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Carolina spices things up in Germany!

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Carolina Reaper (green and white) gets home under Jack Mitchell ahead of Schutzenzauber in German Group 3

Group 3 winner was too hot to handle

Carolina Reaper takes German contest

GALLOP RACING's Carolina Reaper travelled to Germany for a Group race and proved just too hot for her rivals to handle.

The two-year-old went to Baden-Baden for the first German juvenile Group race of the year, the Group 3 Renate and Albrecht Woeste Zukunfts Stakes on August 30, and the Too Darn Hot filly produced a red-hot performance to take the honours.

The winner of a fillies' maiden at Newmarket on July 22, Carolina Reaper returned to the July Course on August 12, when she finished a creditable fifth behind Fallen Angel in the Group 3 Sweet Solera Stakes. As at Newmarket, Jack Mitchell took the ride on Carolina Reaper at Baden-Baden's Iffezheim racecourse, which is on the edge of the Black Forest. The Group 3 contest, with nearly £30,000 to the winner, was part of the track's Great Summer Festival

Week, which boasts six Group and three Listed events.

Carolina Reaper's race was run over seven furlongs and the filly, sent off as the 2/1 favourite, was settled in eighth of the 11 runners in the early stages as the race unfolded at a sound pace. Turning wide into the home straight, Jack brought the filly across to the stands' rails and she came with a long, sustained run and stayed on resolutely to score by a neck from Schutzenzauber, with West Man half a length back in third.

'It was a tough race for her,' said winning jockey Jack after the race.

'In England, she's very sharp and can make the running, but today she just didn't want to. I had to ride her differently, be wherever she was happy, and she did just enough for me.'

The win gives first-season sire Too Darn Hot his third Group winner, after

Fallen Angel and Darnation, both also fillies. Carolina Reaper is out of the Shamardal mare, Dark Promise, a half-sister to the Oaks winner Love Divine, whose five career wins included the Listed Rosemary Stakes at Newmarket. She was picked up by Johnston Racing for 46,000gns as part of Book 2 of last year's Tattersalls October Yearling Sale.

CAROLINA Reaper holds an entry in the Rockfel Stakes for juvenile fillies, run over seven furlongs of the Rowley Mile at Newmarket at the end of this month, and connections may well feel that she is up to running in that Group 2 event.

● By Too Darn Hot, the filly is cleverly named because a Carolina Reaper is a red, gnarled pepper named as the hottest chili pepper in the world by Guinness World Records in 2013.