

## TEAM VALOR INTERNATIONAL RANKED EIGHTH IN DOMESTIC EARNINGS AMAZINGLY 44 PERCENT OF TVI'S U. S. VICTORIES CAME IN STAKES RACES KENTUCKY STABLE TOPS ALL-TIME RECORD WITH EARNINGS OF \$3,978,167

Team Valor International completed yet another record-breaking season in 2011, smashing the mark for earnings with combined gleanings of \$3,978,167.



Domestically, Team Valor officially ranked 10<sup>th</sup> on the list as compiled by Equibase, but they chose not to include more than \$300,000 in earnings gleaned by all of its partnership-owned stock. When these are included, Team Valor ranks 8<sup>th</sup> with earnings of \$3,513,179.

The stable hit at a winning strike rate domestically of 21.43 percent, winning 27 races. Without doubt its single most amazing stat is that 44 percent of the races won in the United States by Team Valor International came in stakes races. Team Valor won at a strike rate of between 23 and 22 percent over the last 8 months in a year earmarked by the stable's consistency.

As usual, Team Valor led all public syndicates, winning 17 stakes races with 13 individual stakes winners, scoring black-type victories in the United States, France and South Africa. Combining all of the runners for the stable worldwide in 2011, the stable won at 22.32 percent, won 50 races from 224 starts and gleaned \$3,978,167.

Barry Irwin said "We expect a fast start to 2012, as we have half a dozen horses lined up for stakes in January and most of the horses will be very live."

The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Barry Irwin forming partnership was celebrated in great style in 2011, as the stable of syndicated racehorses achieved the ultimate goal of every owner in the United States, that of winning the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs.

"It was a great achievement," Irwin said. "The full import of which probably hasn't hit me yet. I can just say that I am so glad that I was able to create a scenario in which some of our longest standing clients were able to live their dream.

"Watching Carl Pascarella tiptoeing across the grass of the infield towards the winners' circle. Bruce Zoldan dancing on a table top in the clubhouse. Norton Herrick's wide-eyed exuberance of disbelief. Mark Polivka trying to maintain his composure. Tom Furey grinning. These images that I will never forget."

