## TEAM VALOR INTERNATIONAL IS HOT-HOT-HOT AS SUMMER TEMPS RISE STABLE IN LAST 10 STARTS HAS 5 WINS (2 IN STAKES), 2 SECONDS, 3 THIRDS TEAM VALOR TOPS GERMANY'S OWNER STANDINGS IN 2019 EARNINGS

Team Valor International rallied at the end of the initial half of the 2019 racing season and after the first day of the second half it had compiled some pretty impressive statistics, advises the stable's record-keeper Kathleen Irwin.

"In our last 10 starts, we have 5 wins, 2 seconds and 3 thirds—100% in the money," she said. "Pretty strong and we actually won some photo finishes for a change."



Here are the highlights as follows:

- Starts 125, Wins 23, Seconds 18, Thirds 15
- Earnings are \$1,075,864
- Stakes Starts 33, Wins 5 (15%), Seconds 6 (33% first/second), Thirds 4 (ITM 45%)
- Stakes Win number 314, of which 172 are Graded or Group wins
- Winning strike rate is 18%

Kathleen said "Some things need to be pointed out. For example the winning strike rate of 18% is the exact winning ratio Barry partnerships have been scoring at over the last 32 racing seasons.

"In racing any owner can get hot, but to sustain it over several decades it an entirely different matter. Consider that the partnership is about to enter its fifth decade. And no other enterprise that offers horses in the syndicated format can match the stable's accomplishments.

"We are very proud of what we have done and continue to do, which is to provide our racing partners with pride of ownership and something to enrich their lives.

"Secondly, we figure to increase our earnings significantly, especially in the fall, when a lot of our developing 3-year-olds start to race for big purses. Barry tells me that we have 5 horses capable of winning a huge chunk of prize money between July and November."

Team Valor leads all owners racing horses in Germany this season in terms of seasonal earnings, thanks to the exploits of Axana and Madita, which between them have raced 5 times for the stable, scoring 2 wins in stakes, 2 seconds in stakes and 1 third in stakes.

Axana is the top German-based racehorse so far in 2019 in seasonal earnings.