



PEDIGREE PROFILE

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Well-rooted homebred earns more Acclamation in Eddie Read

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Taking command in the opening strides and never looking back, Acclamation brought his 'A game' to Del Mar on July 23, scoring a 3/4-length victory in the Eddie Read Stakes (G1).

The five-year-old Unusual Heat horse entered off a pair of

repeat victories in the Charles Whittingham Memorial Handicap (G1) and Jim Murray Handicap (G2), both at Hollywood Park.

The Eddie Read is Acclamation's third win from five starts this season and seventh in 26 lifetime starts. He has earned



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\$938,048 in four racing seasons.

A legitimate midseason contender for champion turf male honors, Acclamation's ultimate goal is the Emirates Airline Breeders' Cup Turf (G1) on November 5 at Churchill Downs.

Acclamation's immediate female family was developed in California by his breeder, the venerable Old English Rancho. Its founder, Ellwood Johnston, picked our subject's third dam, Solidity, out of a \$1,250 claimer at the old Agua Caliente Racetrack in Tijuana, Mexico, in 1960. Despite only one win from 17 lifetime starts, Solidity would go on to become one of her farm's premier matrons.

Acclamation represents the last foal out of the unraced Silveyville mare Winning in Style, producer of five winners from seven starters and a half sister to 1987 San Vicente Stakes (G3) winner Stylish Winner, by Obraztsov.

The tribe's anchor, Solidity, began to flourish as a producer in 1966 when her daughter, the remarkable filly Fleet Treat, beat her three-year old peers in the Railbird Stakes and her elders in the Milady, Palomar, and Ramona Handicaps.

Solidity's granddaughter Generous Portion and daughter Impressive Style combined for another family highlight when they won consecutive runnings of the Del Mar Debutante in 1970 and 1971.

Since then, important winners from this clan include 1976 Arlington-Washington Lassie Stakes (G2) winner Special Warmth; her grandson, four-time Grade 1 winner Marlin; and, more recently, the Grade 1-winning half sisters Madcap Escapade and

Acclamation, b. h., 2006

Unusual Heat 90 506 fls, 27 SWs SI 1.89 DI=1.62	Nureyev 77 2 wins, \$42,522 Champion 786 fls, 137 SWs SI 4.73 DI=2.83	Northern Dancer 61 636 fls, 147 SWs SI 5.82 DI=3.00	Nearctic 54 Natalma 57	=Nearco (It) 35 *Lady Angela 44 Native Dancer 50 Almahmoud 47
	Rossard (Den) 80 14 wins, \$202,858 Champion 13 fls, 1 SW DI=2.20	=Glacial (Den) 66 23 fls, 2 SWs SI 15.94 DI=1.29	Special 69 9 fls, 3 SWs DI=1.52	*Forli 63 Thong 64
Winning in Style 88 10 fls, 1 SW DI=1.33	Silveyville 78 19 wins, \$1,282,880, SW 260 fls, 6 SWs SI 0.79 DI=1.20	*Petrone 64 459 fls, 30 SWs SI 1.25 DI=0.64	*Prince Taj 54 =Wild Miss (Fr) 52	*Djeddah 45 Night Sound 46 *Wilwyn 48 =Light of Day (GB) 39 =Prince Bio (Fr) 41 *Malindi 47
	Lady With Style 74 Unraced 9 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.89	Zurina 70 14 fls, 2 SWs DI=2.20	Successor 64 *Paladrina 62	*Orsini II 54 =Prompt Payment (GB) 50
		Fleet Discovery 63 83 fls, 3 SWs SI 1.30 DI=1.45	Fleet Nasrullah 55 Grass Roots 58	*Nasrullah 40 Happy Go Fleet 50 Discovery 31 Grass Shack 51
		Solidity 57 9 fls, 3 SWs DI=1.91	Solidarity 45 Datura 43	*Alibhai 38 *Jerrybuilt 36 Eight Thirty 36 Thorn Apple 37

Dubai Escapade, fifth generation descendants of Solidity.

Acclamation is the second consecutive Eddie Read winner by the Nureyev stallion Unusual Heat following The Usual Q. T.'s victory last year.

In his first season of service at Harris Farms in Coalinga, California, Unusual Heat is vying for his fourth consecutive state sire title. As it stands, Acclamation's lion's share of the Eddie Read purse, \$180,000, returned his sire to the state lead for 2011 earnings.

A five-generation outcross, Acclamation's pedigree is supported by a network of complementary strains tracing back to Mumtaz Mahal (GB), a primary source of mid-20th century English speed.

His dam, Winning in Style, demonstrates 4x4 inbreeding to the mare Malindi and her brilliant full brother *Nasrullah.

As for the top half, Unusual Heat is inbred, 5x5, to the fleet *Mahmoud, a three-quarter brother to the dam of the aforementioned siblings.

Despite a complete lack of racing class from Acclamation's first three dams, this is a well-meant pedigree.

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