

**MILESTONE 125<sup>TH</sup> STAKES WINNER FOR BARRY IRWIN PARTNERSHIP HORSE SYNDICATOR FURTHER REALIZES TRIUMPH IN HIS 150<sup>TH</sup> GRADED STAKES B. EYE REACHES STANDARDS WITH WENT THE DAY WELL IN KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS STABLE WINS STAKES WITH 6 RUNNERS IN INITIAL QUARTER**

Barry Irwin achieved two career milestones today: Went The Day Well became stakes winner number 125 to be syndicated and managed by the CEO of Kentucky-based Team Valor International and his victory in the \$500,000, Grade 3 Vinery Racing Spiral Stakes is Graded stakes win number 150.



To put the 125 number in perspective, Irwin’s chief rivals among those that form partnerships in North America, are Dogwood Stable and West Point Thoroughbreds. The former since 1969 has raced 76 stakes winners, while the later since 1991 has campaigned 29. Irwin began forming groups in 1987.

In terms of Graded stakes winners, Irwin has had 77, West Point 13 and Dogwood 40.

Although statistics are unavailable on its chief competitors, the known facts indicate that their career percentage of stakes winners to runners pales in comparison to Barry Irwin’s sterling mark of 28 percent stakes winners over a period of 26 racing seasons.

Coming off a year in which it campaigned Kentucky Derby and Eclipse Award hero Animal Kingdom, Team Valor International is surpassing last season’s total by wide margins through the initial quarter of 2012. Here are some figures to chew on, as follows:

	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>Starts</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Wins</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Percentage</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>28.9</b>
<b>Earnings</b>	<b>\$486,098</b>	<b>\$832,501</b>
<b>Stakes winners</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Stakes wins</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>

Went The Day Well, in addition to becoming individual stakes winner number 125, increased Barry Irwin’s career stats, as follows:

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Stakes wins</b>	<b>255</b>	
<b>Graded stakes wins</b>	<b>150</b>	
<b>Stakes horse</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Graded stakes horse</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Graded stakes winner</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Stake winner</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>28</b>

Team Valor International, in terms of its stakes statistics compared to other stables that race horses owned by public syndicates, is as usual leading the pack, as it has for the past several seasons, as shown in the table below. These stats are relevant through today. There is one week of racing left in the first quarter of the 2012 racing season and Team Valor will be represented on the last day of the month in Dubai by Lucky Chappy, who will compete in the \$2-million U. A. E. Derby. He is one of 4 outstanding 3yo colts for TVI and the lone non 2012 stakes winner. He missed winning the Grade 3 El Camino Real Derby by a nose.

<b>Public Syndicate Groups - Stakes Stats for 2012</b>				
	<b>Stakes Wins</b>	<b>Stakes Winners</b>	<b>Individual Gr Winners</b>	<b>Graded Stakes Wins</b>
<b>TEAM VALOR INTERNATIONAL</b>	7	6	3	3
<b>STARLIGHT</b>	2	2	2	2
<b>DREAM TEAM STABLE</b>	2	2	1	1
<b>CLASS RACING</b>	1	1	1	1
<b>ECLIPSE TB PARTNERS</b>	1	1	1	1
<b>LET'S GO STABLE</b>	1	1	1	1
<b>PEACHTREE</b>	1	1	1	1
<b>PINNACLE RACING</b>	1	1	1	1
<b>DOGWOOD</b>	1	1	0	0
<b>BLINKERS ON</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>BONGO</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>CENTENNIAL</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>ELITE RACING</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>FANTASY LANE</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>FUNKY MONKEY STABLE</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>I E A H</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>MAGDALENA RACING</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>MAJESTIC RACING</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>PARTING GLASS</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>PEWTER</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>SACKATOGA STABLE</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>SOVEREIGN</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>STARVIEW</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>TEAM STALLION</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>TEAM VICTORY</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>THOROUGHbred FUTURES</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>THOROUGHbred LEGENDS</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>THREE CHIMNEYS</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>VICTORY THOROUGHbredS</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>WEST POINT</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>WINNERS CIRCLE PARTNERS</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>WOODFORD RACING</b>	0	0	0	0