

**TEAM VALOR ACQUIRES BRAZILIAN CHAMPION, CLASSIC WINNER UNBEATEN IN 5 STARTS, JUNO WILL SHIP TO U.S. IN OCTOBER CAPTURED ONE THOUSAND GUINEAS IN 3-YEAR-OLD BOW ON SEPTEMBER 7**

Team Valor International has bought the unbeaten Juno, who won her fifth race from as many outings last time out in her 3-year-old debut on September 7 in Brazil's Group 1 equivalent of the One Thousand Guineas.



***Juno stretches out to 2½-length win in Grade 1 One Thousand Guineas to win going a mile on grass for a second consecutive time in Brazil.***

In her previous outing she accounted for the Group 1 Immensity to cap a season that culminated in her being named Champion Filly at 2 in her homeland.

The double Grade 1 winner will be flown to Florida early next month and will initially train with Bill Recio at the Classic Mile near Ocala.

Barry Irwin said "No trainer has been selected for the filly yet. We want to see how she is doing next year before making that decision. Most likely she will be trained either in California or along the Eastern Seaboard by somebody who has done well with Southern Hemisphere horses."

One of the reasons Team Valor bought the unbeaten grass filly is that any foals produced by her when mated to Team Valor's Kentucky Derby winner Animal Kingdom will be inbred 3 x 3 to Candy Stripes, the paternal grandsire of Animal Kingdom and the maternal grandsire of Juno.

"Most of the mares we have bought for Animal Kingdom so far have produced successful runners when bred to stallions from the same Blushing Groom sire line as Animal Kingdom," Irwin said. "I was intrigued by the possibility of getting a few foals that are inbred to Blushing Groom to give Animal Kingdom a wider spectrum of racing prospects to represent him."

The purchase of Juno follows closely on the heels of last month's acquisition of Colorado Girl, who arrived in Florida last week from Brazil, where the daughter of Elusive Quality won 8 of 11 starts including a Grade 1 fixture. She will visit Animal Kingdom in the spring.