

TEAM VALOR 2-YEAR-OLD CONTINGENT LOADED WITH NUMBERS, CLASS TEN WINNERS, FIVE STAKES PERFORMERS, ALREADY IN THE FOLD SOLIDIFIES OVERALL ROSTER THAT IS IN GOOD SHAPE FOR 2019 SEASON

Team Valor will go into the New Year with a rare abundance of both quantity and quality among the Northern Hemisphere 2-year-olds who are about to turn 3.

TVI has 17 juveniles on the roster in North American and Europe, led by two Group winners (Devant and The Black Album), a Listed winner (Axana) and stakes-placed Dom Carlos and Hastalavistababy, with Dull Knife and Spanish Mission among the next wave of up-and-comers.

"Having this many 2-year-olds is very abnormal for us," Barry Irwin said. "It may be the most in North America and Europe that we have ever had. Six or seven juveniles at this time of year would be a lot for us, so 17 is a big number."

Eleven from the group are in North America and six are in Europe.

Irwin added, "The most impressive figure is this: of the 11 that have raced, 10 of them are already winners."

Team Valor 2-Year-Olds About To Turn 3			
Horse	Trainer	Location	Status
Axana	Woehler	Germany	Listed winner
Bermejo	Delacour	Florida	Winner
Cable Channel	Nicks	Florida	Winner
Conneaut	McPeek	Florida	Unraced
Dama Elegante	Delacour	Florida	Unraced
Devant	Pantall	France	Gr. 3 winner
Dom Carlos	Casse	Florida	Stakes-placed
Dull Knife	Pletcher	Florida	Winner
Gaius	Graffard	France	Unraced
Galahad Kid	DiVito	Chicago	Unraced
Hastalavistababy	Casse	Ocala	Stakes-placed
J Beresford Tipton	Delacour	Maryland	Unraced
Nathanielhawthorne	Botti	England	Unraced
Proud As Punch	McPeek	Florida	Placed
Sonja Henie	Botti	England	Winner
Spanish Mission	Simcock	England	Winner
The Black Album	Brisset	Florida	Gr. 3 winner



Axana winning the Listed Soldier Hollow in Germany on October 28.

The lone maiden among the juveniles with racing experience is Proud As Punch, who has finished third both times out and earned almost \$20,000.

"When you consider that five of those 11 have already earned Black-Type, and there are five more winners, we certainly have a lot to look forward to next year," Irwin said. "This was probably our best racing season in about five years, and it looks like we will not miss a beat in 2019."

"That is not always the case after a big season. In the past, we have had some down years right after a big one, where you have to rebuild from

horses retiring. Next year, we will have some older horses coming back and I feel very good about the depth and quality of our 2-year-olds, it sure looks like the best [juvenile] group we have had in a long time."