STATISTICS: 2019 VIRTUAL MIRROR IMAGE OF 2018 FIGS FOR TEAM VALOR WINNING STRIKE RATE 17 PERCENT AFTER TECHNICIAN SCORES 18TH WIN TVI HAS VIRTUALLY SAME NUMBER OF STARTS, WINS AND STAKES WINNERS



Although many of the players are new, Team Valor International is showing remarkable consistency year to year with virtually identical statistics through June 13.

Year over year, TVI in 2018 had 110 starts, 19 wins and 2 stakes winners.

This year, the stable has the same 110 starts, 18 wins and 3 stakes winners.

"It really shows that no matter the cast of characters, Team Valor is able to generate the same stats year in and year out," keeper of the stats Kathleen Irwin said. "Last year we won stakes up to this point on the calendar with Belvoir Bay and La Sardane. This year we have won stakes with First Premio, Technician and Axana.

"We have not earned as much money so far this season as last year, but with Spanish Mission and Technician we have two young colts capable of ringing the bell in a big way, so I wouldn't be surprised to see our 2019 earnings surpass those of last year, which was \$2,547,252."

So far in 2019, there have been 9 individual horses that have won or placed in black-type races and TVI appears to be just getting warmed up as the summer hots up both in America and Europe.

Horses expected to earn black-type that have not already done so this year are the following: Nisreen (returns in August), Pillar Mountain, Kingstar, Oleksandra, La Sardane, Talk Veuve To Me, Dom Carlos, Roll In The Hay, Gouverneur Morris, Cable Channel and Seneca.



Talk Veuve To Me won her comebacker, then underwent surgery for an entrapped epiglottis.

So far in 2019, Team Valor runners have contested 29 stakes, winning at a 10 percent strike rate and finishing 1-2-3 in 41 percent. These figures seem very likely to improve as the season progresses.

Milestones on the horizon include the following:

- Number of lifetime wins, which stand at 1,099—just one shy of 1,100
- **Graded stakes winners** 97, just 3 shy of the century mark
- Graded stakes horses 193, closing in on the 200 mark