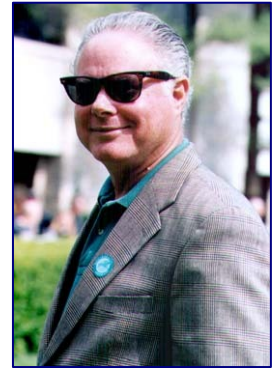


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TEAM VALOR INTERNATIONAL LIVES UP TO NAME WITH GLOBAL RACING, STABLE POSTS VICTORIES IN 8 OF 11 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES THIS SEASON, BARRY IRWIN MANAGEMENT YIELDS 51 WORLDWIDE WINS TO DATE IN 2009

When 3-year-old Gitano Hernando upset a stellar field in the Grade 1 Goodwood Handicap at Santa Anita's Oak Tree meet, it marked win number 51 for Team Valor and its partners on the global stage for the current season. But more importantly, it marked the 18th stakes victory of the year, which is double the number of stakes wins of the nearest competitor among North American public syndicate stables.



Barry Irwin, owner of Team Valor International and manager of the horses in the stable, has formed syndicates to race horses since 1987. In the previous 21 seasons, the stable has never been more global in its sights than it is today.

Public Syndicate Groups - Stakes Stats for 2009				
	Stakes Wins	Stakes Winners	Graded Stakes wins	Individual Gr Winners
TEAM VALOR	18	15	8	6
IEA H	9	7	6	5
WEST POINT	9	7	6	4
PEACHTREE	4	4	2	2
WOODFORD RACING	4	4		
SOVEREIGN	3	2	1	1
STARLIGHT	2	1	2	1
CLASS	1	1	1	1
DOGWOOD	1	1		
CENTENNIAL	1	1		
ELITE RACING	1	1		
KARAKORUM	1	1		
HORIZON				
BLINKERS ON				
PEWTER				
SACKATOGA STABLE				
BONGO				
PARTING GLASS				
TEAM VICTORY				
LEGENDS RACING				
STARVIEW				
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Naysayers and jealous rivals comment from time to time that most of Team Valor's wins are fashioned abroad, as though that is some sort of negative. Provincial comes from a French word, but American racing folk have given it a new meaning, as they still think that the highest quality of competition in the world takes place in the United States, which is absurd.

"We have never given credence to that claim made by our competitors," said stable statistician Kathleen Irwin. "Our victory last weekend in the Grade 1 Goodwood with Gitano Hernando proves the point that we do win big races here, and often with

stock prospected from abroad. Through careful management and diligent race selection, Barry has crafted a stellar international record."

"Our stats show we have double the stakes victories of our nearest competitors, and even if none of the foreign stakes are counted, we are still exactly even with the other leading partnership groups with 9 stakes victories. And on top of that we have won these 9 other international stakes."

Team Valor International has raced in 11 different countries in 2009, posting wins in 8 of them. Stakes victories have been garnered in 5 separate countries. The stable was also stakes-placed in three other countries.

Countries raced in:	Countries won in:	Won or placed in stakes:	Won stakes in:
USA	USA	USA	USA
South Africa	South Africa	South Africa	South Africa
England	England	England	Uruguay
Uruguay	Uruguay	Uruguay	Germany
Germany	Germany	Germany	Italy
Italy	Italy	Italy	
France	France	Canada	
Saudi Arabia	Saudi Arabia	Dubai	
Canada			
Dubai			
Brazil			

So far in 2009, Team Valor has won stakes with 15 horses, as well as placed in stakes with 10 other runners.

Currently the win mark stands at 51, which makes the 2009 season the second best year for the stable, following last year's record-breaking total of 67.

Team Valor, which lost a couple of races last week in the shadow of the wire, is still on track to equal or break the new mark established last season.

“Lest anybody think that Team Valor is having an abnormally exceptional year,” cautioned Mrs. Irwin, “it should be pointed out that this is far from the case.

“Last season, for example, Team Valor International enjoyed a typically stellar season. Last season, Grade 1 races were taken by Russian Sage (Daily News 2000), Visionaire (King’s Bishop Stakes), Stratos (Empress Club Stakes), On Her Toes (Allan Robertson Fillies Championship).

“Team Valor was represented by two Champions in the form of Captain’s Lover and Russian Sage, who were voted Champion Filly and Colt at 3 in South Africa and in the process capped a dominating season for the stable in the tip of the Southern Hemisphere.

“Quality, the hallmark of the racing enterprise, remained high, as 18 individual horses earned black type by winning or placing in stakes races. Among the 18 stakes horses, no less than 14 of them won or placed in Graded races and among the 14, there were 11 stakes winners and all of them won Graded stakes. Finally, another remarkable achievement is that Team Valor International had 10 of its racehorses win or placed in Grade 1 races during the incredible 2008 campaign, which is a stunning achievement for any racing enterprise.”

Barry Irwin and trainer Todd Pletcher have combined to win four stakes races during the current 2009 season.

