

TEAM VALOR PASSES THE \$3-MILLION PLATEAU WITH WIN BY FAIRBANKS, FIRST-EVER 50-WIN SEASON IN SIGHT WITH 48 WINS THROUGH SATURDAY, STABLE HAS NOW WON 13 STAKES RACES DURING CURRENT CAMPAIGN, ALL 10 OF STABLE'S STAKES WINNERS IN 2008 HAVE WON GRADED STAKES



Team Valor International, with the win by Fairbanks, increased its seasonal earnings to \$3,183,234. The win, coupled with that of Chiquita earlier in the day, upped the number of tallies this year to 48 and put the stable 2 wins away from its first-ever 50-win season.

In the 22 years that Barry Irwin has raced syndicated runners, the winning percentage has been exactly 19 percent. This season the stable is running half a percent better at 19.5. Better than 1 in 4 wins this year have come in stakes races.

The Kentucky-based racing operation has sent out 10 individual stakes winners this season and all of them have won a Graded stakes. The 10 winners have won 13 added-money events.

“The concentration of quality really is something,” noted Kathleen Jones Irwin. “As they say here in the bluegrass, that’s ‘qual-d’ with a capital D.’ Barry thinks we still have horses out there that will pad to the total of stakes winners and stakes wins this season. He cites Woodland City, Tasha’s Miracle, Audacious Chloe, Sugar Baby Love, Mesa Marauder, Jet Park, Becrux, Aquino, Afleet Bob, Miss Singhsix, Collegiate and Chiquita among them. I sure hope he is right about at least some of them, because it is starting to get a little late!”

Team Valor International’s 10 Graded stakes winners in 2008 are as follows:

- **Visionaire** Grade 1 King’s Bishop, Grade 3 Gotham
- **Russian Sage** Grade 1 Daily New 2000, Champion Colt at 3 in South Africa.
- **Unbridled Belle** Grade 3 Obeah, 3rd Grade 1 Personal Ensign
- **Sailor’s Cap** Grade 3 Colonial Turf Cup, 3rd Grade 2 Virginia Derby
- **On Her Toes** Grade 1 Alan Robertson Fillies Championship
- **Stratos** Grade 1 Empress Club Stakes, Grade 2 Ipi Tombe Stakes
- **Captain’s Lover** Group 3 Prix du Pin in France, Champion Filly at 3 in South Africa
- **Alexandra Rose** Grade 3 Monrovia Handicap
- **She’s on Fire** Grade 2 Gerald Rosenberg, 2nd Grade 1 Challenge Stakes
- **Fairbanks** Grade 2 Hawthorne Gold Cup, 2nd Grade 2 Gulfstream Park H.