

**TEAM VALOR TOPS ALL NORTH AMERICAN PARTNERSHIPS IN STAKES WINS, EBONY FLYER PROVIDES STABLE WITH ITS SIXTH STAKES SCORE OF YEAR, WIN GIVES TVI DOUBLE NUMBER OF SWS AS WEST POINT AND STARLIGHT**



Ebony Flyer remained unbeaten in 2 starts yesterday when she became a black-type winner of the Lady's Slipper Stakes at Arlington Park in South Africa, giving Team Valor International its sixth stakes win of the season and doubling up on the nearest competitors in West Point and Starlight Stable.

Barry Irwin's stable of partnership-owned runners has made a habit of leading such owners in its number of stakes victories over the past several years. Last season the stable had one of its best years yet, scoring victories in 21 stakes races throughout the racing world.

Team Valor in 2010 has won stakes races in the United States, England and South Africa. Team Valor won the \$90,000 Swiss Derby last Sunday, but the race did not count as an official stakes win because not enough races are contested during the year in Switzerland.

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

	SWs	SWnrs	GSWs	GSWnrs
TEAM VALOR INTERNATIONAL	6	5	2	2
STARLIGHT	3	3	2	2
WEST POINT	3	3	-	-
IEAH	2	2	2	2
PEACHTREE	2	2	1	1
FUNKY MONKEY STABLE	2	1	-	-
TEAM STALLION	1	1	1	1
DOGWOOD	1	1	1	1
FANTASY LANE	1	1	-	-
VICTORY THOROUGHBREDS	1	1	-	-
CENTENNIAL	1	1	-	-
PINNACLE RACING	1	1	-	-
WOODFORD RACING	1	1	-	-
SOVEREIGN	-	-	-	-
CLASS	-	-	-	-
ELITE RACING	-	-	-	-
CHASING DREAMS	-	-	-	-
LIVIN THE DREAM	-	-	-	-
PEWTER	-	-	-	-
SACKATOGA STABLE	-	-	-	-
BONGO	-	-	-	-
PARTING GLASS	-	-	-	-
TEAM VICTORY	-	-	-	-
LEGENDS RACING	-	-	-	-
STARVIEW	-	-	-	-
HIBISCUS	-	-	-	-

Source: TVI statistician Kathleen Jones, from reports from Bloodstock Journal and TDM  
 Stats are current through June 24, 2010. \*Paid Advertisement

From Team Valor International's *Insiders' Bulletin* comes the following:

**TEAM VALOR HOPES FOR BIG WEEKEND AS FIRST HALF OF SEASON ENDS, STABLE GARNERS 28 WINS, INCLUDING 6 STAKES WINS, THUS FAR IN 2010, STRIKE RATES: WINS IS 20.44 PERCENT AND STAKES WINS IS 21.42 OF WINS, SEVEN RUNNERS POISED DURING FINAL 5 DAYS TO BOOST STABLE STATS**



*Justin Snaith trainer of the moment with Ebony Flyer, Russian Sage. Cape Town-based trained ventures out of town for stakes this week.*

With just 5 racing days remaining until the first half of the 2010 racing season has been completed, Team Valor still has 7 chances to improve its statistics prior to halftime.

And so far, so good for the international stable this year, as it has won 28 races, 6 of which have been in stakes races.

Team Valor has been able to maintain a winning strike rate of 20.44 percent, despite a persistent streak of second-place finishes. The stable has been second in 24 races this year, an agonizingly large 7 times in stakes races. "I guess another way to say this is that Team Valor has been first or second in 38 percent of its starts this season," said Amy Collingsworth. "That's a statistic we can live with!"

In total, Team Valor from 137 starts has 28 wins, 6 stakes wins and earnings of \$1,117,079 for the season at home and abroad. As has been the norm from the beginning of Barry Irwin's partnerships, which were first formed in 1987, the percentage of stakes wins from overall wins is greater than the percentage of wins. The percentage of wins in stakes races this year from all wins is more than 21 percent. Because of all of the seconds in stakes races, the stable is shy of its historical average of more than 28 percent in this category.

A seventh stakes win on the season could come as early as tomorrow at Greyville, when Russian Sage makes his second start of the campaign, going a one-turn mile in the Thukela Stakes, a Listed black-type event that is being employed as a prep for a possible tilt in the Grade 1 Durban July on the last day of next month and the official close of the 2009-2010 Southern Hemisphere racing season.

Likely winners for Team Valor between now and June 30 are Nylons sprinting on grass at Indiana Downs; Pluck sprinting on turf at Belmont Park; Mr. Saturdaynight on Sunday at Hollywood Park; Hasay tomorrow in Germany; and Footsteps tomorrow at Greyville.

Team Valor has plenty of stakes horses still in the wings preparing to come out of the woodwork as the summer progresses. Stakes raids are planned for Saratoga, Woodbine, Delaware Park, Hollywood Park, Del Mar, Monmouth Park and Arlington Park, to name the most prominent.

