



PEDIGREE PROFILE

Declan's Moon becomes latest stakes winner for sire Malibu Moon

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A facile win by Declan's Moon in the Hollywood Prevue (G3) On November 21 sets the stage for his encounter with Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) winner Wilko and Champagne Stakes (G1) winner Proud Accolade in the Hollywood Futurity (G1) on December 18 with juvenile championship honors up for grabs.



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DECLAN'S MOON The Maryland-bred dark bay or brown gelding is unbeaten in three starts, with earnings of \$239,400.

After an easy surfside maiden victory, he bested subsequent Breeders' Cup Juvenile favorite Roman Ruler in the Del Mar Futurity (G2) and was on a ten-week respite before Sunday's Prevue at Hollywood Park.

Declan's Moon is from the second crop of the A.P. Indy stallion, Malibu Moon, a very promising West Coast juvenile in his own right who was injured and retired after only two starts. Malibu Moon also sired 2003 Best Pal Stakes (G2) winner Perfect Moon.

Declan's Moon is the first winner from the winning Grade 2-placed mare Vee Vee Star, who ran third to dual champion Silverbulletday in the 1999 Black-Eyed Susan Stakes (G2).

The rest of the immediate family could be described as rather light to the extent that Declan's Moon already has easily become the richest and most celebrated member of his

Declan's Moon, dkbb., g., 2002

Malibu Moon 97 118 fls, 4 SWs SI 2.09 DI=3.00	A.P. Indy 89 8 wins, \$2,979,815 Champion 628 fls, 73 SWs SI 3.99 DI=2.54	Seattle Slew 74 1044 fls, 111 SWs SI 4.84 DI=2.14	Bold Reasoning 68	
		Weekend Surprise 80 14 fls, 4 SWs DI=2.64	My Charmer 69	
			Secretariat 70	
			Lassie Dear 74	
Vee Vee Star 96 2 fls, 1 SW DI=1.86	Macoumba 92 3 wins, \$196,738, SW 5 fls, 0 SWs DI=3.38	Mr. Prospector 70 1177 fls, 180 SWs SI 5.09 DI=3.95	Raise a Native 61	
		Maximova (Fr) 80 11 fls, 5 SWs DI=1.82	Gold Digger 62	
			Green Dancer 72	
			Baracala 72	
		Norquestor 86 9 wins, \$554,700, SW 339 fls, 22 SWs SI 1.17 DI=2.60	Conquistador Cielo 79 868 fls, 69 SWs SI 1.96 DI=6.14	Mr. Prospector 70
			Linda North 79 13 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.63	K D Princess 71
	Fabulous Vee 85 Unplaced 9 fls, 1 SW DI=1.89	Somethingfabulous 72 573 fls, 20 SWs SI 1.28 DI=2.38	Northern Dancer 61	
		Mrs. Vee Vee 69 9 fls, 0 SWs DI=1.89	Lindaria 69	
			Northern Dancer 61	
			Somethingroyal 52	
			Ridan 59	
			*Radiant Beam 64	

family since his fourth dam was imported to the United States in the mid-1960s.

The pedigrees of exceptional runners with weak or ordinary tail-female lines are often compensated through successful patterns of female family inbreeding.

Declan's Moon's pedigree is a good example of this, as it combines three complementary strains of 1973 Broodmare of the Year,

Somethingroyal. She is represented through her three sons, Secretariat (A.P. Indy's broodmare sire), Sir Gaylord (sire of A.P. Indy's third dam) and Somethingfabulous (sire of Declan's Moon's granddam), creating an auspicious 5x7x4 cross to this great matriarch.

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