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SCATTER THE GOLD TO JAPAN

Scatter the Gold (Mr. Prospector--Dance Smartly, by Danzig) has been sold by his owner/breeder Sam-Son Farms and will begin his stud career next year in Japan, according to *Thoroughbred Times*. This past summer, the three-year-old took the first two legs of Canada's Triple Crown, the Queen's Plate and Prince of Wales S., before finishing third in the Aug. 12 Breeders' S., the final race in the series. He has not raced since. He retires with two wins in seven starts and earnings of \$845,854. The deal was brokered by Emmanuel de Seroux's Narvick International. "He was retired because he was sold," de Seroux commented. No purchase price was disclosed and the Ontario-bred bay was sent to Japan in November. Scatter the Gold's dam Dance Smartly is a multiple champion and winner of the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff. His two-year-old full brother **Dancethruthedawn** is already a stakes winner and Grade I placed in Canada. Scatter the Gold will stand at Shizunai Stallion Station.

ENGLISH MEDIA RIGHTS INQUIRY

England's Racecourse Association has begun an inquiry into bidding on the country's racing media rights, according to *Thoroughbred Times*. The inquiry will likely delay the association's deal with Go Racing, an organization of broadcasters and racetracks, which had been expected to be finalized Friday. The inquiry was instigated by attorneys for Towcester racecourse who raised allegations of influence-peddling against officials from the Racecourse Holdings Trust. The inquiry will also focus on the bidding war between Go Racing and Carlton Communications. Go Racing came out on top in the bidding battle, agreeing to pay \$600 million for media rights for the next 10 years. "The media rights deal is of great importance to racing and it is planned to be for 10 years," Racecourse Association Chairman Angus Crichton-Miller told England's *Press Association*. "It is, therefore, vital that the bidding process is seen to be without taint. While no evidence has been produced to back up the allegations so far made, they are of sufficient concern to persuade us that an inquiry should be carried out."

WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES *by Alan Porter*

DAHLIA H.-GII, \$150,000, HOL, 12-9, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:40 3/5, fm.

1--**FOLLOW THE MONEY**, 115, f, 4, by Pine Bluff

1st Dam: **Money Player**, by Marshua's Dancer

2nd Dam: **Troubles Trouble**, by Advocate

3rd Dam: **Grinand Bearit**, by Olympia

O-Elia & Elia; B-C & P Elia (KY); T-D Hofmans; J-V Espinoza; \$90,000. Lifetime Record: 12-6-1-2, \$339,446. *1/2 to Heartthrob (Explodent), SW, \$118,475; Wealthy (Regal Classic), SW, \$202,494.

One's view of Danzig as a sire of sires probably depends on what continent one is on. In Australia, he is represented by Danehill, who owns true superstar status. Danehill has also done extremely well in Europe, where he is joined by successful Danzig sons such as Green Desert, Polish Precedent and the promising first season sire Anabaa. In North America, however, Danzig's record as a sire of sires rests on less solid ground. His leading U.S.-based stallion son by number of stakes winners has been the deceased Chief's Crown, a good sire of turf horses, but generally regarded as disappointing, while Polish Numbers and Ascot Knight have done good work, but from regional bases in Maryland and Canada. Still, the game is far from over for Danzig in North America. The promising **Belong to Me** and **Honor Grades** will have their first Kentucky crops to run in 2001, and another young son, **Boundary**, was represented by English and Irish Group 1 winner **Minardi** in the most recent season. In addition, North American-based Danzig stallions either in the formative stages of their careers or retiring for 2001 include GI Breeders' Cup Mile victor, **War Chant**, the sprinter/miler **Langfuhr**, and the speedy three-quarters brothers **Bianconi** and **Elnadim** (the first out of **Fall Aspen**, the second out of her daughter **Elle Seule**).

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FROM THE DESK OF...
Bill Oppenheim



NORTH AMERICAN SECOND-CROP SIRES

This was never a particularly highly touted group of sires--Tabasco Cat and Thunder Gulch were the commercial leaders, with 1998 yearling averages of \$206,000 and \$172,000, respectively--but, with their first crops about to finish their three-year-old years, it's beginning to look like a pretty good group. In particular, if you look at the top five in 2000 earnings from the Dec. 2 *Blood-Horse* (p. 7664), there are some pretty impressive performances--and all five will be standing for fees between \$10,000-\$30,000 for 2001. Another reason why there's stud fee pressure on unproven stallions in this range: here are stallions well on their way to proving themselves in this range. The five are: Thunder Gulch (Ashford, \$30,000); Devil His Due (Margaux, \$10,000); Mr. Greeley (Spendthrift, \$15,000); Go for Gin (Claiborne, \$12,500); and Cherokee Run (Jonabell, \$25,000). Let's look at them individually:

Thunder Gulch: His totals are compromised by a successful big first crop in Australia, but it looks to me like he actually has 14 stakes horses in his first two North American crops. He has four stakes winners, four stakes placed in his first North American crop. Three of those stakes winners have won graded races, including, of course, \$2-million earner and GI Breeders' Cup Distaff winner Spain, as well as GI Nassau County H. winner C'est L'Amour. His six second-crop North American-sired stakes horses include Point Given, Grade III winner and second in both the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile and GI Champagne; Grade III winner Thunder Bertie; and Holiday Thunder, placed in three graded races. Though aided by huge crops (about 90 in each), he is in the Top 30 on the 2000 General Sire List, and is third on the two-year-old sire list. He's surprised a few people already ("can Gulch sire a sire?"), and looks decidedly useful, huge crop sizes notwithstanding.

Devil His Due: Considering his first yearlings averaged \$26,000 off an initial \$20,000 stud fee--he did win nine graded races, including five Grade I's, and earned \$3.9 million--it wasn't a huge surprise that his stud fee dropped to \$10,000. But he's belied his commercial unpopularity big-time. Devil His Due has sired seven stakes winners this year, and his first two crops (averaging 75 named foals) include 51 winners to date, 49 of them this year. He has 12 two-year-old winners this year, including his only two graded stakes winners, She's a Devil Due and Buckle Down Ben. His best three-year-old is triple stakes winner Mister Deville, a winner of \$372,000. For the most part his stakes winners are on the modest side (three Restricted, for example), but he is undeniably doing far better than the 1998 yearling market predicted he would. Devil's Bag never did much in Europe, and it's likely Devil His Due, a dirt horse himself, will appeal far more to American breeders. But he's looking very good value right now for \$10,000, and will surely have a lot of appeal in regional markets as well.

Mr. Greeley: Though West by West did not really fulfill his initial promise and has now been sold to Turkey, Zafonic's resurgence (finally!) with his two-year-old crop, which includes four group-winning two-year-olds, and Mr. Greeley's emergence, are keeping their sire Gone West on the list as a potential sire of sires. This is good news for Grand Slam, whose first foals did impress a lot of people in November. But back to Mr. Greeley. El Corredor, with his win in the GI Cigar Mile, and second to Fusaichi Pegasus in the GI Jerome, is his 'name' horse, but he's been steadily climbing the ladder among second-crop sires the last few months already. A triple Grade III winner sprinting (one at 6f, two at 7f), Mr. Greeley's best run was arguably his second to Desert Stormer in the 1995 Breeders' Cup Sprint in the slop at Belmont Park. Though El Corredor is his only graded stakes winner, he has eight stakes horses now (seven this year), as non-black type earners of \$168,000; \$158,000; and £73,000. They're generally pretty fast, too, as he was himself. Promising sprint sire, two decent two-year-olds in Europe this year, too, and 15 two-year-old winners. *Cont. p. 3*

PINE BLUFF'S SATURDAY

On Dec. 9, **PINE BLUFF's** runners **FOLLOW THE MONEY** won the **Grade 2** Dahlia H. at Hollywood and **Grade 2** Winner **MEGANS BLUFF** finished 1st in the **Grade 3** My Charmer H. (DQ to 2nd).

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Go For Gin: With fewer named foals in two crops than Thunder Gulch has in one, it's not surprising that not too many of his runners are household names. In fact, he does only have two stakes horses, but they do both boast serious New York graded-race form. Albert the Great, of course, has earned over \$1.2 million in winning the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup and GII Dwyer, also placing in the GI Travers and the GII Jerome (behind Fusaichi Pegasus and El Corredor). Godolphin's Curule was a closing third in the UAE Derby in Dubai in March, and also placed in the GII Jim Dandy in his American sojourn. Go for Gin's had plenty of other good winners at two-turn distances in good company, and they look for all the world like the types to keep improving with age.

Cherokee Run: Somewhat the forgotten man of this group, but he has four Big Points in his favor. First, he was himself a cracking racehorse, a top sprinter who won the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint, yet stayed well enough to finish second in the Preakness as a three-year-old. Second, he was Leading Freshman Sire of this group, with dual Grade I winner Chilukki (now an earner of over \$1 million) leading the way. Third, though he only has four stakes winners (100 named foals) and no stakes-placed runners as yet, all four of his stakes winners are graded stakes winners; he can and does get class. And fourth, from fewer than 55 named foals in his first crop, an impressive 41--over 75 percent--have won. The profile is really that of a consistent sire who can get class. He doesn't look like some of those one-year wonders to me.

Besides these top five, two who didn't figure high up on the earnings list because their good form is in Europe, have also made very credible starts: Distant View (Juddmonte, \$20,000) is the sire of two for real G 1 winners in his first crop; and Bahri (Shadwell, \$25,000) has 2000 Epsom Derby second Sakhee in his. So that's seven North American 'F97' (first foals 1997) who look like more than earning their keep. And Counting.

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Pedigree Perspectives cont. from p. 1

Another son of Danzig enjoying a good year is the 1992 GI Preakness S. winner Pine Bluff, who would have achieved an East/West graded stakes double on Saturday had Megans Bluff not been moved down to second after finishing first in the GIII My Charmer H. at Calder.

Pine Bluff has always had the capacity to sire a good horse. The GI Milady Breeders' Cup H. and GI La Brea S. victoress I Ain't Bluffing, was a member of his first crop, and the sometimes brilliant Lil's Lad appeared from his second crop. It's the members of Pine Bluff's third and fourth crops which have been making headlines in 2000, however. The third crop includes Follow The Money, who on Saturday added a win in the GII Dahlia H. to her earlier triumph in the GIII Violet H. His fourth crop, currently three-year-olds, has so far produced four stakes winners, including Megans Bluff, the GII American Derby and GIII Pennsylvania Derby winner, Pine Dance, and Japanese graded stakes winner, Tennessee Girl.

Follow the Money is out of a mare by Marshua's Dancer, and so represents a combination of Pine Bluff with Raise a Native-line mares, which also appears in I Ain't Bluffing, multiple graded stakes winner Middlesex Drive, and stakes winners Pineaff and Boots on Sunday. In addition, Lil's Lad and Megans Bluff both have second dams by Mr. Prospector's son Fappiano. It is interesting to note here that three of the Raise a Native strains which have worked with Pine Bluff are Marshua's Dancer, Raise a Cup (broodmare sire of I Ain't Bluffing) and Mr. Prospector. This trio are not only all by Raise a Native, but are also out of mares by Nashua, making them three-parts genetic relatives. Pine Bluff looks sure to benefit from receiving more mares with these strains, and of course we can't forget that Pine Bluff's sister, Angel Fever, is the dam of this year's GI Kentucky Derby winner, Fusaichi Pegasus, a son of Mr. Prospector.

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JOCKEYS' GUILD APPROVES NEW WEIGHT SCALE

At its annual meeting on Dec. 5 at MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, the Jockeys' Guild approved an increase in the scale of weights. The guild has also obtained an agreement on the new scale from the nation's leading racing secretaries. Under the scale, the minimum weight is 116, except when three-year-olds race against elders from January through May. In January through April, three-year-olds will carry 114 pounds against older horses and in May they will carry 115. The maximum weight is 123. This new schedule does not apply to allowance based on sex, apprentice or handicap. "We're mainly concerned about the minimum," John Giovanni, the guild's national manager, told *The Blood-Horse*. "Each generation of jockeys is getting bigger and bigger. People are killing themselves to make weight." Giovanni added that he had asked racing secretaries to use this scale in their next condition books. Also at the meeting, Pat Day was re-elected as president of the Jockey's Guild.

☆ EAST ☆

Wind Cancels Racing:

The live racing cards at both Philadelphia Park and Suffolk Downs for Tuesday were cancelled due to extremely windy conditions. Winds of 35 miles per hour with gusts up to 50 miles per hour whipped through the Northeast.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13:

12-23 \$150,000 *Bayakoa H-II, Hol, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5f, (150)*

TOMORROW, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14:

12-16 \$400,000 *Hollywood Futurity-I, Hol, 2yo, 8.5f, (10000s)*

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

12-29 \$100,000a *Monrovia H.-III, SA, 3yo/up, f/m, a6.5fT, (100)*



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☆ FOREIGN ☆

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN BRITAIN:

Mutabari, g, 6, *Seeking the Gold--Cagey Exuberance* (MGSW, \$765,017) by Exuberant. Wolverhampton, 12-12, Saffie Joseph And Sons H. (Div. 1), 3yo/up, 7f (AWT), \$2,543 to winner. O-G J Sargent; B-Dr L D Burbank; T-A McNae. *\$100,000 wnlg '94 KEENOV; \$175,000 yrl '95 FTSAUG. **1/2 to Burbank (Wild Again), MSW, \$746,126; Graceful Minister (Deputy Minister), MSW, \$446,446.

BREEDERS' EDITION

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-MNR, \$27,400, 12-11, 3yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:48 2/5, sy.

CHERYL'S SISTER (f, 4, *Dixieland Band--Reggie's Sister*, by Visier) Lifetime Record: 25-4-6-4, \$74,185. O-F Regalbuto & J Quagliata. B-Frank Regalbuto (OH). T-Gary L Johnson. *1/2 to Sister Explodent (Explodent), MSW, \$188,610; Reggies Time Ex (Time to Explode), MSW, \$184,785.



FRESHMAN FOCUS

First-crop progeny to watch: Wednesday, Dec. 13

A. P JET (Fappiano)

6th-AQU, \$41,000, Msw, (S), 6f - Biogio's Spirit

GOLDEN GEAR (Gulch)

4th-HOL, \$39,000, Msw, (S), 1 1/16m - Another Gear

PEAKS AND VALLEYS (Mt. Livermore)

6th-CRC, \$22,000, Msw, 1m - Peaks and Summits

SEA SALUTE (Danzig)

6th-AQU, \$41,000, Msw, (S), 6f - Seagrapes

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JOHN HETTINGER'S RESCUE MISSION

By *Bill Finley*

Sometimes it's easier to look the other way, especially when the subject is as sensitive and distasteful as the slaughter of retired Thoroughbred race horses. And owner-breeder John Hettinger is the first to admit that for years that's exactly what he did. Of course that never solves anything.

"The problem was always in the back of my mind," he said. "It was sort of a cumulative thing. This was something I suppose was always in the back of my mind and it got harder and harder to ignore. Every time you sell a yearling colt you look at him and say, 'Good luck, buddy.' And that damn Exceller story got to me. I don't know if it is the passage of years or what, but at some point you decide to do something about the things you consider important."

That may have meant writing out a check for a few thousand dollars to a Thoroughbred rescue organization and leaving it at that. Except Hettinger was determined to do something more, something that would literally save the lives of hundreds, and perhaps over time, thousands of horses. Which he has.

Motivated by nothing more than a desire to help, Hettinger has provided priceless assistance to the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation by donating an 80-acre farm in Poughquag, New York, which serves as a halfway house for otherwise unwanted Thoroughbreds who will be rehabilitated and adopted out as pleasure horses. The facility, which has been named the Exceller Farm in honor of the 1978 Jockey Club Gold Cup winner who died in a Swedish slaughterhouse, has housed dozens of horses who otherwise would have died a grisly death.

That's not all. Hettinger, whose family is the largest stockholder in the Fasig-Tipton Sales Company, personally buys any horse that cannot otherwise command a \$1,000 purchase price at one of his company's sales. At that price, middlemen for the slaughterhouses cannot afford to purchase a sales horse and turn a profit. They've been driven away.

"John Hettinger has literally been a life saver," said TRF Executive Director Diana Pikulski. "There are no ulterior motives. He's just a wonderful person who wanted to help solve a terrible problem. One of our biggest impediments has been finding places to put horses that find their way into our program. He stepped in and donated a very valuable piece of land, giving a second life to horses who deserve to live out their years in a humane fashion."

Hettinger, who owns nearby Akindale Farm, had purchased a second farm to board mares. When he decided to cut back on his stallion operation, the Poughquag property became expendable. With 72 acres of fenced-in fields and paddocks, a run-in shed, two barns and an indoor arena, it was a perfect place to take horses fresh off the track and prepare them to become riding horses.

The facility opened in March under the supervision of farm manager Michelle Oren and it has already adopted out 18 horses. There are currently 22 there and it can hold 25. Once they arrive at the farm, the key is getting them ready for their new homes.

"There are a lot of variables involved," said Oren, a former assistant trainer with Pin Oak Stud. "Their average stay here is two to three months, but it depends on the individual animal. I got a gelding in the other day and he's so pumped up with steroids that we aren't going to be able to work with him or touch him for some time. I've gotten other horses in who are so under weight that they have to put on 200 or more pounds and you don't want to touch them until they put more weight on. There are others I get in who can be adopted out in a matter of days."

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SPINNING WORLD

Hettinger knows that places such as his cannot save every horse that comes off the racetrack. Nor is that his goal. Some are so unsound that there is no alternative other than euthanizing them, but he feels there are thousands of others who can still be of practical use and should be saved.

"I believe in what I call way stations where horses arrive and are evaluated and sent to the appropriate life or euthanized," he said. "I have no problem with that at all, if that's the humane thing to do. But the slaughterhouse is something else."

Hettinger's message is starting to spread. The six largest sales companies in the U.S. have all agreed to institute a \$1,000 upset price on any horse that goes through their sales ring. With that policy in place, slaughterhouse buyers have been priced out at all respectable sales.

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Still, there's more to be done, he says.

"If we can make this as unpopular as lighting up a cigar in a bar in New York, the problem would be over. There would be no problem," he said. "It's just that nobody's focused on it. When people start seeing it as a lousy thing to do it will end."

He advocates spreading the word at racetracks across the country, letting owners know what's going on and that there are practical alternatives to the slaughterhouse, which may make economic sense. A horse who last ran in a \$3,000 claiming race can be considered a \$3,000 tax deduction when donated to an organization like the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation.

In the meantime, Hettinger is making a difference. His only reward? Self satisfaction.

"When I go over there and look over the fence at some of these horses, sure it makes me feel good," he said. "That's what I'm after. I don't need anybody else to tell me I'm a good guy."

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GLENSTAL MARE TOPS GOFFS FLAT SALE Lot 70, the Glenstal (USA) mare **Suspiria (Ire)** took the top bid of Ir£25,000 at yesterday's Goffs December Flat Sale in Kildare, Ireland. Consigned by Islanmore Stud and purchased by B. B. A. (Ireland) Ltd., the nine-year-old was one of the 98 yearlings, foals and breeding stock sold from 129 passed through the ring. A half sister to group and graded-stakes winner Ventiquattrofolli (Ire), **Suspiria** has produced two winners and was covered by **Spectrum (Ire)** in the 2000 breeding season. Lot 50, a yearling filly by **Doyoun (Ire)**--**Almarai (USA)**, by ***Vaguely Noble** offered from Ennel Lodge Stud, was knocked down at Ir£20,000 to take the second highest price. A half sister to group-stakes placed **Margay (Ire)**, she was bought by Dermot Farrington. The sale grossed Ir£453,200, up six percent on last year. The average price of Ir£4,624 was a 14-percent increase. The sale continues today with National Hunt prospects beginning at 12 p.m.

EUROPEANS FAVOURED FOR HONG KONG

Coral Eurobet yesterday promoted European horses to favouritism in three of the four prestigious races at the Hong Kong International meeting at Sha Tin on Sunday. The G1 Hong Kong Cup sees Godolphin's **Fantastic Light (USA)** (Rahy {USA}) and Francois Doumen's **Jim And Tonic (Fr)** (Double Bed {Fr}) as 3-1 joint favourites. In the G1 Vase, **Daliapour (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells {USA}) is the 7-2 co-favourite of three along with the Peter Schiergen-trained filly **Catella (Ger)** (Generous {Ire}) and the Michael Jarvis-trained **Ela Athena (GB)** (Ezzoud {Ire}). While John Hammond's **Nuclear Debate (USA)** (Geiger Counter {USA}) is the 9-4 favourite for the G3 Hong Kong Sprint, it is **Sunline (NZ)** (Desert Sun {GB}) who enjoys that mantle at 7-4 in the G1 Mile with **Fairy King Prawn (Aus)** (Danehill {USA}) at 3-1. Simon Clare, Coral Eurobet spokesman, commented, "This is a global racing event and, with such familiar names taking each other on, betting turnover on the Hong Kong races will be higher than ever before."



GOFFS DECEMBER FLAT STATISTICS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2000

SESSION TOTALS	2000	1999
No. Sold	98	106
Gross (Ir£)	453,200	428,990
Average (Ir£)	4,624	4,047
Median (Ir£)	3,000	2,400

★ BRITAIN ★

RACING CHALLENGED BY LEVY BOARD CHAIRMAN

The Gimcrack Dinner is the chance to get matters off the chest and that was the case for Levy Board Chairman Robert Hughes yesterday, who urged cooperation, rather than confrontation, as the way forward for racing. "The most assured path to future prosperity must surely be to grow and develop the sport, and to increase its attraction to the general public," he said. "The key features of the Levy Board marketing plan are a closer liaison between the racing and betting industries, the development of a brand image for racing and, easier, more customer friendly access to our sport for both the general public and potential sponsors. I urge racing to approach this with a new mindset--that of a supplier seeking to sell a product to a customer--rather than racing starting the process by just saying, 'We want a higher price for the existing product from your thriving bookmaking businesses.' I suggest that, instead, racing should approach its negotiations by saying, 'What can we do to help you expand your businesses in return for which we want to increase racing's income from bookmaking?' I know that some racing commentators are always trying to pour trouble on oiled waters, but I am certain that a cooperative, rather than a confrontational approach is the best option."

★ MAIDEN WINNER ★

Paperweight (GB), f, 4, **In The Wings (GB)**--Crystal Reay (GB), by Sovereign Dancer (USA). Wolverhampton, England, 12-12, Noel Maiden S. (Class D), 3yo/up, 9f 79ydsT, £2,715 to winner. B-Darley Stud Management Co Ltd.

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There is a keen ear to the ground these days as Ballydoyle is once again the focus of attention throughout the winter. The talk has already started and reports suggest that the current ante-post markets have it right by quoting trainer Aidan O'Brien's **Hemingway (Ire)** (Spectrum {Ire}) and **Minardi (USA)** (Boundary {USA}) as the most likely representatives of the great establishment in the first Classics of next year. Hemingway put up a fine performance to beat Eminence (Ire) in the Listed Acomb S. at York Aug. 22 before setbacks ruled him out of his tests at the highest level. Minardi proved himself twice with dominating displays in the G1 Independent Heinz 57 Phoenix S. and the G1 Middle Park S. Alongside those two in the entries for the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas at The Curragh in May stand Derby types **Galileo (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells {USA}), a 14-length winner of his maiden at Leopardstown in late October, and the more-experienced **Mozart (Ire)** (Danehill {USA}), who was fourth in the G1 Dewhurst S. The 169 entries boast eight more Irish-trained horses as a result of entries at the second stage at a cost of Ir£2,750 each. While trainer Dermot Weld has the lion's share of those, the lesser-known John Hayden is aiming his maiden **Dr. Brendler (USA)** (Distant View {USA}), who was runner-up in the G3 Killavullen S., at the Classic. He has also been entered for the G1 Budweiser Irish Derby a month later at a cost of Ir£9,000. Weld also entered **Vinnie Roe (Ire)** (Definite Article {GB}), owned by film director Jim Sheridan, for the 1 1/2-mile Classic. Next year's Irish Derby will be worth at least Ir£900,000, a remarkable figure without the US\$1 million bonus put up by sponsors for dual Derby heroes in 2000. Nine Irish-trained fillies have been added to the entries for the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas at the same course a day later. Moyglare Stud's unraced **Suitably Discreet (USA)** (Mr. Prospector {USA}), out of champion racemare Alywow (USA), heads them, and she topped the Orby Sale at Goffs as a yearling. She is also one of five Irish-trained fillies added to the G1 Irish Oaks as is the Kevin Prendergast-trained **Rebelline (Ire)** (Robellino {USA}), a full sister to the smart Quws (GB), and who was second in the Listed Eyrefield S.

FRENCH LEADERS

Two-Year-Olds (by earnings)

Name	Runs	Wins	Places	Earnings (FF)
Okawango (USA)	3	3	0	1,310,000
Amonita (GB)	3	2	1	938,000
Bad As I Wanna Be (Ire)	2	1	1	840,000
Iron Mask (USA)	7	3	3	718,000
Equerry (USA)	3	3	0	710,000
Sagacity (Fr)	2	2	0	480,000
Greengroom (Fr)	8	3	4	477,200
Amiwain (Fr)	3	2	1	462,000
King Risks (Fr)	24	3	15	445,000
Perfect Plum (Ire)	2	2	0	440,000

Three-Year-Olds (by earnings)

Name	Runs	Wins	Places	Earnings (FF)
Sinndar (Ire)	2	2	0	6,400,000
Egyptband (USA)	4	2	2	4,050,000
Volvoreta (GB)	4	2	2	2,780,000
Holding Court (GB)	3	2	0	2,720,000
Lord Flasheart (USA)	3	1	2	1,470,000
Reve D'Oscar (Fr)	7	1	6	1,396,000
Beat Hollow (GB)	1	1	0	1,200,000
Bluemamba (USA)	3	1	1	1,036,000
Bachir (Ire)	1	1	0	1,000,000
Epitre (Fr)	7	4	3	918,000

Four-Year-Olds and Up (by earnings)

Name	Runs	Wins	Places	Earnings (FF)
Montjeu (Ire)	3	2	1	2,200,000
Indian Lodge (Ire)	2	2	0	1,400,000
Daring Miss (GB)	7	2	3	1,194,000
Kingsalsa (USA)	7	2	5	1,150,000
Russian Hope (Ire)	5	3	1	1,000,000
Muhtathir (GB)	1	1	0	1,000,000
Indian Danehill (Ire)	3	2	1	1,000,000
Amilynx (Fr)	4	3	1	1,000,000
Sendawar (Ire)	2	1	1	900,000
Dansili (GB)	4	2	1	720,000

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