

**WITH GROUP 3 WIN IN FRANCE, DEVANT LIFTS TEAM VALOR STAKES TOTALS  
JUVENILE FILLY SCORES STAKES NUMBER 9 FOR THE STABLE THIS YEAR  
TEAM VALOR IS ON VERGE OF FOUR IMPORTANT STATISTICAL MILESTONES**



When Devant crossed the line first today at Maisons-Laffite racecourse in Paris, she was winning stakes number 9 this season for Team Valor International. It was sweet compensation for an earlier nose loss in the Group 3 Six Perfections at Longchamp to the nostril of a Godolphin runner.

Devant scored Graded stakes win number 6 stable.

Of the 9 black-type wins, all were won by horses sourced by Barry Irwin in Europe with the lone exception of Grade 3 Indiana Oaks heroine Talk Veuve to Me.

Stakes races this season have been won by “Veuve,” Belvoir Bay (bought in England), Va Bank (bought in Poland), Devant (bought in France), La Sardane (bought in France) and Nisreen (France). So far this season 18 Team Valor International runners have earned black-type in 33 races both at home and abroad.

These 18 stakes horses have contested 69 black-type races for 9 wins and 24 placed. That is a strike rate on the win end of 13 percent and a terrific In The Money (1-2-3) rate of 48 percent.

Devant becomes stakes winner number 152 in winning stakes win number 306. She is Graded stakes winner number 96.

Kathleen Irwin said “We are coming up to some important statistical milestones in the not too distant future.”

*Devant’s happy trainer H. A. Pantall.*



## **UPCOMING MILESTONES FOR TVI**

### **Group Winner Number 100**

The stable is only 4 winners shy of the century mark.

### **\$75-Million Mark in Earnings**

The stable is only about \$75,000 short of the mark.

### **200 Graded Stakes Horses**

The stable is 10 shy of the mark.

### **75 Grade 1 horses (win or place)**

The stable is just 1 short of the mark.

Should The Black Album manage to hit the board Friday in the Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf, he would be the 75<sup>th</sup> Grade 1 stakes horse for the stable.

Runners with black-type opportunities remaining this season include: Capla Temptress, The Black Album, La Sardane, Nisreen, Va Bank, Sun Goddess and Bombshell.

Barry Irwin predicts at least 1 more stakes win and 3 to 4 stakes-placings before 2018 is finished.