

## TEAM VALOR YEAR-END STATS CONFIRM STABLE ENJOYED GREAT SEASON TVI NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY RATED AMONG BEST STABLES KATHLEEN IRWIN REVIEWS END-OF-SEASON STATISTICS IN FINAL WRAP-UP



Team Valor International as usual enjoyed a successful racing season in 2019. And, as per usual, the stable's success in stakes races mirrored its overall success in all types of racing. Stakes races in theory are harder to navigate because of the higher class levels involved, so for TVI to have the same strike rate in stakes as it does in maiden and allowance races is quite an accomplishment.

TVI overall made 247 starts, won 41 races and won at a strike rate of 17 percent.

TVI in stakes races made 72 starts, won 12 races and won at a strike rate of 17 percent.

"Interestingly the ITM (in the money) percentage of 43 in stakes is only 1 percentage point lower than the ITM for all races combined, indicating that our horses are both well-meant as well as well-performed in black-type events" said stable statistician Kathleen Jones Irwin.

So in 72 stakes races, TVI has 12 wins (7 Graded), 10 seconds and 9 thirds.



Overall 16 horses earned black type, with Pivotal Connection being the latest one, and of those 12 earned their stakes brackets in Graded or Group races.

For the season Team Valor International horses won or placed in 33 stakes races, 21 of which were either Graded or Group fixtures.

Horses earning black type for the first time in 2019 are as follows:

- **TECHNICIAN** Group 1, Group 2, Group 3 and Listed wins (photo above)
- **SPANISH MISSION** Group 3 and \$1-million Jockey Club Derby wins
- **OLEKSANDRA** Grade 3 and Listed wins, Grade 2 and Grade 3 placing
- **AXANA** Group 3 wins twice, Group 2 placed
- **FIRST PREMIO** Listed winner
- **GOUVERNEUR MORRIS** Grade 1 placed
- **VICTORY KINGDOM** Group 2 placed, Group 3 placed
- **HASTALAVISTABABY** Listed placed
- **MADITA** Group 3 placed, Listed placed
- **PILLAR MOUNTAIN** Listed placed
- **LAST OPPORTUNITY** Grade 3 placed
- **ROLL IN THE HAY** Grade 2 placed
- **PIVOTAL CONNECTION** Listed placed