



PEDIGREE PROFILE

Bourbonette winner Hot Cha Cha makes all the right moves

by Rommy Faversham

Not to be denied by a wide trip, three-year-old filly Hot Cha Cha circled the field before dashing past the leaders in midstretch en route to a dominant six-length victory in the \$150,000 Bourbonette Oaks (G3) on March 21 at Turfway Park.



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HOT CHA CHA

Sent off as the 9-to-1 fifth wagering choice, the Cactus Ridge filly prevailed in her stakes debut, completing one mile on the synthetic Polytrack surface in 1:37.22.

Hot Cha Cha entered off an optional claiming victory at the same distance on March 7 at the Florence, Kentucky, track. The dark bay or brown filly has won three of her five lifetime starts, all at Turfway. Her bankroll stands at \$114,760.

Hot Cha Cha was bred in Kentucky by her owner, Nelson McMakin, who also bred her dam, the Broad Brush mare Reduced Sentence, who was unplaced in two starts at age three.

Reduced Sentence has produced two winners from three starters. So far, daughters of Broad Brush have produced 15 group or graded stakes winners, including 2006 champion two-year-old filly Dreaming of Anna.

Hot Cha Cha's family (number 5-f) is anchored by her fifth dam, the Foundation Mare Grey Flight, who produced an amazing nine stakes winners while initiating her own profound influence on the breed. The gray daughter of *Mahmoud was the highest-priced filly at the 1946 Saratoga yearling sale when purchased for \$35,000 by Mrs. Henry Carnegie Phipps's Wheatley Stable.

Hot Cha Cha's fourth dam, allowance winner Clear Ceiling, produced three stakes winners, including 1980 One Thousand Guineas (Eng-G1) winner Quick as Lightning.

This high-octane tribe would later be advanced by Phipps's scion and eminent horseman Ogden Mills Phipps, who bred Hot Cha Cha's second and third dams, Long Term and Infinite.

Hot Cha Cha's grandam, Long Term, is a close relative of recent Racing Hall of Fame inductee Inside Information. Both are by Private Account out of a daughter of Clear Ceiling, a full sister to two-time

Hot Cha Cha, dk. b. or br. f., 2006				
Cactus Ridge 01 190 fls, 2 SWs SI 1.15 DI=3.00	Hennessy 93 4 wins, \$580,400, SW 1226 fls, 67 SWs SI 1.71 DI=3.80	Storm Cat 83 1308 fls, 169 SWs SI 4.08 DI=4.00	Storm Bird 78	Northern Dancer 61 South Ocean 67
		Island Kitty 76 13 fls, 4 SWs DI=1.40	*Hawaii 64	Secretariat 70 Crimson Saint 69
		Double Park (Fr) 94 2 wins, \$57,392, Spl 6 fls, 3 SWs DI=3.00	Lycius 88 539 fls, 30 SWs SI 0.91 DI=3.48	=Utrillo II (It) 58 =Ethane (SA) 47
		Just Pretty 90 9 fls, 0 SWs DI=2.80	T. C. Kitten 69	Tom Cat 60 Needlebug 61
Reduced Sentence 00 3 fls, 1 SW DI=3.42	Broad Brush 83 14 wins, \$2,656,793, SW 668 fls, 93 SWs SI 2.61 DI=3.38	Ack Ack 66 580 fls, 54 SWs SI 2.30 DI=3.36	Mr. Prospector 70	Raise a Native 61 Gold Digger 62
		Hay Patcher 73 12 fls, 3 SWs DI=2.60	Lypatia (Fr) 75	Lypard 69 =Hypatia (GB) 68
		Private Account 76 589 fls, 61 SWs SI 4.00 DI=3.00	Danzig 77	Northern Dancer 61 Pas de Nom 68
		Long Term 88 2 wins, \$75,880 9 fls, 0 SWs DI=3.31	Infinite 80 11 fls, 1 SW DI=3.00	Fitnah (GB) 82 =Kris (GB) 76 GreenlandPark(Ire) 76
		Damascus 64	Armageddon 49 Ethel Walker 53	
		Numbered Account 69	*Turn-to 51 Cherokee Rose 51	
		Majestic Light 73	Tom Rolfe 62 Wavy Navy 54	
		Clear Ceiling 68	*Turn-to 51 Hidden Talent 56	
			Sword Dancer 56 Kerala 58	
			Buckpasser 63 Intriguing 64	
			Majestic Prince 66 Irradiate 66	
			Bold Ruler 54 Grey Flight 45	

leading United States sire What a Pleasure and a half sister to multiple champion filly Misty Morn, dam of two champions.

This branch of the Grey Flight clan has also produced United States champions Smuggler and Kona Gold and multiple Grade 1 winner Educated Risk.

Hot Cha Cha's Bourbonette score is the first graded stakes win for her sire, Cactus Ridge.

The Hennessy stallion was unbeaten in four starts as a two-year-old, including a trio of stakes victories by a combined 24½ lengths. A right knee injury suffered prior to the 2003 Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) led to Cactus Ridge's early retirement. He stands at Walmac Farm in Lexington for a fee of \$6,000.

A five-generation outcross, Hot Cha Cha's pedigree does not demonstrate any special patterns or affinities. Her success simply affirms that the right elements are all there.

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