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CAUSEWAY'S KIN BECOMES A STAKES WINNER ON SATURDAY AT CALDER, TEAM VALOR GETS NINTH STAKES FROM EIGHTH STAKES WINNER IN 2010, WOLFSON COLT IS STAKES WINNER 110 FOR BARRY IRWIN PARTNERSHIP



Causeway's Kin looped his field on the far turn on a wet Calder race course main track today to seal victory in the Band is Passing Stakes in Miami, Florida and become a stakes winner for the first time. The son of Giant's Causeway scored by a length in the two-turn mile race that originally had been scheduled for the grass at a distance half a furlong shorter. Nine of the original 13 members of the field remained intact for the \$55,000 event.

In winning the Florida race, Causeway's Kin became black-type stakes winner number 8 and scored black-type stakes win number 9 for Team Valor International, which in terms of comparison to other public stables that race horses owned by a group of partners placed the Kentucky-based stable even further in the lead.

Causeway's Kin won clear on Saturday in the Band is Passing Stakes at Calder Race Course in his third start this season for Team Valor.

West Point Thoroughbreds, in second place among the public syndicates has 4 stakes wins with 4 stakes winners so far in 2010. Team Valor led all North American stables with syndicated racehorses last season in both categories, which has been a habit of the Versailles outfit for several years.

The latest black-type winner is number 110 from 409 racehorses syndicated by Barry Irwin since 1987 to win a stakes, which computes to 27 percent of all the stable's runners in that time span.

Causeway's Kin was making his third start since Team Valor International acquired him from the Estate of Edmund Gann. He caught Team Valor's attention when forcing Motovato to have to run harder than expected when Causeway's Kin was runner-up to Motovato in the Sumter Stakes at Calder. Motovato earlier had been bought from the same connections. After the Sumter, Team Valor returned to the same well to acquire Causeway's Kin.

Trained by Marty Wolfson, as is Motovato, Causeway's Kin in 3 races wearing the green and red has a stakes win, a Grade 3 runner-up effort and an unplaced race sprinting in a Grade 2. He now has a career record of 11-3-3-1 and earnings of \$117,887.

The rain, associated with Hurricane Bonnie, dumped a lot of rain on the racing surface, but by post time the track was officially labeled as "good," even though it was so deep and tiring Causeway's Kin needed 1:40 3/5 to complete the one lapper. Jockey Jermaine Bridgmohan rode the winner for Marty Wolfson, who has been dominating the stakes statistics all season long at Calder. Wolfson has saddled stakes winners Miss Singhsix, Motovato and Causeway's King for Team Valor in 2010.