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Monday, December 6, 1999

SAUMAREZ SELLS TODAY AT TATTERSALLS

The largest annual European auction of breeding stock begins in Newmarket at 9:30 a.m. today. The "Mares Etc." catalogue of the Tattersalls December Sales contains 1,262 lots, several of whom would be assets to any broodmare band, with the better lots catalogued for today, Tuesday and Wednesday. These include Lot 1860, the three-year-old Rose Of Tara (Ire) (Generous {Ire}), who although only the winner of an apprentices' maiden, comes from an outstanding Kilcarn Stud family. She is a daughter of Flame Of Tara (Ire) (Artaius) dam of 11 winners, among them the triple-Classic scorer Salsabil (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), the 1991 G1 Derby runner-up Marju (Ire) (Last Tycoon {Ire}) and 1990 G1 Irish 1000 Guineas third Danse Royale (Ire) (Caerleon). The executors of the late Lord Howard de Walden sell Lot 2093, Pevna (Danzig), an unraced half-sister to brothers Kris (GB) (Sharpen Up {GB}), Diesis (GB) and Keen (GB). Ted Voute, as agent for Tsega Ltd, offers Cumbres (Fr) (Kahyasi {Ire}), Lot 1843, in foal to Desert King (Ire) and a half-sister to this year's champion three-year-old Montjeu (Ire) (Sadler's Wells). Mares offered in foal to Sadler's Wells are understandably popular at this fixture, and this year these include Lot 1781, Pleine Lune (Ire) (Alzao), a dual winner in France and a half-sister to the G1 winner and sire Pistolet Bleu (Ire) (Top Ville {Ire}). There are a small number of proven and potential stallions for sale, including Lot 1653, Saumarez (GB) (Rainbow Quest), the best sire to go under the hammer for several years. Winner of the 1990 G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, he has produced the winners of over 270 races and more than £3 million in prize money. The sale runs through Friday, starting at 9:30 a.m. each day.

☆ WORLD-WIDE ☆

JOCKEY SERIES GOES TO SHIBATA; PESLIER SECOND

Japanese rider Yoshitomi Shibata captured the 13th annual World Super Jockeys Series, run at Japan's Hanshin Racecourse Dec. 4-5. Fourteen jockeys from around the world competed in the four-race, two-day series. Defending champ Olivier Peslier was second, with Japan's Yutaka Take third and America's Jorge Chavez fourth. Gerald Mosse was fifth, Shane Sellers eighth and Michael Kianane (Ireland) 13th.

FIVE STAR DAY RUNS AWAY IN UNDERWOOD

Five Star Day (Carson City) blasted out of the gate, opened up six lengths after a quarter-mile and held off Your Halo (Jolie's Halo) by a half-length to score his first graded victory in the GIII Vernon O. Underwood S. at Hollywood Park. There wasn't much speed in the five-horse field, and jockey Alex Solis was able to set realistic fractions while running away from the pack early. The 4-5 favorite had been knocking at the door in graded races, running second as the 3-5 choice in the GII Kentucky Cup Sprint at Turfway Park Sept. 25 and second to Forestry in the GI Kings Bishop at Saratoga Aug. 28. He prepared for this with an easy win in the Thirty Slews at Gulfstream Park Nov. 5. Trainer Beau Greely was pointing Five Star Day towards the Dec. 26 GI Malibu S., and entered him here instead of training him up to the race.

Sunday, Hollywood Park VERNON O. UNDERWOOD S.-GIII, \$100,000, HOL, 12-5, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09 4/5, ft.

- 1--@FIVE STAR DAY, 120, c, 3, by Carson City
 1st Dam: Reggie V, by Vanlandingham
 2nd Dam: Regent's Walk, by Vice Regent
 3rd Dam: Lover's Walk, by Never Bend
 (\$325,000 yrl '97 KEEJUL). O-Columbine Stable &
 Kitchwa Stables; B-Robert P McGovern (KY); T-C Beau
 Greely; J-A Solis; \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 8-4-3-0,
 \$253,120.
- 2--Your Halo, 122, c, 4, Jolie's Halo--Yours Anytime, by Always Gallant. O-Wahlgren Family Trust; B-Meadowbrook Farms, Inc (FL); \$20,000.
- 3--Son of a Pistol, 122, h, 7, Big Pistol--Mood Swing, by J. O. Tobin. (\$4,000 yrl '93 KEEJAN; \$23,000 yrl '93 KEESEP). O-Asistio B B C Stables & Davenport; B-Mcmillin Brothers & James Devaney (KY); \$12,000. Margins: HF, 3/4, 1. Odds: 0.80CT, 6.50, 2.20. Also Ran: Early Pioneer, Quake.

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BIG GAINS AT FASIG-TIPTON MIDLANTIC

SALE Saving the best for last, a weanling colt by Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner Boston Harbor out of Dollar Poker (Silver Buck), a full-sister to MGISW Silver Charm, went for \$240,000 as the very last lot through the ring on the opening day of the two-day Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December Mixed Sale at Timonium. Part of the 42-horse Mea Culpa dispersal, the colt was purchased by Woodford Stables. Dollar Poker herself was the second-highest lot, the nine-year-old, who is in foal to Skip Away, brought \$175,000 from William Dixon. The sale registered significant gains over 1998; the average of \$12,784 was up 61 percent over last year's \$7,943, while the gross of \$3,323,900 for 260 sold was 65 percent better than 1998, when 254 sold for \$2,017,400.

FASIG-TIPTON MIDLANTIC SALE TOP FIVE LOTS

Hip # Sex Age Pedigree

Price

c wnl Boston Harbor--Dollar Poker \$240,000 312 Consigned by Green Willow Farms

Agent for Dispersal of Mea Culpa Stables Inc Purchased by Woodford Stables

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Price

Dollar Poker Skip Away \$175,000 (m, 9, Silver Buck--Bonnie's Poker {Poker})

Consigned by Green Willow Farms

Agent for Dispersal of Mea Culpa Stables Inc Purchased by William Dixon

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Tale of the Cat \$100,000

(f, 4, Conquistador Cielo--Reggie V {Vanlandingham}) Consigned by Chanceland Farm, Agent

Purchased by Buzz Chace, Agent

Secret Hello 83,000 279 Conradlev

(m, 7, Allen's Prospect--Kalinsi {Lord Gaylord}) Consigned by Green Willow Farms

Agent for Dispersal of Mea Culpa Stables Inc

Purchased by Country Life Farm, Agent

Hip# Name 297 Secret Firm Sold As racing prospect

Price *\$75,000

(c, 4, Secret Hello--Firm Mist {Affirmed}) Consigned by Green Willow Farms

Agent for Dispersal of Mea Culpa Stables Inc

Purchased by William Dixon *half-interest

SOARING SOFTLY TO RETURN IN 2000 Trainer Jimmy Toner told Daily Racing Form that his Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf champion and Eclipse contender Soaring Softly (Kris S.) would return to race next season. The chestnut has been stabled at Payson Park since her Breeders' Cup victory and will remain there for the winter, though Toner told the Form that a return to the races is not likely until late spring. Owned by John and John Phillips, Soaring Softly compiled seven victories from eight starts in 1999, including wins in the GI Flower Bowl and Gll New York H.

NEW YORK

Yesterday's Results:

MONTAUK H., \$56,300, AQU, 12-5, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m, 1:51 1/5, ft.

- 1--#THERESA THE TEACHA, 118, f, 4, Cure the Blues--Proud n' Appeal (MSW, \$220,606), by Proud Appeal. O-Stuart John D; B-Popofsky David (NY); T-Deborah S Bodner; J-H Castillo Jr; \$33,780. Lifetime Record: 19-4-7-1, \$165,523. *1/2 to Smart Coupons (Gate Dancer), GSW, \$468,560.
- 2--Broomesse, 117, f, 4, Claramount--Broom Boss, by Kohoutek. O-Wachtel Edwin H. \$11,260.
- 3--New Britski, 115, f, 4, Polish Numbers--Untold Wealth, by Private Account. O-Boto Stable. \$6,193. Margins: 3/4, 4HF, HF. Odds: 6.50, 3.90, 2.65*.

Theresa the Teacha, winless in six starts since taking back-to-back state-bred allowance events at Aqueduct in February, was most recently third in an open allowance at this distance at Aqueduct Nov. 10. The filly closely tracked the pacesetters early, took command on the second turn and remained in front the rest of the way for her first stakes victory.

6th-AQU, \$51,000, Alw, 3yo/up, 1 1/2m, 2:30 3/5, ft. 1--COYOTE LAKES, 120, g, 5, Society Max--Delightful Delia, by Cabrini Green. O-Valente Roddy J; B-Triple AAA Ranch (AZ); T-Bruce N Levine. Lifetime Record: GSP, 41-10-6-2, \$280,417.

- 2--West Fork, 114, h, 6, Afleet--Peggy Slew, by Seattle
- 3--Gold Star Deputy, 123, h, 5, Silver Deputy--Andrea Ruckus, by Bold Ruckus.

Margins: 6HF, 2, 4. Odds: 3.50, 33.00, 0.75. Result Cont. p2

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New York Report Cont.

Coyote Lakes returned from an 8 1/2-month layoff to run fifth in a Belmont sprint heat Oct. 9 and won his subsequent start when stretched out to nine furlongs 12 days later. Most recently, the gelding tested stakes waters, but could do no better than fourth in the Creme Fraiche S. at The Meadowlands Nov. 20. Second in the 13-furlong GIII Gallant Fox H. last December over this dirt, the chestnut may have punched his ticket for a return trip, laying just off the leaders for the opening mile, advancing three wide on the final turn and drawing off down the lane for the sharp score.

7th-AQU, \$47,000, Alw, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10, ft. DI'S TIME (f, 4, Gilded Time--Yallah Miss, by Yallah Native), second in a six-furlong allowance at the Meadowlands in her last start Nov. 12, moved up off that effort here, rallying from last to first in the six-horse field to win by three lengths at 8-1 odds. Lifetime Record: 15-5-4-1, \$149,410.

O-Schurman James F. B-Bloodstock Leasing Inc (KY). T-Gary Sciacca.

3rd-AQU, \$45,000, Alw, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09 1/5, ft. FALKENBURG (c, 4, Storm Bird--Bridal Wings, by Private Account) won his first two career starts before finishing seventh in his lastest effort, the Eillo S. at Gulfstream Park Nov. 7. Sent off the 2-5 chalk here to return to his winning ways, the half-brother to Road Rush (Broad Brush), GSW, \$185,946, posted a wire-to-wire, sixlength victory. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$75,600. O-Stronach Stable. B-Stronach Frank (KY). T-Joseph Orseno.

☆ MIDWEST ☆

Yesterday's Result:

REMINGTON FUTURITY, \$176,500, RPX, 12-5, 2yo, 7f, 1:25 3/5, gd.

- 1--#TAVASCO, 120, c, 2, Tabasco Cat--Apalachee Blade, by Blade. (\$42,000 yrl '98 KEESEP). O-Triple AAA Ranch; B-Dreabon Copeland (KY); T-R Kory Owens; J-M C Berry; \$105,900. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$133,500. *First stakes winner for freshman sire (by Storm Cat).
- 2--Overdone, 120, c, 2, Well Decorated--Assiuta, by Overskate. (\$235,000 2yo 1999 OBSFEB). \$35,300.
- 3--Brocco Bry, 120, c, 2, Brocco--Scapegoat, by Forty Niner. (\$17,000 wlng '97 KEENOV; \$25,000 yrl '98 KEESEP). \$19,415.

Margins: NK, 3/4, 1. Odds: 2.90, 2.20, 14.60.

Remington Futurity Cont.

Tavasco became the first stakes winner for his freshman sire with a gritty victory. Dismissed for his debut, the chestnut led wire-to-wire to defeat a group of Del Mar maidens Aug. 21 by 3 1/2 lengths returning \$83.60 to his supporters. Making only his second career outing, the second favorite raced forwardly early on, took a short lead entering the stretch and was able to outgame favored Overdone to the wire.

⇔ EAST **⇔**

Yesterday's Results:

6th-PHA, \$16,000, Msw, 2yo, 1m, 1:39 3/5, ft. + MORNING LINE (c, 2, Pleasant Tap--Roberto's Key {GSP}, by Roberto), sent off at 9-1 odds in his career debut, rallied from mid-pack to win by a half-length. He was a \$20,000 KEENOV weanling and a \$13,000 KEESEP yearling. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$9,600. O-Wolver Hill Farm. B-T M Evans (KY). T-Eugene Weymouth.

☆ SO. CALIFORNIA ☆

Yesterday's Results:

4th-HOL, \$54,000, Alw, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:34 1/5, fm.

- 1--KAHAL (GB), 116, h, 5, Machiavellian--Just a Mirage (GB), by Green Desert. O-Shadwell Farm Inc; B-Shadwell Estate Co. Ltd.; T-Neil Drysdale. Lifetime Record: GSW-GB, SP-UAE, 20-4-5-1, \$272,122.
- 2--Mr Lightfoot (Ire), 118, h, 5, Dancing Dissident--Lundylux (GB), by Grundy (Ire).
- 3--Alvo Certo (Brz), 116, Tsunami Slew--New Filly (Brz), by Lone Wolf (Brz).

Margins: 3HF, 1, 2. Odds: 2.60, 3.50, 1.80.

Homebred Kahal, second in a Hollywood turf route June 6, went to the sidelines after a seventh in the GII Triple Bend Breeders' Cup over the main track June 27. The bay resurfaced with a nondescript sixth in the GII Shadwell Keeneland Turf Mile Oct. 9, but rebounded from that effort to cross the line first in the grassy 6 1/2-furlong GIII Morvich H. at Santa Anita Nov. 6, only to be disqualified to second for interference in the stretch. Unhurried early in this event, Kahal bid three deep on the second turn, took over at the eighth pole and drew clear to a decisive victory.

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Valenzuela Hits 3000:

Jockey Pat Valenzuela recorded his 3000th career victory of his career when he guided Sexy Too under the wire to win Saturday's first race at Hollywood Park. The 37-year-old native of Montrose, CA, is the winner of six Breeders' Cup races, and four in two years, including the 1991 Juvenile aboard Arazi.

☆ WEST ☆

BONDE TAKES TOPPER AT WASHINGTON SALE

Through 230 of 318 lots, a yearling colt by Slewdledo--Gold Tyee, by Leather Lyon brought \$33,000, topping the Washington Thoroughbred Breeders Association Sale mixed sale at Emerald Downs. The colt, consigned by Halvorsom Bloodstock as agent, went to California trainer Jeff Bonde.

☆ FOREIGN ☆

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN BRITAIN:

Takhlid, h, 8, Nureyev--Savonnerie (GSP-Fr), by Irish River (Fr). Wolverhampton, 12-4, Motown Claiming S., 3yo/up, 7f (AWT), \$3,691 to winner. O-S B Clark; B-John T L Jones & Barronstown Blood; T-David Chapman. *\$750,000 yrl '92 KEEJUL.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG:

- Northern Flyer, c, 4, Theatrical (Ire)--Avie Jane (GSW, \$314,909), by Lord Avie. Sha Tin, 12-4, Granville H., a1mT. O-Miao Hua Chic, Patrick Miao Yen Lai & Michael; B-Eaton, Gorsky & Lyons (Ky); T-A T Millard. *\$155,000 yrl '96 KEESEP.
- Cheers Up, g, 5, Irish River (Fr)--Sham Street, by Sham. Sha Tin, 12-4, Nathan H., 1 3/4mT. O-Lui Siu-mun; B-Courtney & Floyd (Ky); T-A T Millard. *1/2 to Queen's Gray Bee (Drone), MSW & GSP, \$416,564; Shahik (Spectacular Bid), G1SP-Ire, SP-UAE, \$104,215. **\$110,000 yrl '95 KEEJUL.
- Big Treasure, g, 6, Northern Flagship--Ravine, by Sir Ivor. Sha Tin, 12-4, Cameron H., a1mT. O-Cheung King-yau; B-Irish Entities Inc (IL); T-L Fownes. \$16,000 yrl '94 OBSJAN.
- SO. HEMISPHERE WINNERS BY SHUTTLE STALLIONS: Phoenix Park (Aus), g, 2, Royal Academy--Bletchwyn (Aus), by Bletchingly (Aus). Rosehill (Sydney), 12-4, Softex H., 2yo, 5 1/2fT, \$15,901 to winner. B-Mr J E Abrahams; T-Gai Waterhouse.

- Royal Snip (Aus), f, 3, Royal Academy--Snippet's Girl (Aus) (MSW & GSP-Aus), by Snippets (Aus). Moe (Victoria), 12-3, Moe Bowling Club H., 3yo/up, f/m, 6fT, \$3,286 to winner. B-Biggs Enterprises & Porter Street Investments; T-Liz Scott. *SP-Aus.
- Crown Mahal (Aus), g, 3, Chief's Crown--Catch My Breath (NZ), by Sir Tristram (Ire). Kembla Grange (New South Wales), 12-4, Neil Williams Memorial Maiden, 3yo/up, 7 1/2fT, \$2,591 to winner. B-Arrowfield Group Ltd; T-Bart Cummings.
- Regal Prophecy (Aus), f, 3, Chief's Crown--Early Warning, by Majestic Light. Wagga (New South Wales), 12-3, Flemings Hardware H., 3yo/up, 1mT, \$1,896 to winner. B-Golspie Trust; T-John Morrissey.
- Queen of the Seas (NZ), f, 3, Dance Floor--Coiffure (NZ), by Crested Wave. Trentham (New Zealand), 12-4, Cryovac Maiden, 3yo/up, 1mT, \$1,661 to winner. B-Mr D & Mrs S J Crawford; T-Chris Waller.
- Dancing Daphne (NZ), f, 3, Dance Floor--Daring Daphne (GB), by Final Straw (GB). Winton (New Zealand), 12-5, Couplands Bakeries Sprint, 3yo/up, 6fT, \$1,636 to winner. B-Trelawney Stud Ltd; T-Dianne Pitman.
- Investor (NZ), g, 3, Dance Floor--Smart Copy, by Liloy. Avondale (New Zealand), 12-4, Builders Services Maiden, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT, \$1,888 to winner. B-Mr A C & Mrs O M Sweeney; T-Graeme Rogerson & Keith Hawtin.
- Ellawishous Prime (NZ), f, 3, Defensive Play--Eloquent Lady (NZ), by Danzatore. Bay of Plenty (New Zealand), 12-3, J Swap Contractors Maiden, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, \$1,636 to winner. B-Mr D B Gardner; T-Mark Walker.
- Pompey The Great (Aus), g, 3, Dehere--Greek Miss (NZ), by Pompeii Court (NZ). Geelong (Victoria), 12-5, Callan H., 3yo/up, 7fT, \$2,465 to winner. B-Tolcost Pty Ltd; T-Graeme Rogerson.
- Limestone (Aus), c, 3, Jade Hunter--Career Woman (Aus), by Bletchingly (Aus). Murray Bridge (South Australia), 12-5, Centacare Disabilities Services Maiden, 3yo/up, c/g, 5fT, \$2,291 to winner. B-Woodlands Stud; T-John Hawkes.
- Lady of the Dance (NZ), f, 4, Dance Floor--Leggy Pleasure (NZ), by Three Legs (GB). Winton (New Zealand), 12-5, The Hillpoint Timber Sprint, 3yo/up, 6fT, \$1,963 to winner. B-Miss M A & Mrs R J Pollock & Mr P W Tatham; T-Gay Henderson. *SP-NZ.
- Simigan (NZ), g, 4, Honor Grades--Karamea Lady (NZ), by Lord Ballina (Aus). Avondale (New Zealand), 12-4, South Auckland Racing Club H., 3yo/up, 1mT, \$2,832 to winner. B-Messrs O T Hannigan & N Simpson; T-Frank & Craig Ritchie. *1/2 to Carey Grant (NZ) (Famous Star {GB}), MGSP-NZ, SP-Aus.



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STAKES RESULTS:

HOOSIER JUVENILE S., \$79,900, HOO, 12-5, 2yo, c/g, 6f, 1:10 4/5, sy.

- 1--#ULTIMATE WARRIOR, 113, c, 2, Iroquois Park--Jodi Z., by Hard Work. O-Ryan James & L T B Inc; B-Bernard Flint & James Ryan (KY); T-Bernard S Flint; J-P J Cooksey; \$47,940. Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-0, \$91,165.
- 2--Valiant Style, 115, c, 2, Valiant Nature--Saratoga Style, by Conquistador Cielo. (\$40,000 wlng '97 KEENOV; \$87,000 yrl '98 FTKJUL; \$130,000 2yo 1999 FTFFEB). \$15,980.
- 3--In Sync, 116, c, 2, Gilded Time--Redzig, by Danzig. (\$18,000 yrl '98 KEEJAN; \$13,000 yrl '98 KEESEP). \$8.789.

Margins: 2 1/4, NK, 1 3/4. Odds: 2.30, 2.70, 12.30.

VIVA EL PASO H., \$73,350, SUN, 12-5, (S), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16, ft.

- 1--YULLA YULLA, 121, f, 4, Look See--Jesta Performer (MSW), by Top Performer. O/B-Franklyn Macaron (NM); T-Johnie Jamison; J-M Fuentes; \$44,010. Lifetime Record: 14-11-1-1, \$138,659.
- 2--Oddsonjack, 122, g, 4, Jack Wilson--Reckless Mena, by Full Choke. \$16,137.
- 3--Bemomoney, 120, g, 4, Tilt the Odds--Bee Line Baby, by Fuzzbuster. \$7,335.

Margins: 2HF, 2 1/4, NO. Odds: 1.50, 2.20A, 9.70.

TENACIOUS H., \$72,750, FGX, 12-5, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44 3/5, gd.

- 1--TAKE NOTE OF ME, 118, g, 5, Notebook--Von Der Sonne, by Dust Commander. O-Holland Steve & Estate of Barry Shipp; B-Shipp Barry (FL); T-Gene A Cilio; J-R Sibille; \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 17-9-1-4, \$338,539.
- 2--Phil the Grip, 115, g, 5, Crafty Prospector--Ionian Bride, by Icecapade. (\$62,000 yrl '95 KEESEP; \$160,000 HRA 1997 FTNNOV). \$15,000.
- 3--Hanarsaan, 114, h, 6, Hansel--Arsaan, by Nureyev. (\$245,000 HRA 1999 KEENOV). \$8,250.

Margins: 3 3/4, 3/4, 6HF. Odds: 1.00, 3.20, 2.20.

POLITELY S., \$60,000, LRL, 12-5, (S), 3yo, f, 7f, 1:24 3/5, ft.

- 1--TROPICAL PUNCH, 122, f, 3, Two Punch--Abovehawaii, by Great Above. O-Silverrod Stable; B-Mrs Raymond H Burnette (MD); T-Allen Iwinski; J-B E Bartram; \$36,000. Lifetime Record: 14-7-2-2, \$158,539.
- 2--Miss Cheers, 119, f, 3, Carson City--Rise and Sing, by The Minstrel. (\$28,000 yrl '97 FTMSEP). \$12,000.
- 3--Shortpoint, 119, f, 3, Two Punch--Shortley, by Haglev. \$6,600.

Margins: NK, 4 1/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 1.70, 3.80, 6.80.

TROPICAL PARK STEEPLECHASE H., \$50,000, CRC, 12-5, 4yo/up, a2 1/4mT (hurdles), 4:09 1/5, fm.

- 1--#SUNDIN (GB), 158, g, 8, Kris (GB)--Silver Fling (MGSW-GB, G1SW-Fr, \$424,199), by The Minstrel. O-Augustin Stable; B-George Strawbridge Jr (GB); T-Jonathan E Sheppard; J-J Kiser; \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 26-8-6-3, \$163,970.
- 2--Romantic, 158, h, 7, The Cool Virginian--Romanissimo, by Double Zeus. \$10,000.
- 3--Indispensable, 146, g, 5, Mane Minister--Spellcast, by Fappiano. (\$32,000 wlng '94 KEENOV). \$5,500. Margins: 4, 2 1/4, 1 3/4. Odds: 1.00B*, 1.70A, 3.30.

ALAMO S., \$25,000, HOU, 12-4, 2yo, 7f, 1:25 2/5, sy.

- 1--#T. C. STINGAREE, 115, c, 2, Texas City--Shawntu, by Our Hero. (\$5,700 yrl '98 TEXAUG). O/T-Chad Hassenpflug; B-Gilbert Ciavaglia (TX); J-R J Faul; \$15,000. Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-2, \$28,134.
- 2--Texas Code, 120, c, 2, Super Code--Imatexantoo, by Ray's Pegasus. \$5,000.
- 3--Clever Brick, 115, c, 2, Rare Brick--Clever Trixie, by Clever Trick. (\$5,500 yrl '98 TEXAUG). \$2,750. Margins: 3/4, 7HF, NO. Odds: 8.10, 0.70, 5.20.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-HAW, \$40,154, 2yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:21 1/5, sy. HEATHERS DELIGHT (f, 2, Spanish Drummer--Shopawaytheblues, by Zen) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$44,880. O/B-Levitch James M Jr (IL). T-Rick Lindsay. *1/2 to Bankruptcy Bound (Royal Roberto), SW, \$144,116.



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8th-HAW, \$35,178, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13, sy. COPELAN'S NANY (f, 4, Copelan--Nany's Appeal {MSW, \$182,497}, by Valid Appeal) Lifetime Record: 12-4-1-0, \$75,420. O-Mancari Frank & Reavis Michael B-Harry T Mangurian Jr (FL). T-Michael L Reavis. *1/2 to Nany's Sweep (End Sweep), GSP, \$110,743.

8th-HOL, \$37,000, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42 2/5, fm.

BELLE OF HUMBOLDT (f, 4, Qui Native--Le Gallant Belle, by Finger Paints) Lifetime Record: 18-4-0-3, \$105,900. O/B-Merle L. Cables (CA). T-Richard L Lockwood. *SP.

5th-HOL, **\$35,000**, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), (S), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:23 4/5, ft.

DISGUYS DALIMIT (g, 4, Stately Cielo--Sky Captive, by Skywalker) Lifetime Record: 10-4-1-0, \$56,430. O-Lake Forest Stable. B-Marjorie & Rene Lambert (Ca). T-Jack Carava.

8th-LRL, \$35,000, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44 2/5, ft.

AIRTIGHT ALIBI (g, 4, Kingmambo--Long View {SW}, by Damascus) Lifetime Record: 18-5-5-1, \$131,926. O-Richard C Porter III. B-W S Farish (Ky). T-John C Servis.

10th-HOO, \$33,100, (S), Alw, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:41 4/5, sy.

DEWYOUWANNADANCE (h, 5, Dewdle's Dancer-Gorgeous Motion (Ire), by Hello Gorgeous) Lifetime Record: 32-4-1-2, \$68,876. O-Buse Donald R Julie. B-Forest Haynes (IN). T-Jeffrey L Lockhart.

7th-FGX, \$32,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (off turf), 1:38 2/5, gd.

CAHILL KATE (f, 4, Cahill Road--Kshesinskaya, by Nijinsky II) Lifetime Record: 22-4-4-1, \$91,262. O-Evelyn Cochran, Zortman Enterprises & Robert Anderson. B-Bluegrass Farm Partners, J. Donaldson & Hartland Farm (KY). T-Henry S Cochran. *1/2 to Lady at Peace (Lord At War {Arg}), SW, \$146,716.

4th-GGX, \$30,563, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:48 4/5, sf

ROSE CARNIVAL (GB) (m, 5, Salse--Jungle Rose {Ire}, by Shirley Heights {GB}) Lifetime Record: 15-2-1-2, \$46,511. O-Red Baron's Barn. B-P D & Mrs. Player. T-Jerry Hollendorfer.

11th-HOO, \$29,300, 12-4, (S), 3/up, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft. RODNEY'S BIRTHDAY (g, 3, Groovy--You'll Always Do, by Bold Dun-Cee) Lifetime Record: SW, 15-3-4-4, \$109,044. O-David G Mounts. B-Roger & Barbara Holbrook (IN). T-Benjie Larue.

8th-PHA, \$28,544, 3yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:41, ft. ANOTHER BETTY (m, 5, El Raggaas--Bellegorian, by Gregorian) Lifetime Record: SW, 30-9-3-5, \$219,138. O-Lyman Charles B & Holman Joseph W Jr. B-Mrs. Charles B Lyman & Russell C Mucklow (PA). T-Guadalupe Preciado. *1/2 to North Hall Betty (Iron), SW, \$221,299.

7th-LRL, \$28,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:18 1/5, ft. BRILLIG (f, 4, Percifal--Miss Sundial, by Skywalker) Lifetime Record: 26-4-5-4, \$78,390. O-John S Barberino. B-Sundial Partnership (CA). T-Tim F Ritchey.

9th-TPX, \$27,800, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:36 4/5, sy. DEAD SERIOUS (c, 3, Iroquois Park--Basqueing Beauty, by Bounding Basque) Lifetime Record: 23-5-2-6, \$108,634. O/B-Terry Raymond (KY). T-Angel Montano.

10th-HOO, \$26,300, 12-4, (S), 2yo, f, 6f, 1:12 4/5, ft. CELONA'S GIRL (f, 2, Iroquois Park--Celona's Magic, by Barcelona) Lifetime Record: SP, 5-2-1-1, \$54,592. O/B-Joe Schwankhart (IN). T-Henry Lyons.

12th-HOO, \$26,300, (S), Alw, 2yo, 6f, 1:13 2/5, ft. JOANIES NO PHONY (c, 2, Buckhar--Joaniville, by Joanie's Chief) Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, \$57,630. O-F Ranch Et Al Double. B-Robert Gabbard (IN). T-Ron Gabbard. *SP.

6th-LRL, \$26,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:52 2/5, ft. DEER TRACKER (c, 3, Deerhound--Track Ballet, by Track Barron) Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-2, \$33,815. O-Morris Stable. B-Mary Beth Margiotta (NY). T-Carlos A Garcia. *Placed first through disqualification.

8th-CRC, \$23,500, 2yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:50 2/5, ft. LAUREL LIGHT (f, 2, Colony Light--Nasratti, by Al Nasr {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$30,805. O-J D Farms. B-J D Farm (FL). T-David R Brownlee.

11th-HOO, \$21,300, Alw, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05 3/5, sy.

SAMI TWO PUNCH (f, 3, Two Punch--Cutie Buttons, by North Pole) Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-1, \$40,278. O-John Castro. B-William L. S. Landes III (MD). T-Hugh H Robertson.



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6th-CRC, \$19,500, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:48 3/5, ft. BEAUTY IS (f, 3, Personal Flag--Ale Eight Woman, by Gone West) Lifetime Record: 17-3-4-3, \$57,230. O/B-Phelps Gene (KY). T-James McMullen.

9th-MNR, \$19,000, 12-4, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37 2/5, ft.

CHEROKEE REEF (m, 5, Cherokee Colony--Golden Reef {GSW & MGISP, \$180,782}, by Mr. Prospector) Lifetime Record: SW, 35-7-5-7, \$171,862. O-Robert A Koch. B-T M Evans (KY). T-James T Wright.

2nd-CRC, \$18,500, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:43, fm. SCARAB BRACELET (f, 3, Riverman--Chain Bracelet {GISW, \$289,580}, by Lyphard) Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-0, \$29,735. O-Brushwood Stable. B-Cashmark Farms, Inc. (KY). T-Christophe Clement.

8th-RPX, \$15,200, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :59 3/5, gd.
MATURE MISS (f, 3, Mi Cielo--Mature Comic, by
Doonesbury) Lifetime Record: 12-2-2-2, \$28,074.
O-Richard E Gotschall. B-C. Jones, et al. Brereton (KY).
T-Larry D Donlin. *1/2 to Bold Comic (Naevus), MSW, \$220,155.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

- Ms. Clothes Hoss, f, 2, Black Tie Affair (Ire)--Anna Lisa Beth, by Topsider. TPX, 12-5, 1m, 1:39 3/5. B-Hargus & Sandra Sexton (Ky). *\$32,000 yrl '98 KEESEP; \$90,000 2yo 1999 OBSFEB. **1/2 to Synchronized (Lac Ouimet), MSW, \$345,663.
- Homeside, c, 2, Buckhar--Melissa's Sunshine, by Personal Flag. AQU, 12-5, (S), 1 1/16m, 1:46 1/5. B-Howard Kaskel (Ny). *\$22,000 yrl '98 KEESEP.
- Silver Max, c, 2, City Council (Ire)--Think Swaps (SW), by Comfrey. HOU, 12-5, (S), a1m70yd, 1:45 4/5. B-Wilburn Smith (Tx)
- Random Honors, f, 2, Honor Grades--Ascending Haze (SW), by Misty Flight. CRC, 12-5, (C), 6 1/2f, 1:21 2/5. B-Le Ferme Duet (FI). *\$15,000 wlng '97 OBSOCT.
- + Between Friends, f, 2, Leo Castelli--Miss Cynthia, by Market Fever. TPX, 12-5, (C), 6f, 1:12 3/5. B-Dr William E Yancey (Ky). *1/2 to Tarzans Blade (Jungle Blade), MGSW, \$610,353.

- + Morning Line, c, 2, Pleasant Tap--Roberto's Key (GSP), by Roberto. PHA, 12-5, 1m, 1:39 3/5. B-T M Evans (Ky). *\$20,000 wlng '97 KEENOV; \$13,000 yrl '98 KEESEP.
- Highgain, c, 2, Quiet American--Haiati (MGSP-US, GSP-GB, \$125,356), by Alydar. HAW, 12-5, a1m70yd, 1:46 3/5. B-Kinsman Farm (Ky).
- Hidefromthebride, c, 2, Runaway Groom--Gentle Kelly (MSP), by Gentle King. HOL, 12-5, (C), 6 1/2f, 1:18 2/5. B-Gary Vaccaro & Russell Lowe (Ky). *\$50,000 yrl '98 KEESEP. **1/2 to Carrie Can (Saratoga Six), MSW, \$300,234.
- Cal Bread, c, 3, Bertrando--Lady Argyle, by Don B.. FGX, 12-5, 6f, 1:12 3/5. B-Elliot Alexander & Versailles Racing (Ca). *1/2 to Canon Can (Green Dancer), GSW-GB, \$164,624.
- Havappeal, c, 3, Hadif--Stage Appeal, by Stage Door Johnny. HOU, 12-4, 6f, 1:13. B-Baczewski Gary (Tx).
- + Leave the Treasure, f, 3, Leave Seattle--Pia's
 Treasure, by Little Current. SUF, 12-5, 6f, 1:16 1/5.
 B-George F Brown (Ma).
- Ms Infinity Slew, f, 3, Slew the Bride--Just Like Ma, by *Petrone. HOL, 12-5, (S), (C), 6 1/2f, 1:20. B-Petersen Robert A (Ca).
- Marina (Mex), f, 4, High Brite--Hatchet Faced (SP), by Hatchet Man. HOU, 12-4, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:08. B-Lane Don (Ky). *\$8,500 yrl '96 KEESEP.
- Sonny Six, c, 4, Saratoga Six--Libby Lamb, by The Irish Lord. PEN, 12-5, 6f, 1:13 1/5. B-Kristin A Yankula & Amrket Hill Farm (IL).

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★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Results:

PRIX MAX SICARD-Listed, FF380,000, Toulouse, 3yo/up, 1 1/2mT, 2:30.40, hy.

- 1--MONT ROCHER (FR), 129, c, 4, Caerleon (USA)--Cuixmala (Fr), by Highest Honor (Fr). O-Tsega Ltd; B-Sir James Goldsmith; T-John Hammond; J-Thierry Gillet; FF200,000. Lifetime Record: 10 starts, 5 wins, 2 places, FF741,000.
- 2--Russian Hope (Ire), 129, c, 4, Rock Hopper (GB)--Dievotchka (GB), by Dancing Brave (USA). FF72,000.
- 3--Jafar (Spa), 126, c, 4, Panoramic (GB)--Bondadosa (Ire), by Ela-Mana-Mou (Ire). FF54,000.

Margins: HD, 5, HF. Odds: 2.40, 3.50, 43.00. Also ran: Phrygien (Fr), Mawasko (Fr), My Honor (Fr), Emitha (Fr), Big Ander (Spa), Take Heed (GB).

Unsuccessful in his first five starts, Mont Rocher hit form with a vengeance, winning his last four starts, culminating with a win in the Listed Grand Prix du Sud Ouest over course and distance Sept. 19. He proved an 11-week absence was no hindrance and doubled his stakes tally in Europe's final stakes race of the year. He can be considered a somewhat fortuitous winner as Russian Hope seemed to have the race at his mercy with a furlong to run, but gave away what advantage he had by hanging alarmingly in the closing stages. Emitha (L'Emigrant {USA}) held the early lead from Russian Hope with Take Heed (Warning {GB}), Mawasko (Lesotho {USA}) and Mont Rocher in a sharing third. Jafar was detached from the main body of the field and was well behind in the rear. Russian Hope took over in front at halfway and led by two lengths turning into the straight, where Mont Rocher progressed into a challenging second. The pair had the race between themselves approaching the final furlong, but Russian Hope darted to his left at the distance when still in the lead. Mont Rocher seized the initiative and his determined effort saw him grab the lead in the closing stages to deny the unlucky runner-up. Jafar made up many lengths in the straight to prove best of the distant remainder.

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CRITERIUM DU LANGUEDOC PRIX PAUL GUICHOU-Listed, FF240,000, Toulouse, 2yo, 1mT, 1:41.00, hy.

- 1--#FIRYAL PURSUIT (FR), 123, c, 2, Midyan (USA)
 1st Dam: Firyal (Ire) (SW & G1SP-Fr), by Nonoalco (USA)
 2nd Dam: Neriad (USA), by Princequillo (GB)
 3rd Dam: Sea-Change (USA), by Count Fleet (USA)
 (8,657gns yrl '98 AFAUG). O-P Dreux; B-Gerard
 Lehman; T-P Khozian; J-Thierry Thulliez; FF130,000.
 Lifetime Record: 6 starts, 2 wins, 3 places,
 FF224,000.
- 2--Loyal Tartare (Fr), 128, c, 2, Astair (Fr)--Miss Tartare (Fr), by Sukawa (Fr). FF44,000.
- 3--Al Namix (Fr), 123, c, 2, Linamix (Fr)--Dirigeante (Fr), by Lead On Time (USA). (18,170gns wnl '97 AFDEC). FF33.000.

Margins: HF, HF, HF. Odds: 28.00, 2.80, 5.50. Also ran: Darjeeling (Fr), Percent Premium (Fr), Thorium (Ire), Le Bila (Fr), Le Ruffian (Fr), Hittite (Fr), Al Kendor (Fr), Al Panter (Fr). Scratched: Walnut Lady (GB).

The winner of only one of his previous five starts, a conditions race at Vichy Aug. 18, Firyal Pursuit was an unconsidered outsider for his second attempt in Listed class. He improved from his unplaced effort in the Listed Prix Delahante at Marseille Borely Nov. 20, and belied his long odds to record his first stakes win with a stoic effort, grabbing the lead well inside the final furlong. Firyal Pursuit was reserved well off the pace behind Al Namix as Al Kendor (Kendor (Fr)) led from Le Ruffian (Balleroy {USA}) and Loyal Tartare. Loyal Tartare went to the front approaching the final furlong soon after the field swung right-handed into the short straight, but was soon challenged on his outside by Al Namix and Firyal Pursuit. It was the latter who showed the greatest drive and went to the front in the last 50 yards. Loyal Tartare battled determinedly and held on grimly for second as Al Namix closed with every stride.

* ITALY *

Yesterday's Result:

2.55 Pisa, Premio Stampace (Cond.), L19,125,000, 3yo/up, 1 3/8mT, time: n/a, sf.

ALBANO (GB) (c, 3, Broken Hearted {Ire}--Arnaz {Ity} {SW-Ity}, by Hogarth {Ity}). Lifetime Record: 13 starts, 5 wins, 4 places, L78,730,000. O/B/T-G Tumsich; J-J Horcajada. *1/2 to Acceglio (GB) (English Prince {Ire}), MSW-Ity.

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WINNERS BY EUROPEAN SIRES:

King Of Danes (Aus), c, 2, Danehill (USA)--Impulsive Rhythm (Aus) (SP-Aus), by Rubiton (Aus). Eagle Farm (Brisbane), 12-4, Franklins No Frills H., 2yo, 5fT, £6,911 to winner. B-D R Fleming; T-Bruce McLachlan.

Ferrara (Aus), c, 2, Desert Style (Ire)--Regal Blade (Aus), by Steel Blade (Aus). Canberra (Australian Capital Territory),12-5, McDonalds H., 2yo, 6fT, £2,369 to winner. B-W H Miller; T-Frank Cleary.

Ponton Flyer (Aus), f, 2, Flying Spur (Aus)--Currabahah (Aus), by Northern Spring (Ire). Caulfield (Melbourne), 12-5, Lady Jakeo Plate, 2yo, f, 5fT, £6,417 to winner. B-Barree Pastoral Co Pty Ltd; T-Tom Hughes Jr.

Kohinoor (NZ), f, 3, Bigstone (Ire)--A Star Is Born (Aus),
by Ahonoora (GB). Bay of Plenty (New Zealand), 12-3,
Bayprint Sprint, 3yo, 6fT, £1,227 to winner.
B-Yarrawonga Racing Ltd; T-Michael Moroney & Andrew Scott.

Condotti (Aus), g, 3, Bluebird (USA)--Roadsong (Aus), by Haulpak (Aus). Rosehill (Sydney), 12-4, Arnott's Tim Tam H., 3yo, 6fT, £9,936 to winner. B-Galtrad Pty Ltd; T-Gai Waterhouse.

A Class Act (Aus), f, 3, Brief Truce (USA)--Mahalia Walk (NZ), by Otehi Bay (Aus). Geelong (Victoria), 12-5, St Mary's Maiden Plate, 3yo, 5 1/2fT, £1,540 to winner. B-L Schemnitz & L Bartle; T-Tony Vasil.

Real Time (NZ), g, 3, Desert Sun (GB)--Desert Strike (NZ), by Straight Strike (USA). Moonee Valley (Melbourne), 12-4, Symphony Facial Tissues H., 3yo, c/g, 6fT, £10,267 to winner. B-Sixth Dimension Syndicate; T-Mark Minervini.

Tickle My (Aus), f, 3, Perugino (USA)--Mere Fancy (Aus), by Noalcoholic (Fr). Moonee Valley (Melbourne), 12-4, Sorbent H., 3yo, f, 1mT, £10,267 to winner. B-K W Breese; T-Bruce Purcell.

Georgia Strait (Aus), f, 3, Seattle Dancer (USA)--Clayton's Century (Aus), by Century (Aus). Geelong (Victoria), 12-5, St Bernard's Maiden Plate, 3yo, f, 7 1/2fT, £1,540 to winner. B-F Curtin, D Weston & A G Williams; T-Ross Gawley.

Mallet (Aus), g, 4, Brief Truce (USA)--Majalh (Aus), by Kaoru Star (Aus). Eagle Farm (Brisbane), 12-4, Tattersalls H., 3yo/up, 6fT, £6,911 to winner. B-Woodlands Stud; T-John Hawkes.

Daninkling (Aus), f, 4, Danehill (USA)--Incline (Aus), by Century (Aus). Moonee Valley (Melbourne), 12-4, Big Fresh H., 4yo/up, 5fT, £10,267 to winner. B-O P Tait & Mrs S S Nivison; T-Mark Minervini.

Thurible (NZ), f, 4, Desert Sun (GB).-Summer Sterling (NZ), by One Pound Sterling (GB). Wagga (New South Wales), 12-3, Wagga Wagga Commercial Club H., 3yo/up, 7fT, £1,303 to winner. B-B & T Barton; T-Tony Barton.

Donlani (Aus), c, 4, Mukaddamah (USA)--Suspicious Minds (NZ), by Le Grand Seigneur (Can). Gold Coast (Queensland), 12-4, Gold Coast H., 3yo/up, 7fT, £1,896 to winner. B-B N Harvey & R D Harvey; T-Kelly Schweida.

Overtime (Aus), f, 4, Night Shift (USA)--Espouse (Aus), by Marscay (Aus). Victoria Park (Adelaide), 12-4, Franklins No Frills H., 3yo/up, 6 1/2fT, £4,366 to winner. B-Corumbene Stud; T-David Balfour.

★ HONG KONG ★

EUROEPAN-BRED WINNER:

Prancing Horse (Ire), c, 3, Tirol (Ire)--Minami (Ire), by Caerleon (USA). Happy Valley, 12-4, Mody H., 5fT. O-Chan Kwok Leung & Nancy Chan Kwok Oi Ling; B-T Stack; T-A T Millard. *26,732gns yrl '97 TISEP. **Originally named African Skimmer (Ire).

★ U.S. PREMIERES

How They Fared:

7th-Hollywood Park, Hollywood Turf Cup-GI, \$400,000, 12-4, 3yo/up, 1 1/2mT

THE FLY (GB) (h, 5, Pharly {Fr}--Nelly Do Da {GB}--Derring Do {GB}) the longest shot in the field at 23-1, was away slowly, moved wide into the stretch and was a non-threatening fourth. He hadn't won on the flat since a handicap at York May 13, 1997 for Barry Hills, although he took a 2 1/16-mile hurdle at Cheltenham March 16 of this year.

O-Red Baron's Barn LLC; B-Digby Wingfield; T-Darrell Vienna; J-Garrett Gomez.

9th-Hollywood Park, Waya H., \$70,000, 12-4, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/2mT

MARIE DE BAYEUX (FR) (f, 3, Turgeon {USA}.-Mandragore {USA}, by Slew o' Gold {USA}), the 2.30-1 second choice, was wide down the backside and finished fifth in the six-horse field. She had won the Listed Coupe de Trois Ans at Lyon-Parilly May 30, but failed to find the winner's circle in five subsequent races, all group affairs.

O-Breeding & Racing Ent Ltd; B-Jean-Paul Gallorini; T-Rod Collet; J-Alex Solis.

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French Year in Review

by Claude Beniada

It has been a great racing season indeed in France, and looking at it as it almost comes to an end, it seems certain that it will be one to remember. Montjeu (USA) (Sadler's Wells {USA}) is a champion, and his defeat in the Japan Cup will not make us change our minds. The three-year-old completed a wonderful season under the tuteledge of John Hammond. He first asserted his superiority in splendid fashion over his French counterparts June 6 in the G1 Prix du Jockey Club at Chantilly, a race won with extreme ease, stamping himself immediately as a top-class colt. He confirmed it in spectacular fashion in the G1 Irish Derby, proving that he is the best of his age in Europe. The climax of the French racing season, the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe the first Sunday in October, proved the right opportunity for Montieu to establish himself as the top horse in Europe. He did so with a terrific late kick that saw him prove best inside the final 100 yards over another true champion, the Japanese four-year-old El Condor Pasa (USA) (Kingmambo {USA}). With dual-G1 winner Croco Rouge (Ire) (Rainbow Quest {USA}) third, five lengths further away (he had been a close fourth and quite unlucky in 1998), there was no doubt that the 1999 Arc vintage was one superior quality, equivalent to Peintre Celebre (USA) (Nureyev {USA}) in 1997 or Helissio (Fr) (Fairy King {USA}) the previous year.

Older horses in training in France in 1999 have not been too successful on the international scene, the best being Croco Rouge, winner of the 1,850-meter G1 Prix d'Ispahan and third in the Arc, who ran only one bad race when unplaced as the favorite in the G1 Coral-Eclipse S. at Sandown in July. Dark Moondancer (GB) (Anshan {GB}) had a brilliant start of the season with successes in the 2,000-meter G2 Prix d'Harcourt and 2,100-meter G1 Prix Ganay at Longchamp (with Croco Rouge third on his sasonal bow) before taking the G1 Gran Premio di Milan in Italy. He did not race again until finishing ninth in the Breeders' Cup Turf.

It is true that no older horse in France could match the quality of the brilliant Daylami (Ire) (Doyoun {Ire}), who unfortunately was not seen at his best in the Arc, his sole appearance on French soil this year. Diktat (GB) (Warning {GB}) dictated his law in the 1,300-meter G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest at Deauville in August and Agnes World (USA) (Danzig {USA}), shipping in from Japan for the occasion, was best at Longchamp on Arc

day in the 1,000-meter G1 Prix de l'Abbaye de Longchamp. The best French older miler has been Gold Away (Ire) (Goldneyev {USA}), winner of the 1,600-meter G2 Prix du Muguet, but second to Diktat at Deauville and second to Sendawar (Ire) (Priolo {USA}) in the 1,600-meter G1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp and hurt while preparing for the Breeders' Cup Mile. Tajoun (Fr) (General Holme {USA}) has been the best Frenchtrained stayer, winning the 4,000-meter G1 Prix du Cadran in October, but was well-beaten in the Ascot Gold Cup in June.

Three-year-olds trained in France have certainly been a source of immense satisfaction, as besides Montjeu, Sendawar has proven without any doubt to be the best miler in Europe. The son of Priolo won three races at the highest level, taking the G1 Dubai Poule d'Essai des Poulains (French 2000 Guineas) in May at Longchamp, the G1 St James's Palace S. in June at Royal Ascot and the G1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp against older horses in September. On two occasions, he didn't make it to the start due to heavy going. At Deauville in the G1 Prix du Haras de Fresnay le Buffard Jacques le Marois in August and at Ascot in late September in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. On both occasions, Dubai Millennium (GB) (Seeking the Gold {USA}) proved easily the best and the long-awaited match between the two will hopefully take place next year.

The three-year-old filly division was dominated by Britain's Ramruma (USA) (Diesis {GB}) in Europe, but it is certain that Daryaba (Ire) (Night Shift {USA}), like Sendawar carrying the silks of her owner/breeder the Aga Khan, was the best of her age in France. She won the 2,100-meter G1 Prix de Diane (French Oaks) in June on her third career start and took the 2,400-meter G1 Prix Vermeille for her return in September, showing great class on both occasions as she led in the Diane and waited in the Vermeille. She failed to sparkle in the Arc, as she had gone in her coat and was over the top, but she was a classy filly and one that should be remembered.

When it comes to two-year-olds, it is certain that the 1999 crop trained in France failed to produce top-class animals, at least among the colts. The domination of horses trained in Ireland by Aidan O'Brien has been total. Rossini (USA) (Miswaki {USA}) won the 1,100-meter G2 Prix Prix Robert Papin in July, Fasliyev (USA) (Nureyev {USA}) took the 1,200-meter G1 Prix Morny in August, Giant's Causeway (USA) (Storm Cat {USA}) dominated the 1,400-meter G1 Prix de la Salamandre in September and Ciro (USA) (Woodman {USA}) logically won the three-runner 1,600-meter G1 Grand Criterium in the steward's room in October.

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There are more reasons to cheer with the two-year-old fillies, as the first two top-rated juvenile fillies in Europe are trained in France. Morning Pride (Ire) (Machiavellian {USA}), trained by Andre Fabre, showed outstanding potential in four starts in the spring before a setback forced her trainer to wait for next year's races. But if she trains on as a three-year-old, she will be a live contender for the spring Classics, the French or English 1000 Guineas. Lady Of Chad (Ire) (Last Tycoon {Ire}), handled by young trainer Richard Gibson, is undefeated in two career starts. After opening her account in September at Longchamp, she made all to win the 1,600-meter G1 Prix Marcel Boussac Oct. 3. She is a real nice filly-in-the-making and looks like a staying type, so the French Oaks in June could be her target.

As usual, Andre Fabre is again, by far, the leading trainer in France in terms of money won. With only one Group 1 win to his credit this year (three-year-old Slickly {Fr} {Linamix (Fr)} in the 2,000-meter Grand Prix de Paris), the leading trainer was far below his usual standards, but he probably didn't have the same quality to train this year and had a lot of his horses hit with a virus in the spring, which also explains why he has not run too many juveniles this season. With 101 wins to his credit (as of Dec. 2), he was third to Jean-Claude Rouget in number of races won. The man who had a wonderful season is Alain de Royer-Dupre, whose main patron is the Aga Khan. The trainer won eight Group 1 races in Europe this season, thanks to Sendawar (three), Daryaba (two), Dark Moondancer (two) and Tajoun (one).

Oliver Peslier regained his riding title, the third of his career, over last year's champion, Domique Boeuf. Peslier, who concentrated more on French racing this year and traveled less to England, had clinched the title long before he left France to go to Japan a month ago. The name on everyone's lips in France is the young apprentice Christophe Soumillon. The young Belgian came to France to join the Moulin a Vent Apprentice's School in Gouvieux, near Chantilly, three years ago, and has been apprentice to trainer Cederic Boutin. After winning a few races last year, he has been a sensation this season, showing great improvement as the season advanced, he has talent, strength and ambition. The 18year-old turned down an offer to work for Godolphin this spring, but it was recently announced that he will be the number two rider for Fabre next year.

The Wertheimer brothers will finish the season as leading owners, with French racing supremo Jean-Luc Lagardere again the leading breeder, with the Exxors of Sir James Goldsmith coming second, thanks to their hombred Montjeu.

FRENCH STATISTICS (as of Dec. 2)

Source: France Galop

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OWNERS (by Earnings)				
Owner		Rnrs	Wir	• • •
Wertheimer et Frere		358	54	9,677,550
H H the Aga Khan		153	34	8,817,400
Jean-Luc Lagardere		129	37	8,219,300
Michael Tabor		19	8	7,876,000
Khalid Abdullah		210	42	7,245,050
Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Ma	ktoum	173	35	6,172,800
Daniel Wildenstein		163	34	5,469,300
Sheikh Maktoum bin Rashid al Makt	toum	167	40	5,355,800
Mise de Moratalla		271	48	5,018,300
Godolphin		30	7	4,722,000
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BREEDERS (by Earnings)				
Breeder		Rnrs	Wins	Premiums (FF)
Jean-Luc Lagardere		535	78	2,780,501
Exors of the late Sir James Goldsmit	th ·	45	14	1,709,832
Wertheimer et Frere		529	65	1,291,302
Haras de Manneville		475	51	1,091,074
Alec Head		345	43	956,564
Exors of the late S Niarcho	ns	321	36	895,492
Ecurie Maulepaire	, ,	285	36	736,386
Naji Pharaon		222	31	696,493
Mise de Moratalla		318	43	645,586
Petra Bloodstock Agency I	+4	250	28	590,897
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TRAINERS (by Earnings)				
Trainer	Rnrs	W	ins	Earnings (FF)
Andre Fabre	442	2 1	01	23,659,400
Jean-Claude Rouget	718		80	15,190,850
Criquette Head	594		96	15 135 950

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JOCKEYS (by Wins) Rides Wins Earnings (FF) Jockey Olivier Peslier 892 147 26,788,250 **Dominique Boeuf** 976 114 17,714,950 Gerald Mosse 576 95 20,092,500 Sylvain Guillot 710 95 18,333,250 894 87 14,719,000 Davy Bonilla 381 81 Jean-Rene Dubosc 8,035,550 726 72 18,390,750 = Thierry Jarnet 72 = Thierry Gillet 677 13,219,500

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