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## 2000 WORLD SERIES TO INCLUDE ARC?

Next year's second edition of the Emirates World Series Racing Championship may include the G1 Prix de l' Arc de Triomphe, according to a report in *Thoroughbred Times*. The addition of the Arc, along with the G1 Arlington Million and the G1 Grosser Preis von Baden, would bring the series total to 12 races. This year's inaugural series, which concluded Sunday with the Hong Kong International Cup, consisted of nine races, all worth over \$1 million. The 1999 series was won by Godolphin's Daylami (Ire) after victories in the G1 King George and Queen Elizabeth Diamond S., G1 Champion S. and G1 Breeders' Cup Turf. "It's very likely the Arc will be added to the list once the elections are complete and the sponsors are consulted," International Racing Bureau's Matt Howard said in the *Times*.

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## TDN TODAY

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## WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by Alan Porter

**GRAN PREMIO INTERNACIONAL CARLOS PELLEGRINI-  
G1-Arg**, \$281,000, Hipodromo de San Isidro, 12-11,  
3yo/up, 1 1/2mT, 2:21.98 (NCR), fm.

1--**ASIDERO (ARG)**, 119, c, 3, by Fadeyev

1st Dam: Lady Aspasia (GSP-Arg), by Tunerup

2nd Dam: Aspasia Ivor, by Sir Ivor

3rd Dam: \*Aspasia II, by In the Gloaming (GB)

O/B-Haras La Pomme; T-J C Etchechoury; J-Edwing Talaverano; \$200,000. \*1/2 to Love For Life (Robin des Bois), MGSW-Arg.

Sons of Nureyev dominated in the G1 Gran Premio Internacional Carlos Pellegrini with Asidero getting home by a head from Litigado (Arg) (c, 3, Kitwood-Licitada, by Cinco Grande). For good measure, Asidero is three-quarters brother to Argentine stakes winner Love For Life, by Robin Des Bois, another son of Nureyev.

Asidero's sire Fadeyev was a very smart performer in France, where he won the G3 Prix Thomas Bryon at two and the G3 Prix de Fontainebleu at three. He also finished third in the G1 Hollywood Derby. Out of the Mill Reef mare Skating, Fadeyev is inbred to Northern Dancer 3x4 through Nureyev and Nijinsky II (the sire of his second dam). In tail-female line, Fadeyev goes back to Honey Buzzard (dam of Honeyway), and Asidero is linebred to Princequillo, a horse whose dam is a three-parts relative to Honey Buzzard. Asidero's second dam is by Sir Ivor, which means he has a Nasrullah/Princequillo cross through Mill Reef, and a cross of Nasrullah's three-quarters brother Royal Charger with Princequillo through Sir Ivor's sire Sir Gaylord.

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**Pedigree Perspectives cont.**

At last count there were 44 unrestricted stakes winners by Blushing Groom line stallions out of Nijinsky II-line mares, and the cross recorded another major triumph with the victory of **Alexine (Arg) (f, 4, Runaway Groom--Sentimental Gift, by Green Dancer)** in the G1 Gran Premio Copa de Plata four days before the Pellegrini. As we have mentioned before, this is a cross which works because of the relationship between Red God's dam Spring Run (by Menow out of a Bull Dog mare) and Nijinsky II's dam Flaming Page (by a son of Bull Dog out of a Menow mare). For good measure, Alexine is inbred 4x4 to Blushing Groom's broodmare sire, Wild Risk.

Slew Gin Fizz (Relaunch--Slew Princess, by Seattle Slew) was runner-up to champion two-year-old Dehere in both the G1 Hopeful S. and GII Saratoga Special S. Oddly enough, while Dehere has now been banished to Japan, Slew Gin Fizz is the hottest young sire in Argentina. He further underlined his standing when his son **Cafetin (Arg) (g, 3, Slew Gin Fizz--Pretty Queen, by Cipayo)** won the G1 Gran Premio Internacional Joaquin S de Anchorena. Slew Gin Fizz is a half brother to the graded-stakes winning sprint filly Igotrhythm, and his granddam is a stakes-winning half sister to Mr. Prospector. He himself is free of Mr. Prospector and Northern Dancer, so perhaps this grandson of In Reality could have a role to play shuttling to the Northern Hemisphere.

No major race meeting in Argentina would be complete without a stakes winner by Southern Halo, and that horse's ability to get speed was pointed up again by **My Halo (Arg) (c, 4, Southern Halo--My Swinger, by Groovy)**, who sped to victory in the 1000m (approximately five furlongs) G1 Gran Premio Internacional Felix de Alzaga Unzue. My Halo has an unusual inbreeding pattern, a double of Northern Dancer through daughters--Northern Dancer appearing as broodmare sire of both Southern Halo and of Norcliffe (sire of Groovy). Inbreeding to Northern Dancer through a son and a daughter has worked before for Southern Halo, notable in his Argentine G1 winner Handsome Halo (Arg) (out of a mare by Northern Jove), and from his first Northern Hemisphere crop English group winner Saintly Speech (out of a Deputy Minister mare). Groovy is a grandson of

Buckpasser, a horse who is in the pedigrees of numerous Southern Halo stakes winners through his son Logical, daughters of Logical being a prime cross for Southern Halo. Note too that Buckpasser appears in the pedigree of Southern Halo's 1999 U.S. juvenile star More Than Ready, who is out of a mare by Woodman (dam by Buckpasser).

**LEADING NORTH AMERICAN SIRE OF 1999 UNRESTRICTED FIRST TIME STAKES WINNERS (through Dec. 5)**

<u>Stallion</u>	<u>Loc</u>	<u>SWs</u>
Storm Cat (Storm Bird)	Ky	15
Dixieland Band (Northern Dancer)	Ky	10
Royal Academy (Nijinsky II)	Ky	10
Broad Brush (Ack Ack)	Ky	8
Woodman (Mr. Prospector)	Ky	8
Danzig (Northern Dancer)	Ky	7
Diesis (GB) (Sharpen Up {GB})	Ky	7
Forty Niner (Mr. Prospector)	Jpn	7
Nureyev (Northern Dancer)	Ky	7
Saint Ballado (Halo)	Ky	7
Seeking the Gold (Mr. Prospector)	Ky	7
American Chance (Cure the Blues)	Ky	6
Diablo (Devil's Bag)	Ky	6
Kingmambo (Mr. Prospector)	Ky	6
Pleasant Tap (Pleasant Colony)	Ky	6
Rahy (Blushing Groom {Fr})	Ky	6
Salt Lake (Deputy Minister)	Ky	6
Sheikh Albadou (GB) (Green Desert)	dead	6
Silver Ghost (Mr. Prospector)	Ky	6
Sky Classic (Nijinsky II)	Ky	6
Theatrical (Ire) (Nureyev)	Ky	6
Valid Appeal (In Reality)	pensioned	6

*(Based on winners of unrestricted stakes with purses of \$25,000 or more in North America and winners of European stakes that qualify for "black-type" by North American catalogue standards and graded SWs in Japan.) Compiled by Werk Thoroughbred Consultants Inc., specialists in assisting breeders in their stallion selection and buyers in their auction purchases. For more information call (510) 490-1111.*

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**FROM THE DESK OF...**

**Bill Oppenheim**



## BRITISH & IRISH PURSE MONEY AND THE INTERNET

Britain's surviving racing daily, the *Racing Post*, has carried a couple of interesting stories this week concerning the financing of racing on these two islands. This continues to be a matter of concern because they rank something like 42nd and 43rd out of 48 racing countries in terms of percentage of purse money to training costs, according to figures prepared for an international conference which takes place in Paris during Arc weekend each October.

Americans may imagine that the dismal level of British and Irish purse money concerns them little, if at all. The direct impact is that American racehorse owners benefit from these islanders having to sell their horses to recoup their costs. But American breeders should realize that they too have a dog in this fight. If British and Irish purse money doubled or tripled, the owners wouldn't have to sell their horses to have a chance to make money. British and Irish racehorses would double in price, and the effect would be to buttress the auction market the breeders depend on.

The first story, written by Michael Clower for Monday's *Post*, reviewed a speech made by Irish finance minister Charlie McCreevy at the annual Moyglare dinner on Saturday night. The message was that the Irish government is willing to look at funneling a fixed percentage of their off-course betting tax into racing, which basically has to mean into purse money. This is the same country where income from stallion season sales is not taxed, which is why most of the best stallions in Europe stand in Ireland. It also happens to be the same country which has picked itself up by its bootstraps, and in the last 10 years has become "the playground of Europe."

Then, on Tuesday, Howard Wright, who covers the betting industry for the *Post*, quoted Coral Bookmakers' Trevor Beaumont making discouraging noises about the

potential of British racing in Internet betting, which he said is almost totally driven by sports betting. According to Wright, Beaumont believes there will be little market for British racing outside Britain, except for major events like the Grand National and the Derby.

Maybe that's true, but I don't think it has to be that way. If I can expand the boundary of this off-course betting to include simulcasting in America, I definitely think there could be a big market for betting on British and Irish racing. In certainly no more than five to 10 years, the technology will be easily available to have 24-hour-a-day simulcasting and betting in America, the U.K., Asia--everywhere. It's true that gamblers are always going to favor betting on races in their own locale, but there are a lot of locales. The timing of British and Irish races on a 24-hour clock works, and so does the mystique, if it is properly promoted, and if good, clear past performance information is available in such a way that potential gamblers--the audience--can work with it.

There are three sectors which have a vested interest in the expansion of betting on British and Irish racing: (1) the owners, who, obviously, own the horses; (2) the racecourses, who provide the staging area; and (3) the respective governments, who license the activity, on which gambling takes place. Charlie McCreevy's speech demonstrates the Irish government, at least, is willing to work with the industry.

The fact is that the owners and the racecourses between them should own the media rights--the signal--and with the co-operation of their governments, they should be able to market the signal to the mutual financial benefit of all three entities. If nothing else, California agents, trainers, and owners can see potential purchases in action. The bookmakers, by the way, don't own any signals, so as far as I can see they don't figure in this part of the discussion. If they don't like it, fine, they don't have to take bets on horses. That's what "co-mingled" Tote pools are for. Perhaps the marketing of the signal will require investment--in fact, it will. It will require crafting, presentation, information, expansion, creativity, foresight, and so on. It's a Big Project; it requires Big Thinking. Fine. The opportunity's there: let's make it happen.

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## ☆ NEW YORK ☆

### NY-Bred Stakes Purse Increase:

Stakes for New York-breds at Aqueduct, Belmont and Saratoga in 2000 will enjoy a \$450,000 increase in total added money value over their 1999 levels. There also will be two new \$100,000 turf events for older horses in the New York Stallion Stakes Series--the Perfect Arc and the Cormorant. In addition, there will be a \$250,000 bonus for sweeping the Big Apple Triple for three-year-olds--the July 1 Mike Lee S. at Belmont, the New York Derby at Finger Lakes and the Aug. 31. Albany H. at Saratoga.

## ☆ EAST ☆

### Yesterday's Results:

6th-PHA, \$21,694, Msw, 2yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:20 3/5, my. TREYSTA (f, 2, Belong to Me--Turkish Tryst {SW & GSP}, by Turkoman) didn't get involved in her debut, finishing sixth of 11 runners in a Philadelphia maiden Nov. 20. Getting a wet track here, the 6-1 shot lost some ground on the turn, but rallied in the stretch and just got up by a neck over pacesetter Ladyonthewire (Birdonthewire). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$14,418. O/T-Michael J Moran. B-Michael Moran (PA).

## STAKES CLOSINGS

### TODAY, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15:

12-26 \$200,000 Malibu-I, SA, 3yo, 7f, (200)

12-27 \$200,000 La Brea-I, SA, 3yo, f, 7f, (200)

### TOMORROW, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16:

12-18 \$400,000e Hollywood Futurity-I, Hol, 2yo, 8.5f, (10000s)



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## ☆ MIDWEST ☆

### Keeneland Makes Record Contributions:

Keeneland distributed a record \$636,300 to 77 charitable organizations this year. That's up from \$528,492 in 1998. The largest grants went to the YMCA of Central Kentucky, McDowell Cancer Research Foundation and St. Joseph Hospital Foundation. Each organization received \$50,000.

## ☆ SO. CALIFORNIA ☆

### Santa Anita to Honor Pincay:

Santa Anita will host Laffit Pincay, Jr. Day on Jan. 15 to honor racing's all-time leading jockey. During the day, there will be a recognition ceremony between races for Pincay with former record-holder Bill Shoemaker and others in the winner's circle. The California track will also give away a Laffit Pincay, Jr. 13-month wall calendar on opening day, Dec. 26.

## BREEDERS' EDITION

### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-CRC, \$25,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:41 1/5, fm. COMMUNICATE (g, 4, Caveat--Can't Stop Ma Bell, by Smart Style) Lifetime Record: 23-4-3-3, \$83,260. O-W Bloom & M H Sherman. B-Farnsworth Farms (FL). T-Angel Salinas.

9th-PHA, \$22,884, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:46 4/5, my.

ANOTHER BIRD (f, 3, Two Davids--Absurd Bird, by Cormorant) Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-1, \$55,296.

O/T-Carlos Soto. B-Mrs Ronald B Houghton (PA).

9th-CRC, \$21,500, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:19 4/5, ft.

SAVOIR FAIRE (f, 3, Crafty Prospector--Religiosity {GSW}, by Irish Tower) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$36,360. O-M Cherry. B-Brylynn Farm Inc (FL). T-John C Kimmel. \*Full to For All Seasons, MSW & GISP, \$341,348; 1/2 to Dial a Song (Mining), SW, \$148,855.

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## 👉 CURRENT EVENTS

*Each month, the Thoroughbred Daily News will sit down with an important figure in the horse racing industry and get his or her thoughts on a variety of subjects. We begin with the winningest rider in the history of the sport, Laffit Pincay Jr.*

**TDN)** Now that you've broken Bill Shoemaker's record, how much longer do you intend to ride?

**LP)** I don't know. Maybe one or two more years. It all depends on how I feel. I might go for 9,000 wins. It would be a good goal to go for. As long as I keep feeling good, I'll keep doing it. This is the longest I've been on a diet that has worked for me, so I am really feeling good now.

**TDN)** It appears likely that someone will come around and break your record, possibly Pat Day or Russell Baze. How do you think you'll feel about getting passed for the top spot?

**LP)** I'd be very happy for them. It's not easy to get where we are. You have to work hard. For anyone to win more races than me means they would have had to have worked very hard. I admire that in somebody. You can't do this by being lucky.

**TDN)** Among younger jockeys, who do you think will be among the best of the next generation? The next Laffit Pincay Jr.?

**LP)** I like that kid Edgar Prado. He was in Maryland for many years and won a lot of races there. He's a young kid and a great jockey. He looks super on horses and he's strong. He could be the one in the future...he's the one who could do some damage.

**TDN)** The day you retire, after all the reducing and dieting you've done, what will you eat that night?

**LP)** My mother makes *arroz con pollo*, which is chicken and rice. I'm going to have a plate full of that. Sometimes I eat it now, but I don't swallow it. I eat it, taste it and spit it out. That takes the craving away.

**TDN)** What do you plan to do career-wise when you retire?

**LP)** I wish I had an idea. I just don't know. I know I don't want to be a trainer and get up early every morning and talk on a cell phone all the time to my owners.

**TDN)** Though you've said you don't know what you're going to do when you retire, are you looking forward to life after the racetrack?

**LP)** Yes. I'm going to take a vacation with my wife and go places I've never been before. I think that will be a lot of fun. We have two houses, one in Del Mar and one here in the Los Angeles area, and we're going to move from time to time between the two. We plan to buy a condominium some place in between and maybe go from place to place when we feel like it."

**TDN)** You're quickly approaching your 53rd birthday. Do you feel 53?

**LP)** The only time I feel 53 is when I look in the mirror, I feel too good to look that old. I feel great, I tell you. I feel real good for my age.

**TDN)** Your oldest son, Laffit Pincay III, told us that you informed him at an early age that you would not allow him to be a jockey. Why?

**LP)** I just couldn't see him doing it. It's very dangerous. I couldn't bear the thought of him on a horse all the time. I'm very selfish that way. I told him he couldn't be a jockey or a football player, but that he could be anything else he wanted.

*Editor's Note: Laffit Pincay III, 24, is an aspiring sportscaster working for Cablevision News 12 in the Bronx, New York.*

**TDN)** Is it any harder to get up and go to work every morning after all these years.

**LP)** Not at all. I am definitely enjoying riding now more than ever. I don't put any pressure on myself and I don't fight my weight like I used to. I know what I'm doing now. I'm not going for any titles, I'm not having to compete like I used to, like going for leading rider in the country or making a lot of trips to races around the country. That put a lot of pressure on me, that and the ups and downs of all the big races. That takes a lot out of you.

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**MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Treysta**, f, 2, **Belong to Me--Turkish Tryst** (SW & GSP), by Turkoman. PHA, 12-14, 6 1/2f, 1:20 3/5. B-Michael Moran (Pa).

**Miss Sara Toga**, f, 2, **Strodes Creek--Say Forever**, by Little Current. CRC, 12-14, (C), 1m, 1:42 4/5. B-Parrish Hill Farm (Ky). \* \$4,000 wlng '97 KEENOV. \*\*Seventh winner for freshman sire (by Halo). \*\*\*1/2 to Midway Magistrate (Magesterial), SW, \$405,818.

+ **Shelby's Wish**, f, 3, **Majestic Coast--Angel Dione's Hero**, by Yesterdays Hero. FGX, 12-13, (S), 6f, 1:13 1/5. B-Joanne & Perry Thomas (La).

**Silver Love**, f, 3, **Silver Buck--Winning for Glory**, by Maudlin. CRC, 12-13, (C), 6f, 1:14 2/5. B-Nancy Goolsby (Fl). \* \$3,700 wlng '96 OBSOCT; \$7,700 yrl '97 OBSAUG.

**St. Justin**, c, 3, **St. Jovite--Mill Loft** (Ire), by Mill Reef. SUF, 12-13, 6f, 1:14 2/5. B-Overbrook Farm (Ky). \* \$8,500 yrl '97 KEESEP.

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.

**LEADING NORTH AMERICAN SIRE OF 1999 UNRESTRICTED SWS (Through Dec. 5)**

SIRE	STATE	SWs
Storm Cat (Storm Bird)	Ky	22
Broad Brush (Ack Ack)	Ky	13
Dixieland Band (Northern Dancer)	Ky	13
Royal Academy (Nijinsky II)	Ky	13
Danzig (Northern Dancer)	Ky	11
Silver Deputy (Deputy Minister)	Ky	11
Nureyev (Northern Dancer)	Ky	10
Seeking the Gold (Mr. Prospector)	Ky	10
Woodman (Mr. Prospector)	Ky	10
A.P. Indy (Seattle Slew)	Ky	9
Kingmambo (Mr. Prospector)	Ky	9
Valid Appeal (In Reality)	Pensioned	9
Diesis (GB) (Sharpen Up {GB})	Ky	8
El Prado (Ire) (Sadler's Wells)	Ky	8
Rahy (Blushing Groom {Fr})	Ky	8
Red Ransom (Roberto)	Ky	8
Saint Ballado (Halo)	Ky	8
Sky Classic (Nijinsky II)	Ky	8

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**ARTISTIC BLUE TOPS GOFFS SALE** An otherwise lackluster session at the Goffs December Flat Sale was enlivened by a bidding battle for the sale's highlight, stakes winning three-year-old filly **Artistic Blue (USA)** (Diesis {GB}). The winner at Ir£86,000 was Jim Ryan, in the colours of whose wife Geraldine the filly was winner of the Flame of Tara Tyros S. and twice placed in other Listed contests as a juvenile last season. Underbidder was Dermot Cantalon, manager of Forenaghts Stud, who have already had some success with this family through Group winner **Sedulous (Ire)**, full-sister to Artistic Blue's dam's **Tapolite (Ire)**. Ryan signed the tab for the filly in the name of his Milltown Stud. Only five other lots brought five figures, former Curragh trainer John Murphy going to Ir£28,000 for the more expensive of them, three-year-old **Specified Risk (Ire)**, a half-sister by **Turtle Island (Ire)** to Listed winners **Bahi (Ire)** and **Risk Material (Ire)** out of a full-sister to Jersey S. winner **Rasa Penang**, in foal to **Spectrum (Ire)**. **Turtle Island** was also featured as sire of the top-priced foal, a colt from the family of **Be My Guest** and **Golden Fleece**, offered by **Basil Brindley** which sold for Ir£11,500. (*Statistics p2*)

## GOFFS DECEMBER FLAT SALE TOP FIVE LOTS

Hip#	Name	Sold As	Price (Ir£)
108	<b>Artistic Blue (USA)</b> (\$14,000 yrl '97 KESEEP) <i>(f, 3, Diesis {GB}--Tapolite {Ire}, by Tap On Wood {Ire})</i> Consigned by Glebe House Stables Purchased by Milltown Stud	Horse out of training	86,000
165	<b>Specified Risk (Ire)</b> <i>(3, Turtle Island {Ire}--Spear Dance {GB}, by Gay Fandango {USA}, if Spectrum {Ire})</i> Consigned by Orchardstown Stud Purchased for Cash	Broodmare	28,000
174	<b>Unnamed</b> <i>(Turtle Island {Ire}--Ask Me Out {GB}, by Seattle Slew {USA})</i> Consigned by Rathbeggan House Stud Purchased for Cash	Weanling	11,500
90	<b>Unnamed</b> <i>(Blues Traveller {Ire}--Massive Powder {Ire}, by Caerleon {USA})</i> Consigned by Dollardstown Purchased for Cash	Weanling	10,500
106	<b>Encore Une Fois (Ire)</b> <i>(10, Shirley Heights {GB}--Guest Performer {Ire}, by Be My Guest {USA}, not if)</i> Consigned by Glashare House Stud Purchased by Martin Cullinane	Broodmare prospect	10,500

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## ★ BRITAIN ★

### SPRAKE CRITICAL BUT STABLE

Jockey Tim Sprake was reported last night to be critical but stable at North Hampshire Hospital in Basingstoke after suffering head injuries in a road accident near his Wiltshire home Monday morning. The 32-year-old rider remains under sedation, but a brain scan is believed to have shown only bruising and no serious damage. It had been hoped that he would come round later yesterday as the sedation is reduced. A hospital spokeswoman said late yesterday afternoon, "A condition check was done on Mr. Sprake an hour ago and he remains in intensive care."

### RBB UNVEILS PLANS FOR 2000

Russell, Baldwin & Bright, the Herefordshire auction house taking over Ascot sales from next year, yesterday elaborated on plans for its new venue. As already announced, there will be ten days of selling, the first of them Feb. 22. The majority of those will target mixed horses in training with the final sale Dec. 19, also including a foal, yearling and breeding stock section. A special service will be offered for quality dispersal and consignment sales. Terry Court, a director of RBB, said, "We are delighted and honoured to be given the opportunity of operating Ascot and look forward to the challenge of bringing Ascot Sales back to their former glory. We are at this moment negotiating with a number of racecourses that the company is associated with to organise sponsored races tied to our sales." Russell, Baldwin & Bright will continue to hold their predominantly National Hunt sales at Malvern, with three planned for next year.

### SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS

Stable employees, aged 21 or over, were yesterday given a major boost with the news that contributions towards their pensions are to be significantly increased. The National Joint Council for Stable Staff has negotiated a revised package as part of this year's negotiations on wages and conditions of service. Any full-time member of staff meeting certain criteria will receive an employer's contribution of £400 per annum as opposed to £83 in 1999. This is likely to result in a lad entering the industry on his 21st birthday next year and retiring from the job at the age of 65 receiving a total income in retirement well in excess of half his earnings. This new agreement begins Feb. 1, 2000.

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**ACATENANGO'S RICHES**

Gestüt Fahrhof's multiple champion sire **Acatenango (Ger)** once again tops the overall German sire statistics. The leading son of main sire influence Surumu is now also the sire of Germany's richest winning thoroughbred racehorses. Between 1993 and 1995, Gestüt Ittlingen's **Lando (Ger)** scored in seven Group 1 races including the Japan Cup, the Deutsches Derby and back-to-back runnings of the Großer Preis von Baden. He amassed DM657,818. And now, Gestüt Ammerland's **Borgia (Ger)** took her lifetime earnings to DM3,038,904 when taking the Group 2 Hong Kong Vase last weekend making her the second-highest winning thoroughbred in German history. Borgia won the Deutsches Derby in 1997 and then went on to an easy victory in the G1 Großer Preis von Baden. Lando and Borgia also became the first domestic horses to Group races in Japan and Hong Kong respectively. **Protektor (Ger)**, another son of Acatenango, came close when finishing fourth in the Hong Kong Vase in 1996, while the Surumu colt **Platini (Ger)** finished fourth in the Japan Cup in 1993. Lando went to stud in 1996, with his first two-year-old runners and winners this season. Borgia was retired following her Hong Kong success and is booked next year to Sadler's Wells (USA).

His riding position on a horse has been much influenced by the transplanted American rider Cash Asmussen, and is considered to be near perfect. He is strong at the finish, doesn't appear to ever be intimidated by anyone and knows when to take sensible risks on a horse.

Nicknamed "Soumi" by French racing fans, Soumillon had ridden 69 winners by the end of this year's Paris racing season, leaving him just one short of the number required to lose his apprentice licence. "As an apprentice who wants to win races and make himself known, there was no point going to ride in the Provinces this season," said Soumillon. "I could have won a few more races there, but I felt that it was better to ride in Paris."

Nevertheless, the young man has attracted the attention of the media, and, among others, champion trainer Andre Fabre. The trainer is reported to have retained him as second jockey for 2000 behind Olivier Peslier now that former champion jockey Thierry Jarnet will not be riding for Fabre next year.

"For the time being, I will go on a three-week holiday, somewhere in the sun preferably, followed by some skiing," said Soumillon of his immediate future. "I am not that tired physically, but more mentally, as jockeys have a busy schedule that doesn't leave them enough time to relax. I will then head for the Cagnes-Sur-Mer meeting in the South of France, which starts on January 19th, where I intend to be leading rider. Then we will see what happens next year. I owe a lot to my boss, Cedric Boutin, and I don't want to let him down."

He certainly doesn't lack for ambition. "I want to be a superstar--win the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, the Japan Cup, Breeders' Cup Classic and the Dubai World Cup. I want to be like Frankie Dettori, my idol, and win seven races on one day, possibly on Arc day. Next year, I want to be the leading rider in France and I will do everything possible for that and go everywhere to win races. I am hungry for success, but I don't want to get in over my head. I know too many people who have made it to the top and went down quickly. I don't want people to say in a few years' time 'Hey! Look how good Soumillon was and now he is finished.' I will work hard and try to be proud of what I am doing."

**PERSONALITY PROFILE**

by Claude Beniada



**APPRENTICE JOCKEY CHRISTOPHE SOUMILLON**

The name on everyone's lips in French racing circles right now is Christopher Soumillon. The 18-year-old apprentice jockey created headlines throughout the 1999 season, accumulating winners at an even faster pace than Olivier Peslier at this stage of his career.

Apprenticed to Cedric Boutin at Chantilly, the young Soumillon, son of a former Belgian jockey, moved from his native Belgium to the "Moulin A Vent" apprentice school in Gouvieux near Chantilly three years ago to become a professional jockey and is now right on target to succeed.

Soumillon made an immediate impression when he began his riding career in 1998, but it was this year when he really exploded, showing that he has the necessary qualities to make a top rider.

	GOFFS DECEMBER FLAT SALE DECEMBER 14, 1999	
	1999	1998
No. Sold	106	137
Gross	lr£428,990	lr£358,434
Average	lr£4,047	lr£2,617
Median	lr£2,400	lr£1,800

**LEADING EUROPEAN 2nd CROP SIREs** Source: Timeform Stallion Review, 1999  
(in order of 1998 & 1999 runners that have recorded a Timeform rating of 80+ in the UK.)

	Rated 80-99	100-114	115+	Total
<b>BARATHEA</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>26</b>
GRAND LODGE	10	6	0	16
PERUGINO	13	3	0	16
COLLEGE CHAPEL	11	2	0	13
TURTLE ISLAND	8	4	1	13