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PARTNER JAMES LEONARD SCORES VALUABLE WIN IN 2012 CONTEST NORTH CAROLINA RESIDENT GAINS 5-PERCENT INTEREST IN 2013 PROSPECT TEAM VALOR ALSO OFFERS QUARTERLY CONTESTS FOR ACTIVE PARTNERS

James Leonard, a loyal supporter of Team Valor's racing interests in South Africa, scored a valuable victory in the stable's 2012 contest for active partners.

Leonard was the most precise of more than 100 contestants with his prediction of 39 Team Valor wins and \$3,110,000 in race earnings for the calendar year.



James Leonard predicted 39 wins for the 2012 season and Team Valor got there with a filly, Home Tree, in whom he is a partner.

cash prize and would have prevailed in the full-year contest with one more trip to the winner's circle—he predicted 40.

"I didn't think much about the annual contest, I'd been paying attention to the quarterly contests, and then I got to thinking, 'What in the world did I have for the wins for the year,'" Leonard recalled. "Last year, I had been one of the lower totals in the partnership, and of course, they blew by it probably in the third quarter. But I saw that I was right there in the mix this year, except I didn't know what other people had. The wins were at 38, and it looked like 2 of the horses I am in, Agra and Cape Cutter, were going to run before the end of the year, along with Capitan Futuro. I thought 'I'm sure one of those horses will win, I don't know about more than one.' Then it popped up that Home Tree, who is another horse that I own, would run, and it was funny that she turned out to be the one winner.

With Leonard's dedication to South African racing, it was quite fitting that the decisive race turned out to be a victory by Home Tree at Kenilworth in Cape Town on December 22. Team Valor ended the year with 39 wins in 252 starts and \$2,939,919 in earnings.

Leonard's triumph entitles him to a 5-percent interest in any racing prospect that Team Valor syndicates in 2013, up to a syndicated value of \$1-million. Leonard, a corporate controller for a group of car dealerships in North and South Carolina, was directly involved in some of Team Valor's biggest wins in 2012 as a partner in multiple Grade 1 winner Ebony Flyer and stakes winner Agra.

Also with the end of 2012, Paul Cheng scored in the finale of four contests where partners predict Team Valor's tally of stakes wins each quarter. Cheng, a Texan, wins a \$2,500



James Leonard watched from home last January as Ebony Flyer completed a memorable stakes double that began with Agra's victory in the Summer Juvenile.

“The contests are kind of like playing Spades, like how many books am I going to get this round. I read the *Bulletin* and you kind of get a sense based on the horses’ age what you might expect them to do, but it’s a lot of luck.”

Agra was part of a 2-win day in South Africa on January 21 that Leonard pointed to as one of the highlights in his time in racing. Agra, a fleet filly, scored over males in the Summer Juvenile Stakes on the same card of Ebony Flyer’s Grade 1 victory in the Majorca Stakes.

“You have to get up at the crack of dawn to watch those races on the East Coast, and I got up to watch those races and even though I was sitting at home at 7 o’clock in the morning, thousands of miles away, that was one of the most exciting days in my racing career,” he said.



Leonard has enjoyed quite a few racing thrills, starting with his first investment in a South Africa filly package in 2006 that included Captain’s Lover (right), a champion in her native country and Graded stakes winner on three continents. He proceeded to get involved in Captain’s Lover’s dam, Sunshine Lover, and a half sister, who turned out to be Ebony Flyer. Leonard has more on the horizon as a partner in Cape Cutter, a half brother to Ebony Flyer and full sister to Captain’s Lover.

Entries are currently being taken for the 2013 full-year contest and the first-quarter stakes contest. All partners with a current interest in a Team Valor or Valor Ladies horse may email their predictions to Mary Hope Kramer [here](#) through January 14.

Team Valor 4th-Quarter Stakes Contest		
Partner	Stakes Wins	Stakes Earnings
<i>Paul Cheng</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>\$250,000</i>
Winston McKellar	2	\$149,750
Mike Bozsum	3	\$675,000
Paul Bradley	3	\$240,000
Mike Cavanagh	3	\$700,000
Robert DeAngelis	3	\$147,000
Don Gallagher	3	\$125,000
Mark Galsky	3	\$150,000
Will Kalina	3	\$190,000
Tony Lavorato	3	\$160,000
Len Lefkow	3	\$305,000
Dan O'Rourke	3	\$120,001
Donald Simcox	3	\$434,000
Grant Sissons	3	\$487,200
Shawn Smith	3	\$300,000
Mike Sullivan	3	\$672,999
Willy Vogt	3	\$215,000
Allen Wong	3	\$333,333

Team Valor Full-Year Stakes Contest		
Partner	Stakes Wins	Earnings
Kevin Gerritt	38	\$3,200,050
Jim Gribbins	38	\$2,560,000
Michael DiMenna	39	\$4,400,000
<i>James Leonard</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>\$3,110,000</i>
David Bell	40	\$3,500,000
Paul Cheng	40	\$3,200,000
Al Frassetto	40	\$5,500,000
Brian Porter	40	\$3,250,000
Gene Whitmire	40	\$3,500,000
Greg Duncan	41	\$2,760,000
Mark Castellano	41	\$2,500,000
Mike Cavanagh	42	\$5,100,000
Paul Friesen	42	\$4,600,000
Anand Narayanappa	42	\$3,280,000
Brad Patton	42	\$3,205,150
Ron Susmarski	42	\$3,150,150
Mark Takenaka	42	\$3,425,000
Michael Tighe	42	\$3,150,000