MATING ANALYSIS

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UNION RAGS

Dixie Union - Tempo, by Gone West 2009 Bay | 16.3 Hands

A brilliant two-year-old and a classic winning three-year-old, Union Rags stands alone as the only colt from his crop to win a grade one on dirt at two and three. Union Rags is also the leading son of Dixie Union, himself the most outstanding son of Dixieland Band.

There as six stakes winners by Dixie Union and sons out of **A.P. Indy** line mares, including **A.P. Indy** himself, as well as **Mineshaft**, **Aptitude** and **Old Trieste**, which would also suggest such as **Pulpit** (sire of **Tapit** and **Sky Mesa**), **Malibu Moon**, **Congrats**, **Flatter** and **Stephen Got Even**.

Union Rags has a double of **Mr. Prospector** that will appear 5 x 4 in his foals. However, we can note that there are already more than 140 graded stakes winners, 32 grade one, with three strains of Mr. Prospector, so suggesting trying mares by sons or grandsons of Mr. Prospector here. Dixie Union and sons have sired 21 stakes winners out **Mr. Prospector** line mares, including through daughters of **Smart Strike**; **Forty Niner** and his sons **Distorted Humor** and **Coronado's Quest; Carson City** (sire of **City Zip**); **Unbridled's Song; Machiavellian** (sire of **Street Cry**; grandsire of **Street Sense**); **Woodman**; **Fusaichi Pegasus**; **Allen's Prospect**; **Fortunate Prospect**; **Naevus**; and **Robyn Dancer** (by **Crafty Prospector**). Another Mr. Prospector strain that appeals here is that of **Thunder Gulch**.

Dixie Union is a **Northern Dancer** line stallion, but he has enjoyed success when crossed back over other branches of Northern Dancer, including a grade one winner out of a mare by **Deputy Minister**, and stakes winner out of a mare by his son, **Salt Lake** (with other sources of Deputy Minister including **Touch Gold, Awesome Again, Dehere, Silver Deputy**, and **French Deputy**); **Theatrical** (by **Nureyev**); **Storm Bird** and **Storm Cat** (who looks good her through such as **Tale of the Cat, Storm Boot, Stormy Atlantic, Stormin Fever, Forest Wildcat, Forestry, Yankee Gentleman** and **Johannesburg**), and his sire, **Storm Bird** (who should be good here, and can be also be found through **Summer Squall**, broodmare sire of a stakes winner by a son of Dixie Union). There is also a grade one winner by a son of Dixie Union out of a mare by **Pine Bluff** (by **Danzig**).

Dixie Union has three stakes winners out mares from the male line of In Reality, including out of daughters Honour and Glory (by Relaunch, who could also be brought in through Tiznow and Officer) and Successful Appeal. Dixie Union is sire of a grade one winner out of a mare by Unaccounted For (by Private Account, from the Damascus line), a graded stakes winner out of a mare by Devil's Bag, a brother to Saint Ballado, and a son of Halo (also available through More Than Ready). From the Roberto line, Dixie Union has a stakes winner out of a mare Arch (by Kris S., a son of Roberto, also sire of Red Ransom, and Dynaformer). Other horses that are broodmare sires of stakes winners by Dixie Union include Broad Brush, In Excess (broodmare sire of a Dixie Union grade one winner, and sire of Indian Charlie), Mt. Livermore (sire of Orientate and Housebuster) and Cormorant (and his son, Go For Gin).

- Alan Porter



