-old Pyrus colt, sent off as the 2.20-to-1 second choice in a field of six, covered 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ miles in 1:48.72 on firm turf.

Having previously struggled at distances of 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles and less, Oil Man has now put together back-to-back victories for the first time. He entered off a nose triumph in a 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -mile allowance race on April 19 on the Santa Anita Park turf.

At age two, the bay colt had one win from four starts in England before his transfer to Southern California in the fall. His record stands at three wins from ten starts and earnings of \$107,194.

Bred in Ireland by Diana Webley, Oil Man is, to date, the first and only starter out of the Batshoof (Ire) mare So Precious, a sturdy but moderate three-time winner who started 41 times during five seasons on the flat and the jumps.

Oil Man's broodmare sire, Batshoof, was a Group 2 winner at 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ miles as a four-year-old.

Oil Man's female family is fairly well stocked with stamina influences but is relatively light on major stakes winners. The clan has previously issued German group winners Fight Club (Ger) and Flambo. Further back, Oil Man's unplaced fourth dam, Pallakis (GB) is a full sister to English champion two-year-old filly and classic winner Night Off.

Oil Man hails from the third crop of the obscure Mr. Prospector stallion Pyrus and represents his sire's first stakes winner.

As a runner, Pyrus was best at four, when he captured the 2002 Fort Marcy Handicap (G3) on yielding turf at Aqueduct.

Sire of 31 winners (13.2%) from 235 foals in four crops of racing age, he stands at Ballyhane Stud in County Carlow, Ireland, with a 2009 fee of approximately \$5,591 (4,000 euros).

Oil Man, b. c., 2006

Pyrus 98 137 fls, 1 SW SI 1.18 DI=2.73	Mr. Prospector 70 7 wins, \$112,171, SW 1178 fls, 181 SWs SI 5.08 DI=3.95	Raise a Native 61 838 fls, 78 SWs SI 3.14 DI=1.57	Native Dancer 50	Polynesian 42 Geisha 43
	Most Precious 85 2 wins, \$80,792, SW 11 fls, 4 SWs DI=1.21	Gold Digger 62 12 fls, 3 SWs DI=2.23	Raise You 46	Case Ace 34 Lady Glory 34
Batshoof (Ire) 86 7 wins, \$414,076, SW 141 fls, 5 SWs SI 0.79 DI=1.78		Nureyev 77 786 fls, 137 SWs SI 4.73 DI=2.83	Nashua 52	*Nasrullah 40 Segula 42
	Golden Form (GB) 82 2 wins, \$15,025, SW 9 fls, 0 SWs DI=1.50	Miss Summer (Ire) 79 11 fls, 2 SWs DI=0.70	Sequence 46	Count Fleet 40 Miss Dogwood 39
=So Precious (Ire) 97 1 fl, 1 SW DI=1.26		Sadler's Wells 81 2141 fls, 308 SWs SI 4.05 DI=2.82	Northern Dancer 61	Nearctic 54 Natalma 57
	Formidable 75 583 fls, 23 SWs SI 0.88 DI=2.07	=Steel Habit (Ire) 79 10 fls, 2 SWs DI=12.14	Special 69	*Forli 63 Thong 64
=Pale Gold (Fr) 74 14 fls, 1 SW DI=1.12		Sadler's Wells 81 2141 fls, 308 SWs SI 4.05 DI=2.82	=Luthier (Fr) 65	*Klairon 52 =Flute Enchantee(Fr)50
	=Pallakis (GB) 66	Formidable 75 583 fls, 23 SWs SI 0.88 DI=2.07	Miss Manon (Fr) 70	Bon Mot (Fr) 63 =Miss Molly (Fr) 65
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	=Dinner Partner 59	Formidable 75 583 fls, 23 SWs SI 0.88 DI=2.07	Fairy Bridge 75	Bold Reason 68
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It probably is not a coincidence that Pyrus's first exceptional runner is out of a Sadler's Wells-line mare. This is the same strain that already has enjoyed so much success with other Mr. Prospector stallions out of Nureyev mares—a list that includes Kingmambo and some of his sons.

The auspicious cross of the close relatives Nureyev and Sadler's Wells, which creates inbreeding to their common matriarch Special, continues to appear within the pedigrees of top performers, especially on turf.

For good measure, all three graded/group stakes winners out of Batshoof broodmares are by stallions carrying Nureyev blood. This includes 2007 Golden Jubilee Stakes (Eng-G1) winner Soldier's Tale, by the Nureyev stallion Stravinsky.

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