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TEAM VALOR GETS VICTORY NUMBER 50 FOR SEASON WITH OAK TREE WIN, YEARLING SELECTION MR. SATURDAYNIGHT WINS ROUTE AT SANTA ANITA, COLT IS SECOND WINNER FROM THREE STARTERS IN YEARLING SALE LLC



Mr. Saturdaynight scored win number 50 for a Team Valor International runner this year when he bulled his way through between horses to score a maiden victory at Oak Tree this afternoon.

The 2-year-old Grand Slam colt is among 3 starters from 6 yearlings Team Valor bought in July of 2008 at the Fasig-Tipton Summer Sale and put into a partnership.

The colt joined recent Calder-based juvenile filly Winsockie as the second winner to represent the partnership. He is trained by John Sadler.

Winsockie ran second in her debut, placed in the \$125,000 Susan's Girl Stakes next time out and then broke her maiden on grass. The Marty Wolfson-trained filly will make her next start at Calder in the \$400,000 My Dear Girl Stakes, which could serve as a launching pad for either the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Filly or the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Filly Turf. Since Team Valor is pointing recent Italian stakes winner Junia Tepzia for the Juvenile Filly Turf, they would prefer to run the Trippi filly Winsockie on the Pro Ride surface.

Mr. Saturdaynight, a \$75,000 purchase at the Summer Yearling Sale in Lexington, races in the name of Team Valor International and Hollywood motion picture producer Gary Barber. He raced greenly sprinting in his debut, surprisingly set a stiff pace before wilting in midstretch in his first route race and was ready to win today at Santa Anita.

Jockey Rafael Bejarano, who might be the best jockey in the country when he is not falling off his mounts, looked to be in deep water at the five-sixteenths pole when the colt dropped the bit and raised his head. The Peruvian rider worked his magic, bulled his way between horses in the final 100 yards and drove the colt to victory by a half length. The colt showed high pluck, not even so much as jinking when the rider's whip on the colt outside of him nailed him across the face.



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Team Valor International, with 50 wins, is enjoying its second best season on record in terms of tallies and is aiming to best last season's all time win total for the stable of 67 wins.