



Spinaway winner closely inbred to great grandsire Forty Niner

by Rommy Faversham

Reserved early, E. Paul Robsham's homebred R Heat Lightning circled her rivals on the far turn, took the lead near the sixteenth pole, and thundered to a commanding four-length victory in the \$250,000 Spinaway Stakes (G1) on September 5 at Saratoga Race Course.

It was an auspicious first stakes victory for the two-year-old Trippi filly, who was clocked in a relatively tepid 1:25.23 for seven furlongs on the main track.



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R HEAT LIGHTNING

on October 9 at Belmont Park.

R Heat Lightning is the second winner from as many starters out of the Gold Fever filly Yellow Heat, a winner of three of five career starts as a three-year-old.

Yellow Heat was purchased for \$145,000 at the 2003 Ocala Breeders' Sales Co. March sale of selected two-year-olds in training. Her first foal, our subject's three-year-old full sister Hot Trip, is a multiple winner and stakes-placed this season.

R Heat Lightning is the first stakes winner to appear under her first three dams. Until now, hers was a relatively small and quiet branch of an otherwise successful female family.

This clan is anchored by R Heat Lightning's stakes-winning fourth dam, Exclusive Dancer, a three-quarter sister to influential stallion Exclusive Native and the dam of multiple Grade 1 winner and sire General Assembly.

Indeed, Exclusive Dancer serves as matriarch to a growing number of important runners and progenitors, including Grade 1 winners Versailles Treaty, Chief Honcho, Bellamy Road, and Gold Fever, who appears in the above pedigree as Yellow Heat's sire.

R Heat Lightning won by five lengths in her maiden debut on July 5 at Delaware Park. Prior to the Spinaway, she finished second, one length behind Twelve Pack Shelly, in the Colleen Stakes on August 7 at Monmouth Park.

The Florida-bred bay filly will be pointed to the Frizette Stakes (G1)

R Heat Lightning, b. f., 2008

Trippi 97 472 fls, 26 SWs SI 1.48 DI=3.50	End Sweep 91 6 wins, \$372,563, SW 810 fls, 47 SWs SI 1.45 DI=2.29	Forty Niner 85 881 fls, 57 SWs SI 2.07 DI=2.63	Mr. Prospector 70	Raise a Native 61 Gold Digger 62	
	Jealous Appeal 83 4 wins, \$80,855 9 fls, 4 SWs DI=5.86	Broom Dance 79 15 fls, 1 SW DI=3.50	File 76	Tom Rolfe 62 Continue 58	
		Valid Appeal 72 790 fls, 88 SWs SI 2.18 DI=2.79	Dance Spell 73	Thinking Cap 52 Enchanted Eve 49	Northern Dancer 61 Obeah 65
Yellow Heat 01 2 fls, 1 SW DI=2.56	Gold Fever 93 7 wins, \$480,712, SW 431 fls, 12 SWs SI 1.13 DI=2.09	Jealous Cat 75 8 fls, 0 SWs DI=5.00	Witching Hour 60	Intentionally 56 My Dear Girl 57	
		Forty Niner 85 881 fls, 57 SWs SI 2.07 DI=2.63	In Reality 64	Moslem Chief 57 Scotch Verdict 60	
	The Real Thing 94 Unplaced, \$1,725 9 fls, 0 SWs DI=4.00	Lead Kindly Light 83 9 fls, 2 SWs DI=2.53	*Cougar II 66	Desert Trial 63	Tale of Two Cities 51 *Cindy Lou II 55
		Capote 84 824 fls, 62 SWs SI 1.84 DI=3.00	Only the Loyal 69	Never Bend 60 Another Love 63	Raise a Native 61 Gold Digger 62
Mime (Ire) 87 11 fls, 0 SWs DI=3.00	Cure the Blues 78	Seattle Slew 74	Mr. Prospector 70	Tom Rolfe 62 Continue 58	
		Too Bald 64	File 76	Majestic Prince 66 Irradiate 66	
		Exclusive Dancer 67	Majestic Light 73	Damascus 64 Ten Cents a Dance 73	
			Arabian Dancer 79	Bold Reasoning 68 My Charmer 69	
			Cure the Blues 78	Bald Eagle 55 Hidden Talent 56	
			Exclusive Dancer 67	Stop the Music 70 Quick Cure 71	
				Native Dancer 50 Exclusive 53	

As such, Yellow Heat's parents are descendants of the same family, creating inbreeding to their common matron Exclusive Dancer, 5x3.

R Heat Lightning hails from the sixth crop of the End Sweep stallion Trippi and is the latest of his four American graded stakes winners, his first at the Grade 1 level.

A former Grade 1-winning sprinter, Trippi was a Florida-leading sire before his export to South Africa following the 2008 season.

R Heat Lightning represents the first graded stakes winner inbred to 1987 champion two-year-old male Forty Niner, who appears in this pedigree as the paternal grandsire of both her sire and dam.

So far, close inbreeding to sons of Mr. Prospector has not been a recipe for success. But, of course, Lightning can always strike twice.

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