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TEAM VALOR ACHIEVES ITS FIRST-EVER 50-WIN SEASON WITH VICTORY, STAKES WINNER MILLER TIME SCORES IN SOUTH AFRICA TO SEAL DEAL, STABLE HOPES TO REACH 60-WIN PLATEAU BEFORE 2008 IS IN THE BOOKS



Miller Time provided Team Valor with win number 50 in 2008.

When 4-year-old Miller Time crossed under the wire three-quarters of a length to the good in a handicap race at Arlington Park in South Africa on Friday afternoon, he allowed Team Valor International to achieve a milestone victory number 50, making it the first time that the Kentucky-based racing stable had won as many as half a century of contests in a single season.

Barry Irwin, owner of Team Valor International, has formed syndicates to race horses since 1987 and in the previous 21 seasons, only twice did his stable of partnership-owned runners manage to win as many as 44 races, which it accomplished twice in the years 1993 and 2007.

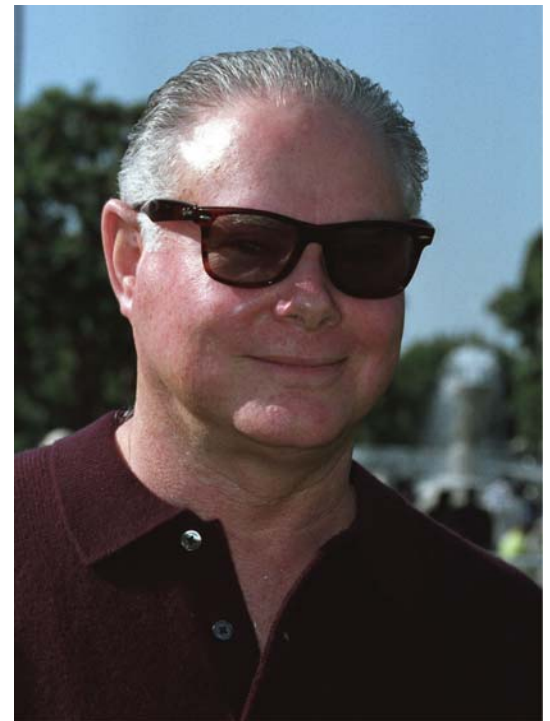
Team Valor this season has sent out winners 50 times from 256 starts for a winning strike rate of 19.57 percent, which is slightly above the yearly winning average of 19 percent with nearly 3500 starts since 1987.

“We are hoping, because we have plenty of ammo and there are still 2 ½ months remaining in the year, that we can reach 60 winners,” said Irwin. “It is within our reach, with a little luck.”

Miller Time is among 95 stakes winners to represent an Irwin-formed partnership, which since 1987 has cranked them out at a rate of 27 percent.

Interestingly 29.3 percent of the stable’s victories have come in stakes races throughout the world in such countries as the United States, Canada, England, Ireland, France, Germany, Italy, South Africa, China (Hong Kong) and the United Arab Emirates (Dubai).

Team Valor in 2008 has sent out 10 individual stakes winners, all of which have won at the Graded level. Among the stables 17 stakes horses, 8 have won or placed at the Grade 1 level.



Stable owner Irwin says 60 wins is possible.