



PEDIGREE PROFILE

Lethal Heat and her sire turn up the temperature

by Rommy Faversham

Grade 2 winner Lethal Heat returned to top form as she scored a relatively easy 1½-length victory over six California-bred challengers in the \$108,600 Fleet Treat Stakes on July 20 at Del Mar.



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The three-year-old Unusual Heat filly covered seven furlongs in 1:22.46, a record for the distance on the track's relatively new Polytrack surface.

Unraced at two and a winner of five of her seven starts this season, Lethal Heat has

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bankrolled \$319,188 while capturing the Santa Paula Stakes (G3) at Santa Anita Park and the Hollywood Oaks (G2). Her next start is scheduled to be in the Del Mar Oaks (G1) on August 16.

Lethal Heat is one of three winners from as many starters out of the Synastry mare Lethal Leta, an eight-time stakes winner in Idaho and Northern California between the ages of two and five.

Lethal Leta also has produced the filly Prevalent, by Carson City, winner of a minor stakes race at Hawthorne Race Course at three. Lethal Heat also has an unraced two-year-old full sister and a weanling full brother.

Her grandam, Tiptopper, is a three-quarter sister to Grade 3 winner Miss Magnetic, dam of Grade 1 winner Padua. This also is the family of multiple graded stakes winners Rich Soil, Do So, and New Colony.

Lethal Heat is a five-generation outcross. She was bred by Madeline Auerbach, Tom Roberts, and David Abrams. In 1996, David's brother, Barry, claimed her sire at Hollywood Park for \$80,000 and has since become the trainer of many of his top runners, including Lethal Heat.

Lethal Heat hails from the seventh crop of the rising Nureyev stallion Unusual Heat. The 18-year-old dark bay or brown horse currently is enjoying a dream season in California, where his offspring have been winning with remarkable frequency on both grass and synthetic surfaces.

This season began with 20 of Unusual Heat's offspring winning 26 races at the 2007-'08 winter/spring meeting at Santa Anita Park. This

Lethal Heat, b. f. 2005

Unusual Heat 90 360 fls, 15 SWs SI 1.90 DI=1.62	Nureyev 77 2 wins, \$42,522 Champion 786 fls, 137 SWs SI 4.73 DI=2.83	Northern Dancer 61 635 fls, 147 SWs SI 5.82 DI=3.00	Nearctic 54	=Nearco (Ity) 35 *Lady Angela 44
	Rossard (Den) 80 14 wins, \$202,858 Champion 13 fls, 1 SW DI=2.20	Special 69 9 fls, 3 SWs DI=1.52	Natalma 57	Native Dancer 50 Almahmoud 47
Lethal Leta 91 5 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.31	Synastry 83 7 wins, \$209,246, Spl 460 fls, 25 SWs SI 0.53 DI=2.50	=Glacial (Den) 66 22 fls, 2 SWs SI 15.94 DI=1.29	*Fortli 63	=Aristophanes (GB) 48 =Trevisa (Arg) 51
	Tiptopper 80 2 wins, \$39,930 8 fls, 1 SW DI=3.00	=Peas-Blossom (GB) 68 7 fls, 1 SW DI=1.00	Thong 64	Nantallah 53 *Rough Shod II 44
		Seattle Slew 74 1050 fls, 114 SWs SI 4.76 DI=2.14	=Pardal (Fr) 47	=Pharis II (Fr) 36 =Adargatis (Fr) 31
		Municipal Bond 75 8 fls, 2 SWs DI=2.45	=Glacis (Den) 58	=Epigram (GB) 33 =Glamour (GB) 42
		Shecky Greene 70 418 fls, 40 SWs SI 1.70 DI=2.58	Midsummer Night 57	*Djeddah 45 Night Sound 46
		Out Draw 68 8 fls, 3 SWs DI=2.03	=Fan Light (GB) 56	*Wilwyn 48 =Light of Day (GB) 39
			Bold Reasoning 68	Boldnesian 63 Reason to Earn 63
			My Charmer 69	Poker 63 Fair Charmer 59
			Nashua 52	*Nasrullah 40 Segula 42
			Evasive 70	Buckpasser 63 Summer Scandal 62
			*Noholme II 56	=Star Kingdom (Ire) 46 =Oceana (Ire) 47
			Lester's Pride 57	Model Cadet 46 Meadow Flower 47
			Speak John 58	Prince John 53 *Nuit de Folies 47
			Concert Star 58	=Pinza (GB) 50 *Luna Rosa 51

is believed to be a record by one stallion at a major United States meeting. In an annual media poll, Unusual Heat's achievement was voted the meet's outstanding accomplishment.

Standing at Old English Rancho in Sanger for a 2008 fee of \$20,000, Unusual Heat also is the sire of this year's Las Virgenes Stakes (G1) heroine Golden Doc A and Las Cienegas Handicap (G3) winner Lightmyfirebaby.

Unusual Heat currently holds a comfortable lead as California's leading sire of 2008. For good measure, he also appears among the leaders on the North American turf sires list.

Unusual Heat has done well with a particularly broad spectrum of bloodlines. Meanwhile, he seems to be establishing himself a stellar sire of fillies as the large majority of his best offspring have been of that ilk.

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