

# AS FIRST QUARTER NEARS CONCLUSION, IRWIN EXAMINES LAST DECADE STABLE'S WIN PERCENTAGE NEARS 24% WITH VICTORY BY MEDIA STORM

## First Quarter Stats Last 10 Years

Year	Starts	Wins	Percent	Earnings	Stakes	
					Wins	Placings
2021*	38	9	23.7%	\$677,774	1	3
previous ten years						
2020	41	4	9.7%	\$341,791	1	4
2019	40	5	12.5%	\$260,982	1	2
2018	56	6	10.7%	\$493,020	1	7
2017	41	1	2.4%	\$89,135	0	1
2016	46	10	21.7%	\$1,569,226	2	4
2015	51	9	17.6%	\$600,109	0	2
2014	31	4	12.9%	\$142,822	0	3
2013	37	4	10.8%	\$6,250,234	2	3
2012	55	15	27.2%	\$827,823	7	2
2011	44	9	20.4%	\$488,376	2	6
average	44	7	14.6%	\$1,106,352	2	3

\* quarter not yet complete

With Sunday's easy victory by Media Storm at Mont-de-Marsan in France, the stable's statistics push ever higher to where they currently stand at 23.7% wins (or 24% for those among you who enjoy rounding up). Is that figure the best opening quarter in history? No, but it's the second-best in the last ten years, and a remarkable turn-around from the slow start earlier in the year.

Looking back over the past decade at figures upon the conclusion of

the first quarter, one sees the best strike rate occurred in 2012, a year in which TVI had already won 7 stakes races by the end of March. TVI will *not* better that number in the days which remain in this month, as only 3 more stakes are scheduled on the race grid over the next week.

However, the Earnings figure could jump with a good showing on Dubai World Cup night by TVI & Gary Barber's representative Spanish Mission. And the win and placing rates could also increase as each of the stable's 6 horses still left to run in March are quite capable of fashioning a victory. These are: Hurricane Dream, American Apples, Invite, Spanish Mission, Emoji and Black Silver.

After these 6 have run, the total number of starts for the first quarter will be 44, which is identical to the average number of starts made over the past decade. "We are already well ahead of average in most every other column," stated stable statistician Kathleen Irwin, "except earnings of course. That darned Animal Kingdom winning the Dubai World Cup in 2013 wreaked havoc with my statistics!"

Besides the nifty 23.7% wins, the stable can also boast 52.6% of its runners finishing first or second, and 63.2% finishing in the money. Next horse to race (Hurricane Dream) will make start # 6500 for the stable.

