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LOVE 'N' HAPPINESS SCORES GRADE 1 HONORS IN TEAM VALOR DEBUT BECOMES 27TH TOP-LEVEL WINNER FOR KENTUCKY-BASED STABLE JUVENILE FILLY LIKELY LOCKS UP DIVISIONAL HONORS IN NATIVE BRAZIL LATEST STAR FROM POTENT STUD CHESAPEAKE FAMILY IS U.S.-BOUND



For the second time in three weeks, Team Valor International reaped immediate rewards with a brand-new acquisition on June 24 when Love 'N' Happiness not only scored in the Grade 1 Gran Premio Immensity in Sao Paulo but also likely locked up championship honors as Brazil's leading 2-year-old filly.

Barry Irwin's Team Valor acquired and syndicated a 50 percent interest in Love 'N' Happiness from owner-breeder Jose Luiz Glaser's Stud Chesapeake in May based on the promise she flashed in winning the Grade 3 Emerald Hill by more than 4 lengths in her turf debut. Team Valor also struck right out of the box on June 4 in France's Grade 2 Prix Sandringham with La Sardane in her first start for the stable.

The two fillies will soon join up in Southern California, where La Sardane is already settling with new trainer Neil Drysdale. Love 'N' Happiness is ticketed for the same destination once she ships to Florida and receives a few months to adjust to the change in hemispheres at a quiet training center in Ocala.



Love 'N' Happiness and jockey Andre Luiz Silva cross the wire more than 2 lengths in front in the Grade 1 Gran Premio Immensity.

Love 'N' Happiness made an emphatic statement in her Brazilian finale in the mile Immensity, kicking in powerfully at the top of the stretch to reel in a pacesetter and quickly draw clear to prevail by a comfortable 2 1/4 lengths at 5-to-2 odds. Jockey Andre Luiz Silva improved to three-for-three on the liver chestnut, as he also was in the saddle for her Grade 3 victories on dirt in the Guilherme Ellis and on turf in the Emerald Hill for trainer Antenor Menegolo.

As Team Valor came aboard this spring, the connections decided to wait for Immensity instead of running her in a Grade 2 race on June 3. In her absence, Lepate Goose won the José Antonio Pamplona de Andrade over Grecia Central, the same filly who finished second to Love 'N' Happiness in the Emerald Hill. Lepate Goose was slightly favored in the showdown in the Immensity, but Love 'N' Happiness had already put the race away by the time Lepate

Goose came with a belated rally to finish second.

Silva stood straight up in the irons in saluting Love 'N' Happiness as she crossed the wire.

[Gran Premio Immensity Video](#)

The daughter of Setembro Chove became the 27th individual Grade 1 winner for a public partnership organized by Barry Irwin. She is the stable's 70th Grade 1 horse.

Love 'N' Happiness is the latest star in a potent family that Glaser has cultivated and Team Valor has zeroed in on over the last two years. In America, Love 'N' Happiness will join her close relatives Juno, who also won the Immensity for Stud Chesapeake in 2015 and is Grade 2-placed in California for Team Valor and Drysdale, and Kranji, whom TVI acquired last year after he won a Listed stakes race by more than 15 lengths on dirt. Kranji is preparing for his first start to make his first start for the stable this summer with trainer Todd Pletcher.