

January 4, 2011

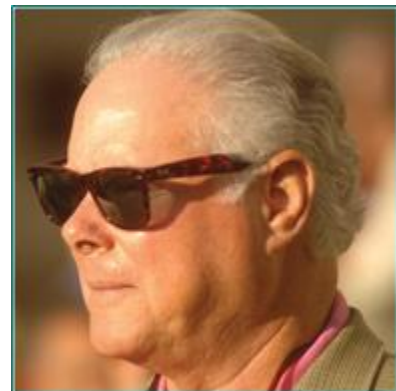
## TEAM VALOR INTERNATIONAL 2010 SEASONAL WRAP-UP OF ITS STATISTICS, STABLE ENJOYS CONSIDERABLE DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS, KENTUCKY STABLE FINISHES UP STRONG TO RECORD ANOTHER FINE YEAR, BARRY IRWIN IS UNUSUALLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR 2011



Each season for the past few years, Team Valor International has enjoyed so much success on the race courses of the world, Barry Irwin wonders how the Versailles-based racing stable can possibly do it again and steels his mind to adjust for an off year. But so far it has not happened.

“This year, I actually feel that we will be stronger than in the previous year, which is a first for me,” he said. “We are loaded both at home and abroad. We have brought some youngsters in that we planned to race in Europe, but the Fair Hill options make having to rely upon Europe to develop our young stock unnecessary now. I think we will break every record in the books in 2011.”

In 2011, Team Valor’s stock at home and abroad made 41 fewer starts, yet the results were just as impressive on a pro rata basis. Earnings of \$3,144,988 exceeded last season’s total by \$647,493. The stable increased its winning strike rate from 18 to 20 percent. Even though the horses ran 41 fewer times, Team Valor was able to win just one fewer race, its total of 56 wins being its third greatest total of all-time.



*Barry Irwin unusually optimistic for the stable’s 2011 prospects.*

Team Valor runners reached the finishing post first 17 times in stakes races throughout the globe, which was 11 times more than any other North American partnership could boast. In fact, Team Valor won 10 Graded races, which is more than any other partnership stable managed in any type of stakes race. Team Valor came within 1 win of tripling the total for West Point Thoroughbreds, which tied for the second spot in the standings among partnership stables.



*Graham Motion takes over the domestic string in the spring.*

Truth be told, Team Valor did finish first in 18 stakes races, but was robbed of one of them by French racing authorities, which disqualified Brigantin from a Listed victory in France because a racing official assigned an incorrect weight to the horse, who won for fun and undoubtedly would have won the race legitimately had the error been found before instead of after the stakes race.

Graded stakes were won by Ebony Flyer, Gitano Hernando, Gypsy’s Warning, Miss Singhsix, Pluck, Brigantin and Success Counts.

Team Valor won at a strike rate of 20 percent or more for the fifth time in the last 10 racing seasons, which is remarkable considering how many stakes races at a high level the horses race at. Amazingly 30 percent of the races the stable has won in the last 24 racing seasons have come in stakes events.

**TEAM VALOR LEADS ALL THE PUBLIC PARTNERSHIPS IN STAKES WINNERS, OUTFIT HAS NEARLY TRIPLE THE NUMBER OF STAKES WINS AS RUNNER-UP, KENTUCKY STABLE HAS WON 17 STAKES, 10 GRADED TO DATE THIS SEASON**



Team Valor International, which took a commanding lead over all North American partnership stables into the final fortnight of the season, will not be represented by another runner in a stakes this season.

So it will end the 2010 campaign, exactly where it ended the last few, leading in all major categories involving number of stakes winners. The chart below shows the Kentucky-based stable leading its competitors in number of stakes victories (17 to 6), number of stakes winners (12 to 5), number of Graded stakes winners (6 to 4) and number of Graded stakes scores (10 to 4).

**Public Syndicate Groups - Stakes Stats for 2010**

	Stk Wins	SWnrs	GSWins	GSWnrs
TEAM VALOR INTERNATIONAL	17	12	10	6
STARLIGHT	6	5	4	4
WEST POINT	6	5	1	1
IEAH	5	4	4	3
THREE CHIMNEYS	3	2	2	2
PEACHTREE	3	3	2	2
FUNKY MONKEY STABLE	3	2	-	-
THOROUGHbred LEGENDS	2	2	2	2
DOGWOOD	2	2	1	1
WOODFORD RACING	2	2	-	-
FANTASY LANE	2	2	-	-
CLASS	2	1	-	-
TEAM STALLION	1	1	1	1
VICTORY THOROUGHbreds	1	1	-	-
CENTENNIAL	1	1	-	-
PINNACLE RACING	1	1	-	-
BLINKERS ON	1	1	-	-
SOVEREIGN	-	-	-	-
ELITE RACING	-	-	-	-
PEWTER	-	-	-	-
SACKATOGA STABLE	-	-	-	-
BONGO	-	-	-	-
PARTING GLASS	-	-	-	-
TEAM VICTORY	-	-	-	-
STARVIEW	-	-	-	-