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CATINCA RETIRED Elizabeth Moran has decided to retire GI winner **Catinca** (Storm Cat--Inca Legacy, by Saratoga Six) and will breed her to A.P. Indy in 2000. Moran purchased Catinca in the name of Brushwood Stables for \$2.8 million from the Robert K. Waxman dispersal at Fasig-Tipton in November. Scheduled to defend her title in the GI Top Flight H. at Aqueduct Nov. 26, Catinca was withdrawn by trainer John Kimmel due to eight days of missed training. Catinca captured the GI Ruffian H. at Belmont before finishing third to Beautiful Pleasure and Silverbulletday in the GI Beldame H. October 10 in her final career start, and retires with \$864,775 in earnings.

TATTERSALLS FOALS GET UNDERWAY

The Tattersalls December Sales resume this morning at 9:30 a.m., when the first of 1,073 foals catalogued comes under the hammer. As is traditionally the case, the better lots will appear later in the sale. Following strong demand for weanlings at Keeneland and Goffs last month, hopes will be high that this continues at Newmarket. Coolmore stallions (often as the result of dissolved foal shares) traditionally dominate the top end of the market and this year champion sire Sadler's Wells has 15 catalogued. These include Lot 1323, a full sister to G3-winner Scribe (Ire) and Columbus (Ire), a 1998 1,000,000 gns yearling; and Lot 1297, a full sister to a 1.2 million gns colt at this year's Houghton Sales. Grand Lodge is represented by Lot 1303, a full brother to Raise A Grand (Ire), while Lot 1085, from Britton House Stud, is a full sister to this year's G1 Coronation S. winner Balisada (GB) (Kris {GB}). Danehill supplied last year's top lot and he is the sire of the ill-fated Hever Golf Rose (GB) (Efisio)'s first foal, a bay colt selling as Lot 1085. Spinning World's first crop has been well received so far this year and his team at Tattersalls includes Lot 764, a colt who is the first foal of Listed-placed Roses In The Snow (Ire) (Be My Guest). Other first-crop sires include Benny the Dip, Desert King (Ire), Entrepreneur (Ire) and Singspiel (Ire).

*You may also pick up a copy of today's TDN at:
Tattersalls December Sales*

DIRT RACE ON TAP FOR TOKYO The Japan Racing Association announced that next year it will include an all-expenses-paid invitational event on dirt, to be held the same weekend as the G1 Japan Cup. Called the Japan Cup Dirt and given G1 status by the JRA, the race for three-year-olds and up will be run at 1 3/8 miles carry a purse of 275.3 million yen (approximately \$2.7 million at today's exchange rate). Up to six foreign entrants will be invited to participate against Japan's best dirt horses. The Japan Cup Dirt will be the third-richest race on dirt worldwide, behind only the G1 Dubai World Cup and the GI Breeders' Cup Classic. The JRA also announced a purse increase for next year's 20th running of the Japan Cup, from 376.6 million yen to 526.5 million yen (\$5.2 million), making the Japan Cup second only to the Dubai World Cup in purse money. The Japan Cup Dirt and the Japan Cup will be run on the weekend of Nov. 25-26, 2000.

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Strong Showing at Malaysian Sale:

An Australian-bred gelding by Snaadee out of Sky Chimes (Conquistador Cielo) was the top-priced two-year-old at the fourth annual Inglis National Premier Sale at the Malaysian National Stud Friday, going for RM250,000 (\$65,807). Offered on account of Silver Lodge of Kuala Lumpur, the gelding was purchased by Wong Siew Ting. A New Zealand-bred gelding by Imperial Seal (GB) out of Golden Ella (NZ) (Great Wall {GB}) fetched RM 210,000 (\$55,278) and another New Zealand-bred gelding by Straight Strike (USA) out of MG1SP Vedodara (NZ) (Kreisler {Ire}), offered for sale by the Malaysian National Stud Farm, brought RM180,000 (\$47,381). The average price was RM69,041 (\$18,173), a three-percent increase on the 1998 average. "This was a most rewarding result, with strong competition on most lots," said Inglis managing director Reg Inglis. "Twenty-five percent of the catalogue were sold at prices of RM100,000 (\$26,323) and this proves the Malaysian racing industry is in great shape."

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FROM THE DESK OF...

Bill Oppenheim



2-to-1 DECLINES OVER ADVANCES FOR YOUNG KENTUCKY SIREs

You know, this just continues to intrigue me. Here we are in the midst of the strongest horse market, certainly of the last 15 years, if not of all time. The September yearling sale gross was \$233 million, up 37%. The November gross ended up at something like \$317 million, the all-time record for a horse sale, breaking last year's all-time record by 20%. The Dow Jones Industrial Average is still hovering around 11,000. Yet, among 70 Kentucky stallions who went to stud in 1997-'99 and either stood for \$7,500 or more this year, or are due to stand for at least \$7,500 next year, declines outstrip advances by a 2-to-1 margin for 2000 stud fees. What gives? It seems like it should be the other way around.

Let me cite just a few examples. There are 25 Kentucky stallions in the \$7,500+ category (either 1999 or 2000, or both) whose first foals were born in 1998 (I denote that as 'F98') and whose first yearlings appeared in the auctions this year. Only three --Unbridled's Song, Forest Wildcat, and Cobra King--will stand for more next year than they did this year. Fifteen, including Hennessy, will stand for the same as last year, while seven--Afternoon Deelites, Candy Stripes, Dare and Go, Gold Fever, Honour and Glory, Miesque's Son, and Prospect Bay--will stand for less.

Fifteen stallions fit the criteria who went to stud in 1998 and had their first foals this year. Only one--Pulpit--is set for a rise in fee, from \$35,000 to \$40,000. Eleven stay the same, and three--Benny the Dip, Louis Quatorze, and Victory Speech, all of whom stand at absolute top farms Claiborne and Ashford--are set to decline.

In 1999, there were 30 stallions who retired in Kentucky for \$7,500+ and had their first mares sell in foal this year. Three advance: Coronado's Quest, Deputy Commander, and Touch Gold; 23 stay the same; and four--including Coolmore's King of Kings--decline.

Of the 70 stallions, seven (10%) advance, 14 (20%) decline, and 49 (70%) remain the same. How do we explain this in light of the strongest bull market in horses of at least the last 15 years?

The answer, of course, is competition. Not counting stallions retiring in 2000, I reckon there are about 170 stallions in Kentucky who either stood for \$7,500+ last year, or are due to stand for \$7,500+ next year. Forty percent of those stallions went to stud in 1997, 1998, or 1999. Moreover, we're now talking about stallions for whom the average book of mares must be at least 50% higher than it was five years ago. And remember, it wasn't until Coolmore increased the book size and discovered Australia that American stallion managers could even begin to be competitive with Japan for top sire prospects--remember Sunday Silence, for instance?

The circumstances of this rising market have, surprisingly, conspired to put financial pressure on young Kentucky stallions: when, logically, they should be going up, twice as many are coming down. This can mean only one thing: there are some relative bargains out there. It is as sure as that I am sitting here and you are reading this, that more than one of these 14 will prove to have been great buys. Which ones, that's a matter of opinion, but the candidates are:

1ST FOALS 1998:

- Afternoon Deelites (Airdrie) - \$15,000 to \$10,000
- Candy Stripes (Taylor Made) - \$15,000 to \$10,000
- Dare and Go (Vinery) - \$8,500 to \$5,000
- Gold Fever (Lane's End) - \$15,000 to \$12,500
- Honour and Glory (Ashford) - \$20,000 to \$17,500
- Miesque's Son (Three Chimneys) - \$15,000 to \$10,000
- Prospect Bay (Vinery) - \$10,000 to \$7,500

1ST FOALS 1999:

- Benny the Dip (Claiborne) - \$25,000 to \$15,000
- Louis Quatorze (Ashford) - \$20,000 to \$10,000
- Victory Speech (Ashford) - \$12,500 to \$10,000

1ST FOALS 2000:

- Acceptable (Wafare) - \$7,500 to \$5,000
- Loup Sauvage (Vinery) - \$15,000 to \$10,000
- King of Kings (Ashford) - \$35,000 to \$30,000
- Pyramid Peak (now Darby Dan) - \$7,500 to \$5,000

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**WEEKEND PEDIGREE
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by Alan Porter

GOLDEN ROD S.-GIII, \$224,000, CDX, 11-27, 2yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:45 1/5, ft.

1--**HUMBLE CLERK**, 119, f, 2, by Humble Eleven

1st Dam: Deputy Clerk, by Deputy Minister

2nd Dam: Top Canary, by Accipiter

3rd Dam: Caliphs Canary, by No Robbery

O/T-James E Danaher; B-Jim Danaher (AR); J-J K

Court; \$138,880. Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-1,

\$190,520. *1/2 to Humble Seven (Barcelona), GSP,

\$159,170; Humble Thirteen (Lac Ouimet), MSW,

\$196,248; and Humble Retha (Siberian Pine), MSW &

GSP, \$102,955.

Humble Clerk may have humble origins, at least on the distaff side of the pedigree, but in the GIII Golden Rod S. the humble won out over the royally-bred GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies heroine Cash Run and A.P. Indy's daughter Secret Status.

Humble Clerk is a daughter of the unraced stallion Humble Eleven, a son of Lac Ouimet who has been standing in Arkansas for a fee of \$1,000. His low fee notwithstanding, Humble Eleven is actually quite respectably bred as his dam Alleged Devotion is a half sister to the G1 English Oaks and G1 Irish Derby winner Balanchine. Alleged Devotion was obviously no great beauty, as she was sold for \$4,000 as a yearling, the cheapest of the 20 Alleged yearlings to pass through the ring in 1989. Unraced, Alleged Devotion began her stud career with a visit to Seattle Battle, an unraced son of Seattle Slew. The product of that seemingly unpromising union was Humble Eight, winner of the 1995 renewal of the GIII Honeybee S. Humble Eleven was Alleged Devotion's second foal and he was followed by Humble Fifteen, a stakes-placed daughter of Feather Ridge. Since then, Alleged Devotion has been upgraded and she is now also dam of April Starlight, a 1998 stakes winner in Ireland by Storm Bird, and Thady Quill, a 1999 English two-year-old stakes winner by Nureyev.

Humble Clerk's dam Deputy Clerk has a very similar background. Although more expensive than Alleged Devotion, the \$20,000 paid for her as a yearling in the 1987 September Sales still ranked her as 19th most expensive of the 19 Deputy Minister yearlings sold that year. Deputy Clerk actually managed to earn more than twice her purchase price, with five wins in two seasons crediting her with \$45,705. She began her stud career by producing a winning filly by American Legion, followed by Humble Seven, a graded stakes placed son of the little known Key to the Mint stallion Barcelona. Deputy Clerk's fourth foal Humble Thirteen (by Lac Ouimet, and therefore a three-quarters sister to Humble Clerk) is a multiple stakes winner of almost \$200,000, and her fifth foal Humble Retha (by Siberian Pine, another unraced horse, this time by Nijinsky II), is a multiple stakes winner of \$102,955. Humble Clerk is Deputy Clerk's sixth foal, which means that this bottom-priced yearling has now produced three stakes winners and four stakes performers, the most expensive stallion involved in the process being Lac Ouimet, who was advertised at a fee of \$4,000 for last year.

What the logic behind this inspired looting of the bargain basement is, we don't pretend to know. But Humble Clerk certainly has some combinations which have worked. The most notable of these are links between Deputy Clerk's sire Deputy Minister and Alleged Devotion, dam of Humble Clerk's sire Humble Eleven. First, Alleged Devotion is inbred to Prince John, a horse who combines extremely well with Deputy Minister (stakes winners bred on a Deputy Minister/Prince John cross include Open Mind, French Deputy, Star Minister and Irish champion Eloquent Minister). Deputy Minister has also sired two stakes winners out of mares by Alleged. Humble Eleven's second dam is by Affirmed, a son of Exclusive Native, who is very closely related to Deputy Minister's third dam Grass Shack. Deputy Minister's son Salt Lake has already sired Canadian champion Fantasy Lake out of an Affirmed mare.

CURRENCY CONVERSIONS

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British pound	1.60192	1.00
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MOSSFLOWER SETS DATE WITH NUREYEV

Whitewood Stables' Mossflower (Affirmed), retired from racing last week, has been booked to Nureyev for the 2000 breeding season. Winner of the 1998 GI Hempstead H. by 12 lengths, Mossflower returned from ankle problems this year to finish third in the GI Flower Bowl H. and the GII Diana H.

POLISH NAVY RETURNS TO U.S. SHORES

Nathan Fox announced that multiple GI winner Polish Navy (Danzig--Navsup, by *Tatan) will return from Japan to stand the 2000 breeding season at his Wafare Farm in Midway, Kentucky. The 15-year-old stallion is the sire of 20 stakes horses, including GI Kentucky Derby winner Sea Hero and GI Secretariat S. winner Ghazi. Fox plans on syndicating Polish Navy and will stand him for \$7,500 live foal.

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Odyle Heads To Cobble Creek:

Multiple graded stakes winner Odyle (Alleged--Petite Diable, by Sham) will stand the 2000 breeding season for \$5,000, live foal at Jerry Herron's Cobble Creek Farm in Valatie, New York. A half brother to GI Met Mile winner and prominent New York sire Dixie Brass (Dixieland Band), Odyle was produced from the stakes-placed mare Petite Diable and is also a half brother to G3-placed Colway Rock (Irish River). Second in the GI Hollywood Futurity and the GII Norfolk as a juvenile, Odyle blossomed at three, capturing the GII San Felipe S. on the main track and the GII Volante H. on the turf. He retired with earnings of \$479,500 to Vinery Kentucky, where he stood for three seasons. His first foals will be two-year-olds of 2000.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1:
12-11 \$150,000 Bayakoa H.-II, Hol, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5f, (150)



☆ EAST ☆

Yesterday's Results:

10th-CRC, \$17,500, Msw, 2yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:42 3/5, fm.

LADY CRYSTAL (f, 2, Sky Classic--Through the Door {MGSP, \$223,010}, by At the Threshold) bolted in her first two starts and raced evenly when sixth in her last outing, a Delaware maiden Oct. 4. Making her first start on the lawn here, the 26-1 shot angled to the outside for the drive and finished determinedly for a half-length score over This Cat's Curious (Sky Classic). Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$11,360.

O/B-Zaven Minassian (KY). T-Reynaldo Nobles.

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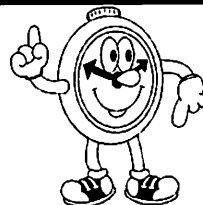
Denali Acquires Additional Acreage:

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Bandaroff and Denali Stud have purchased an additional 245 acres in Bourbon County, four miles from their current facility. The plans are to develop the property for yearlings and broodmares and to serve as a satellite to the main farm. "Over the years, we have leased additional acreage to accommodate our boarding clients," said Craig Bandaroff. "We are pleased to have found excellent land with outstanding soils and potential in such close proximity to our present farm."

☆ SO. CALIFORNIA ☆

Pincay At 8,824:

Laffit Pincay Jr., just 10 winners short of the all-time record, has three mounts today at Hollywood. In the first race, he rides Diamond Kris S. (Kris S.); in the fifth race, he pilots Kitty On The Track (Kitwood); and in the seventh race he climbs aboard Foggy Day (Fr) (Pistolet Bleu {Ire}).



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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

5th-CRC, \$23,500, 2yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:42 3/5, fm.

JERA (f, 2, Jeblar--Mavera, by Reviewer) Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-1, \$30,725. O-S Trizis & B Webb. B-Farnsworth Farms (FL). T-William P White.

10th-PHA, \$22,082, 3yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:44 1/5, ft.

KRISTINA'S ANSWER (f, 3, Nepal--Exuberant Answer, by Exuberant) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, \$39,501. O-Orion Stables. B-Steve & Kristina DiStefano (PA). T-Victor Collazo.

9th-PHA, \$18,000, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:18, ft.

FLO'S DOUBLE (c, 3, Double Negative--Wonoftheones, by Air Forbes Won) Lifetime Record: 16-6-1-1, \$78,090. O-John Kapinos & Faustino F Ramos. B-Marvin Little Jr & JI Racing Inc (KY). T-Faustino F Ramos.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Cuchalian, f, 2, Brunswick--Chapilca (Fr), by Sicyos. HOO, 11-29, (S), 6f, 1:13 1/5. B-Gary Bouchard & Dan Mallory (In). *\$2,300 yrl '98 FTKOCT. **Seventh winner for freshman sire (by Private Account).

El Possum, c, 2, Demidoff--Diva At the Met, by Metfield. HOO, 11-29, (S), 6f, 1:13 4/5. B-B A Dodgen (In).

UPCOMING RACE MEETINGS

<u>Track</u>	<u>Starts...</u>	<u>Closes...</u>
Aqueduct	Jan. 1	Mar. 26
Bay Meadows	Jan. 20	Mar. 26
Golden Gate	Dec. 26	Jan. 17
Gulfstream Park	Jan. 3	Mar. 16
Oaklawn Park	Feb. 4	Apr. 15
Santa Anita	Dec. 26	Apr. 24
Tampa Bay Downs	Dec. 18	May 7

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+ Kittiwod, f, 2, Kitwood--Spritzer, by Portsmouth. HOO, 11-29, (S), 6f, 1:15 1/5. B-Fortune Marital Trust (In). *1/2 to Novel Sprite (Text), MSW & GSP, \$467,586.

Jim's Play, c, 2, Play Fellow--Passion Pearl, by Unreal Zeal. TDN, 11-30, (S), 6f, 1:11 4/5. B-Eyes of A Child Stable & James Oleski (Oh).

Nureyev Groom, c, 2, Robin Des Pins--Blushing Punch, by Two Punch. HOO, 11-29, (S), 6f, 1:13 3/5. B-Luther Clemmons (In).

Lady Crystal, f, 2, Sky Classic--Through the Door (MGSP, \$223,010), by At the Threshold. CRC, 11-30, 1 1/16mT, 1:42 3/5. B-Zaven Minassian (Ky).

Speedy Buster, f, 3, Mayanesian--Radar Buster, by Irish Tower. TDN, 11-30, (S), 6f, 1:14 1/5. B-Dean Moffett (Oh).

Unfair Advantage, c, 3, Parfaitement--Ahmee Good, by Morning Charge. PHA, 11-30, (C), 5f, :58 4/5. B-Shirley A Lojeski (Pa). *1/2 to It's Always You (Apalachee), MSW, \$164,321.

Ghost Tension, c, 3, Silver Ghost--Tension Point, by Danzig. SUF, 11-30, a1m70yd, 1:47. B-Edward P Evans (Ky). *\$5,000 HRA '99 SARTWO. **Full to Marigalante, GSP.

Rythmatic, f, 4, Star of the Crop--Linkerette, by Linkage. CRC, 11-30, (C), 1 1/16m, 1:51 4/5. B-Hart Farm Inc (Fl). *\$28,000 yrl '96 FTKJUL.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY...

December 1, 1962...Ten thousand fans attended a ceremony at Tropical Park in honor of **Carry Back's** retirement. By Saggy out of Joppy, Carry Back was known as "the people's horse." He retired after 55 starts with earnings of more than \$1 million.

December 1, 1982...In the first race to feature **mother and daughter jockeys**, Patti Barton rode against her daughter, Leah, at Latonia. Patti finished fifth aboard Tam's Angel while Leah was tenth on Diane's Ms. Lolly.

A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a @ will indicate first-time graded stakes-winners, a ▲ will denote a first-time Grade/Group 1 winner, a + will denote winners who are first-time starters, an (S) will be used for state-bred races, a (C) will be used for maiden-claiming races and an (R) will be used for other restricted races. Purses for Canadian races are in Canadian dollars.

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A NEW FRENCH STAR?

Having progressed from conditions and claiming events in the provinces, **Starine (Fr)** (Menocino {USA}) had twice posted wins in claiming company and won a handicap at metropolitan tracks before running a fine second in the Listed Prix des Sablonnets at Nantes Nov. 11. Confirming her placing in that race was no fluke, she gave her best performance to date to secure her first stakes win with a competent performance in yesterday's Prix Saraca at Saint-Cloud, beating a bunch of useful sorts in the process. Starine tracked the leader, **Jet Fire (Fr)** (Baby Turk {Ire}), ahead of the British challenger **Makasseb (GB)** (Kris {GB}) and **Ardent Passion (GB)** (Bering {GB}) as the favorite **Kick Boxer (Fr)** (Exit to Nowhere {USA}) was restrained in last place. Starine got a split between the fading Jet Fire and Makasseb with one and one-half furlongs to run and took a commanding advantage into the final furlong. She ran on well and was never threatened to score as she liked with Kick Boxer running on to take claim second from Ardent Passion in the final 50 yards.

PRIX SARACA-Listed, FF260,000, Saint-Cloud, 11-30, 2yo, 1mT, 1:51.90, hy.

- 1--#**STARINE (FR)**, 125, f, 2, Mendocino (USA)--Grisonnante (Fr), by Kaldoun (Fr). O-Jozef de Cock; B-Mme Catherine Dubois; T-Jean-Marc Capitte; J-Thierry Thulliez; FF140,000. Lifetime Record: 12 starts, 5 wins, 6 places, FF509,800.
 2--**Kick Boxer (Fr)**, 128, c, 2, Exit To Nowhere (USA)--Kapuchka (Ire), by Soviet Star (USA). FF48,000.
 3--**Ardent Passion (GB)**, 128, c, 2, Bering (GB)--Nadra (Ire), by Sadler's Wells (USA). FF36,000.
 Margins: 2HF, NK, 3/4. Odds: 5.30, 1.90, 8.00.
 Also ran: Tarabela (Fr), Makasseb (GB), Jacobina (Fr), Jet Fire (Fr), Bielska (USA).
 Scratched: Crystal D'Ass (Fr).

PRIX DENISY-Listed, FF260,000, Saint-Cloud, 11-30, 3yo/up, 1 7/8mT, 3:39.40, hy.

- 1--#**SINON (IRE)**, 128, c, 4, Ela-Mana-Mou (Ire)--Come In (Ire), by Be My Guest (USA). (7,425gns wnlg '95 GONVO; 14,000gns yrl '96 TAOCT). O-Ridings Racing; B-C Crowley; T-Mark Johnston; J-Joe Fanning; FF140,000. Lifetime Record: 7 starts, 3 wins, 2 places, FF304,319.
 2--**Divination (Fr)**, 128, f, 4, Groom Dancer (USA)--Devalois (Fr), by Nureyev (USA). FF48,000.
 3--**Roli Abi (Fr)**, 128, c, 4, Bering (GB)--All Found (USA), by Alleged (USA). FF36,000.
 Margins: 5, NO, 4. Odds: 33.50, 3.70, 0.70.

Also ran: Le Tintoret (Fr), Raingay (Ire), Casamasa (Ire), Seren Hill (GB), Eko Negresco (Den), Battle Green (Bel).

A lightly raced four-year-old, Sinon had only one previous start this season when unplaced in the marathon Cesarewitch H. Newmarket Oct. 16. On his final two starts in a curtailed 1998 season, he finished fourth in both the G3 Queens Vase at Royal Ascot June 17, and the Listed Bahrain Trophy at Newmarket July 9 and thus could have been considered to have a penchant for a test of stamina. This train of thought proved to be a correct one as he paid ample compliment to his ability of his handler, Mark Johnston, to bely his lack of match fitness and long odds, defeating a quality field in good style for a first stakes win. Sinon was settled in third and always travelled well in behind Divination and Eko Negresco as Roli Abi raced in last of the nine runners. The order remained constant until the field reached the home turn where Sinon made his bid for the lead. He led approaching the final quarter-mile and was ridden clear soon after for a comfortable wide margin success. Roli Abi ran on once into the straight and just failed to get the better of Divination for second in a bobbing finish.

★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Results:

- 1.35 Saint-Cloud, Prix de la Croix aux Bergers (Class B) (Cond.)**, 11-30, FF180,000, 2yo, c/g, 1 1/4mT, 2:24.60, hy.
 + **CRIMSON QUEST (IRE)** (c, 2, Rainbow Quest {USA}--Bex {USA} {GSW-Fr}, by Explodent {USA}), the 6-4 favorite, settled in fourth as Go Master (Fr) (Goldneyev {USA}) assumed the frontrunner's role. He made smooth progress to lead soon after entering the straight and showed good battling qualities to withstand the late challenge of Herculano (Fr) (Subotica {Fr}) by a half-length. He is a half-brother to Monday's Listed Prix Belle de Nuit winner Hijaz (Ire) (Sadler's Wells {USA}) and to Ballarat (Ire) (Sadler's Wells {USA}), SW-Fr. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, FF90,000.
 O/B-Sultan Al Kabear; T-Andre Fabre; J-Thierry Jarnet.

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France, Cont.

1.35 Saint-Cloud, Prix de la Haie Fleurie (Class B) (Cond.), 11-30, FF180,000, 2yo, f, 1 1/4mT, 2:25.60, hy.

FOLIE DANSE (FR) (f, 2, Petit Loup {USA}--Folle Envie {Fr}, by Un Desperado {Fr}), a 3.20 chance, raced in fourth as Fuerta (Ire) (Foxhound {USA}) led from Via Appia (Fr) (Exit To Nowhere {USA}). She eased into the lead with two furlongs to run and gradually drew clear for an easy five-length win from the strong finishing Reve D'Oscar (Fr) (Highest Honor {Fr}). Lifetime Record: 8 starts, 2 wins, 6 places, FF236,000. O/B-Christian Thulliez; T-Yves de Nicolay; J-Thierry Jarnet.

★ ITALY ★

Yesterday's Results:

1.30 Rome, Premio Wolver Hollow (Cond.), 11-30, L38,250,000, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:44.50, hy.

VICTORIAN GUIDE (ITY) (c, 4, Welsh Guide {Ire}--Virgin Gorda {GB}, by Law Society {USA}). Lifetime Record: SW, 19 starts, 10 wins, 8 places, L273,275,000. O-Scuderia Ste.Ma.; B-Az. Agr. Ste.Ma.; T-F Camici; J-G Temperini.

2.50 Rome, Premio Chiadina (Cond.), 11-30, L38,250,000, 3yo, 1mT, 1:46.30, hy.

FINGLE FANGLE (IRE) (c, 3, Persian Bold {Ire}--Fourth Of July {Fr}, by Free Round {USA}). Lifetime Record: 9 starts, 3 wins, 1 place, L57,800,000. O-Laghi; B-Az. Agr. Robiati Angelo; T-V Caruso; J-M Esposito.

2.20 Rome, Premio Alcamo (Mdn.), 11-30, L30,600,000, 2yo, f, 1mT, 1:49.00, hy.

CASCINA BICOCCA (IRE) (f, 2, College Chapel {GB}--Nonna Rina {Ire}, by Bluebird {USA}). Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 1 place, L19,040,000. O-A Boesso-Villa Dosia; B-Villa Dosia SRL; T-L Camici; J-G Temperini.

★ PREVIEW ★

Today, Maisons-Laffitte, France, post time: 2.25. p.m. PRIX ISOLA BELLA-Listed, FF260,000, 3yo, f, 7fT.

SC	(PP)	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	(1)	Two Clubs (GB)	First Trump {GB}	W Jarvis
2	(2)	Dounine (GB)	Kaldoun (Fr)	de Royer-Dupre
3	(12)	Miss Bedouine (Fr)	Bering (GB)	Smaga
4	(6)	Quittance (USA)	Riverman (USA)	Clement
5	(3)	Volage (Ire)	Alzao (USA)	Pantall
6	(9)	Mamamia (Fr)	Linamix (Fr)	C Head
7	(7)	Brocatelle (GB)	Green Desert (USA)	Pease
8	(5)	Little Anchor (Fr)	Kendor (Fr)	de Roualle
9	(10)	Tartaruga (USA)	Dayjur (USA)	Clement
10	(4)	Bagatelle (USA)	Diesis (GB)	C Barbe
11	(8)	Lever To Heaven (Ire)	Bluebird (USA)	Rod Collet
12	(11)	Apache Song (USA)	Dynaformer (USA)	Fabre

All carry 123 pounds except Two Clubs, who carries 128 pounds.

Today, Maisons-Laffitte, France, post time: 3.20. p.m. PRIX EDELLIC-Listed, FF260,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT.

SC	(PP)	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	(2)	Mawasko (Ger)	Lesotho (USA)	C Boutin
2	(3)	Red Guest (Ire)	Be My Guest (USA)	Louessard
3	(7)	Whiplash (Ger)	Executive Pride (Ire)	Secly
4	(14)	Fragrant Mix (Ire)	Linamix (Fr)	Hammond
5	(1)	Lion Noir (GB)	Kenmare (Fr)	Bernard
6	(13)	Skiinos (GB)	Machiavellian (USA)	Gallorini
7	(12)	Theatre King (GB)	Old Vic (GB)	Bollack-Badel
8	(4)	Milford Track (Ire)	Fairy King (USA)	van de Poel
9	(9)	Wilder Jager (Ger)	Mulberry (Fr)	Blume
10	(8)	Fumarelli (Ire)	Tremolino (USA)	C Head
11	(5)	Magic Whisper (Fr)	Subotica (Fr)	Sepulchre
12	(11)	Intuition (Ger)	Gold And Ivory (USA)	Blume
13	(6)	O'Tango (Fr)	Fijar Tango (Fr)	Carlus
14	(10)	Mountain Spirit (Ire)	Royal Academy (USA)	Fabre

All carry 128 except: Magic Whisper (126), Intuition (125), O'Tango (125) and Mountain Spirit (122).

★ GERMANY ★

NEWS AND NOTES

Gestut Wittekindshof's champion filly Elle Danzig (Ger) (Roi Danzig {USA}) is currently enjoying a rest at her owner-breeders' stud. The recent winner of the G1 Premio Roma is due to return to trainer Andreas Schutz's yard next year...The G3 Ostermann-Pokal heroine Miss Tobacco (USA) (Forty Niner {USA}) has left quarantine and is now in training with Bill Mott at Belmont Park in New York. She is scheduled to ship to Florida in three weeks.

★ BRITAIN ★

NEWS AND NOTES

Initial entries for the 2001 G1 Vodafone Derby, with £1 million in prize money, must be made by today. Owners entering the Classic at this yearling stage pay £300. The next entry date is not until two months before the race, in April, 2001, when the cost is £8,000... Newbury racecourse's demolition of its two Tattersalls stands gets under way today. A £8.25 million new stand will replace the old facilities within a year.

★ MAIDEN WINNERS ★

Cascina Bicocca (Ire), f, 2, College Chapel (GB)--Nonna Rina (Ire), by Bluebird (USA). Rome, Italy, 11-30, Premio Alcamo (Mdn.), 2yo, f, 1mT, L17,000,000 to winner. B-Villa Dosia SRL.
+ Crimson Quest (Ire), c, 2, Rainbow Quest (USA)--Bex (USA) (GSW-Fr), by Explodent (USA). Saint-Cloud, France, 11-30, Prix de la Croix aux Bergers (Class B) (Cond.), 2yo, c/g, 1 1/4mT, FF90,000 to winner. B-Sultan Al Kabeer. *1/2 to Hijaz (Ire) (Sadler's Wells {USA}), SW-Fr; Ballarat (Ire) (Sadler's Wells {USA}), SW-Fr.



LEADING EUROPEAN SIRES BY WIN MONEY

	Horse (Sire)	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings	Stakes		
					Wnrs	Wns	Pls
1	Sadler's Wells (Northern Dancer)	66	95	£2,291,558	17	23	51
2	Fairy King (Northern Dancer)	62	101	1,449,515	12	15	27
3	Night Shift (Northern Dancer)	83	136	1,041,268	6	7	21
4	Doyoun (Mill Reef)	26	44	1,005,232	4	6	8
5	Warning (Known Fact)	71	121	988,415	10	14	14
6	Danehill (Danzig)	55	98	873,919	10	14	19
7	Alzao (Lyphard)	78	125	809,923	4	4	23
8	Nureyev (Northern Dancer)	32	52	786,508	7	10	12
9	Selkirk (Sharpen Up)	39	58	778,437	7	10	11
10	Linamix (Mendez)	48	76	762,510	8	10	18
11	Indian Ridge (Ahonoora)	57	101	748,951	9	11	25
12	Caerleon (Nijinsky II)	59	95	745,583	11	14	20
13	Diesis (Sharpen Up)	33	46	722,109	7	11	21
14	Royal Academy (Nijinsky II)	67	118	696,973	10	12	18
15	Common Grounds (Kris)	71	123	628,629	5	5	10
16	Bluebird (Storm Bird)	59	96	627,173	7	7	8
17	Deploy (Shirley Heights)	31	57	604,251	2	2	3
18	Green Desert (Danzig)	55	86	599,590	6	7	12
19	Unfuwain (Northern Dancer)	58	93	592,144	6	9	13
20	Priolo (Sovereign Dancer)	34	63	585,883	2	3	6
21	Primo Dominie (Dominion)	52	98	575,160	2	4	10
22	Exit to Nowhere (Irish River)	60	90	573,727	3	4	7
23	Lomitas (Niniski)	22	32	565,262	3	6	8
24	Big Shuffle (Super Concorde)	59	93	565,107	7	8	13
25	Suave Dancer (Green Dancer)	34	58	549,689	6	8	4
26	Acatenango (Surumu)	60	102	547,604	9	11	25
27	Grand Lodge (Chief's Crown)	42	61	520,841	4	5	12
28	Generous (Caerleon)	37	61	518,471	9	12	16
29	Woodman (Mr. Prospector)	33	48	506,189	5	6	8
30	Lahib (Riverman)	37	71	502,793	3	3	6
31	Kris (Sharpen Up)	45	72	496,269	4	4	11
32	Turtle Island (Fairy King)	32	51	488,210	2	2	0
33	Rainbow Quest (Blushing Groom)	48	67	485,860	6	6	18
34	Nashwan (Blushing Groom)	30	42	474,184	4	4	16
35	Be My Guest (Northern Dancer)	51	79	472,452	4	4	2
36	Bering (Arctic Tern)	43	82	459,179	7	9	20
37	Polar Falcon (Nureyev)	45	78	450,146	5	6	7
38	Highest Honor (Kenmare)	52	80	441,922	3	3	7
39	Shirley Heights (Mill Reef)	38	65	435,177	2	3	8
40	Tenby (Caerleon)	47	77	424,073	1	1	8
41	Silver Hawk (Roberto)	17	24	421,934	3	4	12
42	College Chapel (Sharpo)	48	66	421,183	0	0	4
43	Seeking the Gold (Mr. Prospector)	9	17	419,431	3	5	0
44	Scenic (Sadler's Wells)	41	73	418,490	0	0	1
45	Marju (Last Tycoon)	40	70	417,099	6	6	9
46	Hamas (Danzig)	32	48	415,397	1	1	2
47	Danzig (Northern Dancer)	21	27	412,215	9	10	15
48	Shining Steel (Kris)	52	94	408,928	1	1	3
49	Machiavellian (Mr. Prospector)	37	58	407,876	6	7	12
50	Dashing Blade (Elegant Air)	84	136	395,228	5	5	26

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