



## PEDIGREE PROFILE

# Informed Decision provides record-setting Raven Run

Three-year-old filly Informed Decision had all the answers as she caught pacesetter Secret Gypsy near the sixteenths pole and drew off to win the \$300,000 Lexus Raven Run Stakes (G2) by 4¼ lengths on October 18 at Keeneland Race Course.



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The Raven Run was the first graded stakes victory for the gray or roan Monarchs filly. Sent off as the 6-to-5 favorite, Informed Decision covered seven furlongs in 1:20.86, a track record for the synthetic Polytrack surface at Keeneland.

### INFORMED DECISION

In her previous start on September 20, Informed Decision scored a comfortable 1¾-length triumph in the Missile Belle Stakes at Belmont Park, also at seven furlongs.

Informed Decision has won five of seven lifetime starts and earned \$336,587.

Bred in Kentucky by Charles Kidder and Nancy Cole, Informed Decision was purchased for \$320,000 at the 2007 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic sale of two-year-olds in training after being purchased for \$150,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July sale of selected yearlings in 2006.

She is one of four winners from six starters out of the winning His Majesty mare Palangana. Her dam is currently carrying a full sibling.

His Majesty broodmares have combined to yield 102 stakes winners through October 19, about 5% of the total foals. His Majesty broodmares have produced the likes of Danehill, Dynaformer, and Risen Star.

Of note, His Majesty's full brother, Graustark, appears in the fourth generation of Monarchs's pedigree, creating a 5x2 sibling pattern.

Informed Decision is most closely inbred to Northern Dancer, 4x3. E. P. Taylor, Canada's most influential horseman, is responsible for breeding both Northern Dancer and his Grade 3-winning daughter, Countess North, our subject's grandam.

Informed Decision's immediate family is anchored by her third dam, the unplaced Hasty Road mare Impetuous Lady, a matriarch of 13 United States graded stakes winners, including 1999 Super Derby (G1) winner Ecton Park and three-time Grade 1 winner Bankers Lady.

Informed Decision hails from the third crop of the Maria's Monarchs. She has become her sire's first graded stakes winner as well as his richest U.S.-based runner.

Winner of the 2001 Kentucky Derby (G1) and Florida Derby (G1),

### Informed Decision, gr. or ro. f., 2005

Monarchs 98 232 fls, 10 SWs SI 1.60 DI=1.40	Maria's Mon 93 4 wins, \$507,140 Champion 708 fls, 39 SWs SI 1.99 DI=2.33	Wavering Monarch 79 671 fls, 41 SWs SI 1.18 DI=1.95	Majestic Light 73	Majestic Prince 66 Irradiate 66
	Regal Band 87 3 wins, \$86,865 10 fls, 1 SW DI=1.57	Carlotta Maria 84 11 fls, 1 SW DI=2.50	Uncommitted 74	Buckpasser 63 Lady Be Good 56
		Dixieland Band 80 1207 fls, 115 SWs SI 2.41 DI=3.50	Caro (Ire) 67	=Fortino II (Fr) 59 =Chambord (GB) 55
	Palangana 93 7 fls, 1 SW DI=1.26	His Majesty 68 5 wins, \$99,430, SW 640 fls, 59 SWs SI 2.33 DI=0.77	Regal Roberta 80 11 fls, 1 SW DI=1.42	Water Malone 74
*Ribot 52 421 fls, 65 SWs SI 5.31 DI=1.80			<b>Northern Dancer 61</b>	
Countess North 76 3 wins, \$49,970, SW 13 fls, 1 SW DI=3.20		Flower Bowl 52 5 fls, 3 SWs DI=0.79	Roberto 69	Nearctic 54 Natalma 57
		*Northern Dancer 61 635 fls, 147 SWs SI 5.82 DI=3.00	Regal Road 71	Delta Judge 60 Sand Buggy 63
Impetuous Lady 65 12 fls, 4 SWs DI=2.25	Flower Bed 46	=Tenerani (Ity) 44	Hail to Reason 58 Bramalea 59	
		=Romanella (Ity) 43	Graustark 63 On the Trail 64	
		*Alibhai 38	=Bellini (Ity) 37 =Tofanella (GB) 31	
Nearctic 54	Natalma 57	*Beau Pere 27 *Boudoir II 38	=El Greco (Ity) 34 =Barbara Burrini (GB) 37	
		*Hyperion (GB) 30 =Teresina (GB) 20		
		*Nearco (Ity) 35 *Lady Angela 44		
Hasty Road 51	*Escocesa II 57	Native Dancer 50 Almahoud 47		
		Roman 37 Traffic Court 38 *Nigromante 44 =Eneide (Arg) 45		

Monarchs will stand the 2009 breeding season at Nuckols Farm in Midway, Kentucky, for \$6,000.

Informed Decision inherited her silver coat from the top half of her pedigree, ultimately descending back to the great undefeated champion, The Tetrarch (1911), who was called "the Spotted Wonder."

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## Looking ahead

### Sales

**October 26**—Mountain Springs Horse Sales Pennsylvania Racing Bred Fall mixed sale at Mountain Springs Arena

**October 27-28**—Barretts Equine Limited fall mixed sale at Hinds Pavilion, Fairplex Park