

## COMMERCIAL ANALYSIS: IM A DIXIE DIVA

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The speedy Im A Dixie Diva is half-sister to a brilliant two-year-old and miler, and out of a multiple two-year-old winner. She is offered in foal to one of the nation's leading sires of classic distance dirt runners.

A three-time winner sprinting, Im A Dixie Diva is by the exceptionally speedy Henny Hughes who has sired 30 stakes winners, including the wonderful Beholder, a three-time Eclipse Award winner; grade one scorers Asia Express and Moanin; and classic winning champion Academic.

Im A Dixie Diva is half-sister to the outstanding runner Mor Spirit, a multiple grade one winner of over \$1,600,000. Winner of the Los Alamitos Futurity (gr. I) at two, Mor Spirit added a win in the Robert B Lewis Stakes (gr. III) and a second in the Santa Anita Derby (gr. I) at three. This year, Mor Spirit has been in sensational form, taking in succession the Essex Handicap by 2½ lengths, with a 105 Beyer Speed Figure; the Texas Mile Stakes (gr. III) by 5¾ lengths with a 107 Beyer; and the Metropolitan Mile (gr. I) by 6¼ lengths with a Beyer of 117, the highest achieved by a runner in a dirt race at up to a mile in 2017. Mor Spirit – who is from the same Storm Cat line as Im A Dixie Diva – now looms as a major contender for the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (gr. I).

Im A Dixie Girl, the dam of Im A Dixie Diva, was a fast and precocious runner who took the Bassinet Stakes and Colleen Stakes, and was three times stakes placed, including when second in the Astarita Stakes (gr. III). In addition to Im a Dixie Diva and Mor Spirit, Im A Dixie Girl is dam of a yearling brother to Mor Spirit, a weanling colt by American Pharoah, and is bred to Tale of Ekati.

Im A Dixie Girl is a half-sister to stakes winner First Ascent. Her dam, Im Out First, was a four-time stakes winner and graded stakes placed, and is half-sister to stakes winning and graded stakes placed Zenith, the dam of Great Hunter, successful in the Breeders' Futurity (gr. I) and Robert B. Lewis Stakes (gr. II), and also third in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile (gr. I); and to Evening Star, the dam of Stellar Wind, the

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Champion Three-Year-Old Filly of 2015, and the current favorite for the Breeders' Cup Distaff (gr. I).

Im A Dixie Diva is dam of a yearling colt by Florida Derby (gr. I) and Kentucky Derby (gr. I) runner-up Ice Box. She is bred to Horse of the Year Tiznow, sire of such Champion Two-Year-Old Filly Folklore; Dubai World Cup (gr. I) hero Well Armed; Champion Canadian Older Mare Bear Now; Tourist, successful in the Breeders' Cup Mile (gr. I); Travers Stakes (gr. I) and Santa Anita Derby (gr. I) captor Colonel John; and Da' Tara, winner of the Belmont Stakes (gr. I). In 2017, Tiznow has been represented by the Hopeful Stakes (gr. I) winner Sporting Chance, and multiple graded stakes winning millionaire Irap. This mating is an example of the Tiznow/Storm Cat cross that has produced ten Tiznow stakes winners, including Champion Two-Year-Old Filly Folklore, millionaire Irap, and as here, out of a Hennessy line mare, multiple graded stakes winning two-year-old Tiz Wonderful.

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