



## PEDIGREE PROFILE

# No turning back Decelerator in lively Debutante battle

by Rommy Faversham

After trading several bumps with her opponent during a spirited stretch duel, Westrock Stables' Decelerator bested Wild Forest Cat by a neck and then overcame an objection to notch her first stakes victory in the \$111,300 Debutante Stakes (G3) at Churchill Downs on June 27.

Sent off as the 1.30-to-1 favorite in a field of nine, the two-year-old Dehere filly covered six furlongs in 1:11.28 on track rated as fast.



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For her Racing Hall of Fame trainer, D. Wayne Lukas, the victory marked a record seventh time he has saddled the winner of the Debutante.

Decelerator is undefeated in two lifetime starts. She won her debut by a half-length on a sloppy track at Churchill on May 14.

Her next scheduled start is the Schuylerville Stakes (G3) at

### DECELERATOR

Saratoga Race Course on July 29.

Bred in Kentucky by Ted O'Neill, this dark bay or brown filly was a \$250,000 purchase at the Ocala Breeders Sales Co. February sale of selected two-year-olds in training.

Decelerator is the first foal out of the unplaced Accelerator mare Paris Rose, a half sister to 1997 Test Stakes (G1) winner Fabulously Fast.

A Grade 3 winner at two and Grade 1-placed at four, Accelerator initially stood in Central Kentucky at Hill 'n' Dale Farm before his sale and transfer to Turkey in 2002. He died from complications of laminitis in May 2003. Decelerator is the first graded stakes winner out of an Accelerator broodmare.

Decelerator's second dam, Fabulous Notion, won the Hollywood Starlet Stakes at two and the Santa Susana Stakes (G1) as a three-year-old.

### Winners of the Debutante Stakes named champion two-year-old filly

Year	winner	sire
1999	Chilukki	Cherokee Run
1998	Silverbulletday	Silver Deputy
1995	Golden Attraction	Mr. Prospector
1947	Bewitch	Bull Lea
1929	Alcibiades	Supremus
1927	Anita Peabody	Luke McLuke
1896	Cleophus	Wagner

### Decelerator, dk b. or br. f., 2007

Dehere 91 1113 fls, 62 SWs SI 1.80 DI=3.80	Deputy Minister 79 12 wins, \$696,964 Champion 1141 fls, 90 SWs SI 3.19 DI=3.67	Vice Regent 67 673 fls, 105 SWs SI 2.83 DI=3.86	<b>Northern Dancer</b> 61	Nearctic 54 Natalma 57
		Mint Copy 70 7 fls, 1 SW DI=7.00	Victoria Regina 58	*Menetrier 44 Victoriana 52
Paris Rose 02 1 fl, 1 SW DI=3.27	Sister Dot 85 4 wins, \$101,406, Spl 14 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.17	Secretariat 70 653 fls, 57 SWs SI 3.46 DI=3.00	Bunty's Flight 53	Bunty Lawless 35 Broomflight 47
		Sword Game 76 5 fls, 0 SWs DI=5.00	Shakney 64	Jabneh 52 Grass Shack 51
Accelerator 94 4 wins, \$414,908, SW 130 fls, 2 SWs SI 0.64 DI=3.15	A.P. Indy 89 987 fls, 121 SWs SI 4.02 DI=2.54	Get Lucky 88 12 fls, 3 SWs DI=3.48	Bold Ruler 54	*Nasrullah 40 Miss Disco 44
		Somethingfabulous 72 573 fls, 20 SWs SI 1.28 DI=2.38	<b>Somethingroyal</b> 52	*Princequillo 40 Imperatrice 38
Fabulous Notion 80 9 wins, \$702,002, SW 12 fls, 1 SW DI=3.00	Careless Notion 70 15 fls, 3 SWs DI=4.23	Mr. Prospector 70	Damascus 64	Sword Dancer 56 Kerala 48
		Dance Number 79	Bill and I 65	Baybrook 49 Kilinchit 54
		Seattle Slew 74	Weekend Surprise 80	Bold Reasoning 68 My Charmer 69
		Somethingroyal 52	Miss Uppity 56	<b>Secretariat</b> 70 Lassie Dear 74
				Raise a Native 61 Gold Digger 62
				<b>Northern Dancer</b> 61 Numbered Account 69
				Nearctic 54 Natalma 57
				*Princequillo 40 Imperatrice 38
				Tom Fool 49 Golden Apple 45
				*Nasrullah 40 Nursery School 45

Our subject's immediate family is anchored by his third dam, Careless Notion. She is the dam of Grade 1 winner Cacoethes. This also is the clan of 1998 champion turf female Fiji (GB) and multiple Grade 1 winner Subordination.

Decelerator hails from the 12th North American crop of veteran Coolmore shuttle stallion Dehere.

Sire of 28 graded or group stakes winners, Dehere stood the 2009 breeding season for \$15,000 at Ashford Stud in Versailles, Kentucky.

The most consequential pattern in Decelerator's pedigree is probably her 3x3 cross of Secretariat and Somethingfabulous, creating inbreeding to their common dam, the key matriarch Somethingroyal. This relatively infrequent tandem of half brothers has already appeared in the pedigree of 2004 champion two-year-old male Declan's Moon.

Decelerator receives two additional strains of this family from A.P. Indy's influential dam, Weekend Surprise, who carries a 1x3 cross of Secretariat and his half brother Sir Gaylord.

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