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BANKS HILL RETIRED

Juddmonte's champion **Banks Hill (GB)** (Danehill--Hasili {Ire}, by Kahyasi {Ire}), winner of the 2001 GI Breeders' Cup F/M Turf, has been retired from racing following a fourth-place finish in the GI Matriarch S. Dec. 1 at Hollywood. Breeding plans have not yet been announced. "She's here on the farm [in Kentucky] and has settled in very well," said Juddmonte farm manager Garrett O'Rourke, "and the owner is still contemplating what he's going to breed her to. His biggest problem is that he can't find a stallion good enough for her. Obviously, there are only about five stallions out there who could be considered for a mare in her caliber; there's one in Ireland in Sadler's Wells, so there's a possibility she could go back over there, or stay here to be bred to one of the top ones here in America. We're just waiting for the owner to decide." At three, Banks Hill captured the G1 Coronation S. and ran second to older horses in both the G1 Prix du Moulin and the G1 Prix Jacques le Marois prior to her Breeders' Cup victory at Belmont. In addition to earning an Eclipse Award as champion turf mare, Banks Hill was the highweighted three-year-old filly in England (7-9.5f) and in France (9.5-11f). She returned this year for a four-year-old campaign, the highlight of which was a victory in the Jacques le Marois over subsequent GI Breeders' Cup mile hero Domedriver (Ire). The bay filly also ran second to Rock of Gibraltar (Ire) in the Prix du Moulin and third to Grandera (Ire) in the G1 Prince of Wales's S. Transferred to Bobby Frankel's barn this fall, she ran third to Golden Apples (Ire) in the GI Yellow Ribbon S. before finishing second to stablemate Starine (Fr) in her Breeders' Cup title defense. Banks Hill heads into retirement with a record of 15-5-5-3 and earnings of \$1,824,008. She was produced by the Listed winner Hasili, who has gotten off to a tremendous start as a broodmare in producing Dansili (GB) (Danehill), a champion in England and France; Heat Haze (GB) (Green Desert), a three-year-old Listed winner in France who is now with Bobby Frankel; and the two-year-old filly Intercontinental (GB) (Danehill), who ran third to Hold That Tiger in the G1 Grand Criterium in October.



Banks Hill at Deauville
Scoop-Dyga

★ **HONG KONG INT'L** ★

Domedriver Out of Hong Kong Mile...

Domedriver (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}), hero of the GI Breeders' Cup Mile at Arlington Park in October, has been withdrawn from Sunday's G1 Hong Kong Mile after coming up lame in his right hind leg. Locally based **Jeune King Prawn (Aus)** (Danehill), winner of the HK-G1 Champions Mile in 2001, has been tapped as his replacement.

Ulundi Under the Weather...

Conspicuous in his absence on the track yesterday morning was British invader **Ulundi (GB)** (Rainbow Quest), who, according to trainer Paul Webber, hadn't yet completely recovered from the trip over to Hong Kong. "He didn't travel well," said Webber via phone from England. "He had a bit of temperature [Monday] morning, but it had come down by [Monday] night. We will just have to take it day by day."

★ **RESULTS** ★

Tuesday, Utsunomiya, Japan

TOCHIGI MARRONNIER CUP-G3-NRA, ¥51,000,000, Utsunomiya, 12-10, 3yo/up, 1400m, 1:26.30, sy.

1--**NOBO TRUE**, 127, h, 6, by **Broad Brush**

1st Dam: **Nastique (MGISW, \$843,121)**, by **Naskra**

2nd Dam: **La Fantastique**, by ***Le Fableux**

3rd Dam: **Witherite**, by **Ky. Colonel**

(\$110,000 yrl '97 **KEESEP**; \$200,000 2yo '98

FTFFEB) O-Ikebata Inc; B-Mr & Mrs J S Moss;

T-Hideyuki Mori; J-Yutake Take; ¥30,000,000.

Lifetime Record: G1SW-Jpn, 42-8-6-5, ¥400,825,000.

*1/2 **Thunder Kitten** (Storm Cat), GSW, \$253,138.

2--**Nomura Ryu-Oh (Jpn)**, 118, c, 3, Scan--Nomura

Tesco Lady (Jpn), by **Aswan** (Jpn). O-Akio Nomura;

B-Takanori Maekawa.

3--**Nihon Pillow Cert (Jpn)**, 123, c, 4, Star of Cozzene--

Nihon Pillow Paulina (Jpn), by **Nihon Pillow Winner** (Jpn).

O-Hyakutaro Kobayashi; B-Matsuo Hashizume.

Margins: 5, NK, HF. Odds: 3.00, 56.90, 1.50.

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WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by Alan Porter

CHAPOSA SPRINGS H.-GIII, \$100,000, CRC, 12-7,
3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:25, ft.

1--@**CHISPISKI, 115, f, 3, by Appealing Skier**

1st Dam: Princess Chispa, by Blue Ensign

2nd Dam: She Did Not, by Annihilate 'em

3rd Dam: Did She Agree, by Restless Native

O-Brazil Stable; B-William P Sorren (FL); T-Ronald B Spatz; J-J A Garcia; \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 19-9-4-1, \$242,634. *First GSW for sophomore sire (by Baldski).

[Click here for the brisnet.com pedigree](#)

Saturday's GIII Chaposa Springs H. ended up with a most appropriate winner. The race is named for a brilliant daughter of the outstanding Florida sire Baldski, so it was most apt that the winner Chispiski should be a member of the first crop of Baldski's son Appealing Skier. In winning this past weekend, Chispiski showed early pace which would have made her "aunt" proud, blazing through a quarter in :21.72 and then, after having led by as much as 5½ lengths, dug in gamely to prevail by a neck.

Of course, speed is something which has come to be expected from Baldski's influence, but it certainly would not have been obvious from his pedigree, which actually spoke of classic stamina. A son of Nijinsky II--who completed a sweep of the English Triple Crown with a win in the St. Leger, run over an extended mile and three-quarters--Baldski was out of a bona fide blue hen in Too Bald. Twice winner of the Barbara Fritchie H., Too Bald produced a total of five stakes winners, headed by the globe-trotting Exceller, who won the G1 Grand Prix de Paris when it was run over a distance of nearly two miles; and the champion two-year-old Capote.

On the track Baldski shaped as a middle-distance performer at three, gaining his only stakes win when taking the Gold Coast H. at 8½ furlongs. He flashed more speed at five, however, when he equaled the Santa Anita track record for 6½ furlongs. One might be inclined to attribute the fact that Baldski was primarily a speed sire to the fact that he spent his life covering fast Florida mares, but we'd also have to acknowledge that his half-brother Capote has primarily made his name with fast and precocious horses such as juvenile champion Boston Harbor, Capote Belle, Matty G, Agincourt, Looie Capote and La Spia.

American Standard, an In Reality half-brother to Baldski and Capote, scored his only stakes wins at 8½ furlongs, but his only graded-stakes winner was the lightning fast juvenile filly American Royale, so perhaps Too Bald transmitted some serious speed genes to her sons.

Appealing Skier certainly had speed in abundance. At two, he took the six-furlong Jonathan Dayton S. and the 7½-furlong GIII Laurel Futurity. At three he added the GII Hutcheson S., in which he defeated Unbridled's Song; the GII Kentucky Cup Sprint S., which saw him set a new track record of 1:08.2; and the GII Withers S., in which he stretched his speed to a mile, the furthest distance over which he won. At four he set another track record, this time speeding six furlongs in 1:09.4 to take the Virginia Is for Lovers S. Initially retired to stud in Florida, Appealing Skier now stands at Green Willow Farms in Westminster, Maryland. He was a late arrival at stud in his first season, but from just 21 first-crop foals, he has sired Chispiski and 12 other winners from a total of 15 starters.

As well as being by a son of Baldski, Chispiski is out of Princess Chispa, a mare by another Florida stalwart, Blue Ensign. A winner once in three starts, Princess Chispa has produced Chispiski as her first foal. Chispiski's granddam, She Did Not, a daughter of Annihilate 'Em also won just once. She never produced a black-type performer, but she was a half-sister to stakes winners Try in the Sky and Restless Thief, and from a powerful family developed in Maryland by Christiana Stables. Chispiski's fifth dam is the champion handicap mare Tempted, also ancestress of the 1991 G1 French Derby winner Polytain and group and graded stakes winners Channel Three, Nacacyte, Appealing Phylly, Adorable Micol, Adcat, Palliser Bay, Bishop's Choice and Irisheyesareflying.

What's particularly interesting here is that this female line also appears in combination with Appealing Skier's dam Jealous Appeal in the pedigree of Appealing's Skier's half-brother, the GI Vosburgh S. hero Trippi, now also at stud in Florida. Trippi is a son of End Sweep, whose dam Broom Dance is by Dance Spell (dam by Cyane) out of Witching Hour, a daughter of Enchanted Eve. Chispiski's fourth dam, Turn to Me, is by Cyane out of Tempted, a half-sister to Witching Hour. This suggests that there is some affinity between Jealous Appeal and the Cyane/Enchanted Eve connection in the family of Chispiski and End Sweep.

Since Appealing Skier is now in Maryland, where the Enchanted Eve family thrived, it will be interesting to see if he gets further chances to combine with it.



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FROM THE DESK OF...

Bill Oppenheim



MIXED SALES UP 5 PERCENT

In the year 2000--before the caterpillars cost Kentucky breeders and insurers \$80 million a year, before the yearling markets ran out of Mr. Prospectors, and Seattle Slew died, and lots of Storm Cat colts got bought privately as foals--oh, yes, and before the general economy ran out of steam as the dot.com bubble burst, not to mention September 11, 2001--before all those things happened, in the year 2000, a total of 12,547 horses changed hands at 13 major Northern Hemisphere horse sales (10 yearling, three mixed) for an estimated total of more than \$1 billion. To be precise, the estimated total was \$1,054,431,850--but don't make me prove it, just take my word for it. It's close enough. Last year, there was an 11-percent drop in horses sold and a drop of \$183-million in gross revenues from the year 2000 records. Close to half that amount--\$80 million--could conservatively be ascribed to the caterpillars. This year, another \$81 million came off the yearling sales, but, as has been discussed before, over two-thirds of that amount (\$56 million) can be attributed to three sires at the Kentucky select yearling sales. Otherwise, the market has been remarkably steady.

At the conclusion of Tattersalls' December Sale last Thursday night, all three of the North's major mixed sales--Keeneland November, Goffs November, and Tattersalls December--had shown single-digit increases in gross over 2001. Overall, almost exactly the same number of horses had sold at the three sales, which collectively returned 5-percent increases in both gross and average. True, the Keeneland November sale gross was still in the neighborhood of \$120-million down from 2000, but at least it was no worse. In fact, Keeneland November was up almost \$8 million in gross from 2001, which has got to, once again, be a healthy sign, especially as the trends were repeated almost exactly at Goffs and Tatts, bar the impact of MRLS (the number of weanlings sold at Keeneland November is down more than 500--almost 40 percent--since 2000).

The 13-sale major Northern Hemisphere Thoroughbred auction market (that's what a lot of us have been doing since July) did extremely well this year to generate \$795 million in revenue, considering my estimate after the summer sales was that it could be as low as \$725 million. That \$795 million is \$75 million less than last year, of which \$56 million--75 percent of the drop--is accounted for by the drop in revenues for yearlings by Mr. Prospector (last yearlings 2001), Storm Cat (\$21 million less, probably has shifted to the private market), and Seattle Slew (no yearlings 2002, a few from last crop in 2003) (*See p4, Table 2*). The combined auction market has dropped \$259 million since 2000--a 25-percent drop, which would be very worrying if the composition of the market was the same as it was in 2000. But MRLS has cost \$80 million a year in auction sales the last two years, and the three stallions' \$56-million drop in revenue means that \$216 million of the \$259 million--83 percent of the drop--can be explained by conditions which are exceptional rather than typical.

However you slice it, since July we have been chasing around after more than 11,000 horses, which have sold for nearly \$800 million. The market may have shrunk some since 2000, but these are not inconsequential numbers. This is a big industry, and prices are still generally looking strong in spite of everything.

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Table 1

13 MAJOR SALES, 2000-2002

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. Sold</u>	<u>Gross</u>	<u>Average</u>
2002	11,155	\$795,863,000	\$71,346
2001	11,150	\$871,425,600	\$78,155
2000	12,547	\$1,054,431,850	\$84,038

2002 vs. 2001

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2002 vs. 2000

No. Sold - 11%, Gross - 25%, Average - 15%

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THE 1998 SIRE CLASS

Every once in a while, a sire 'class'--horses whose first foals arrive the same year--stands out. I remember the 1975 class was a particularly hot one, including **Roberto**, **Secretariat**, and **Key to the Mint**. The 1989 group included **Storm Cat**, **Gone West**, **Theatrical**, and **Broad Brush**. Now - especially at a time when circumstances dictate that some new bright young stars are needed - the group of sires whose first foals were born in 1998, and are just finishing their 4-year-old seasons, is looking like a very good group.

Four members of this class have passed the \$7-million mark in progeny career Northern Hemisphere earnings. Johannesburg's sire **Hennessy** actually leads the list, according to the table published in the Nov. 30 *Blood-Horse*, though he has averaged over 95 foals per crop. Within \$100,000 of each other were: **Forest Wildcat**, group leader with 15 SW; Monarchos's sire, **Maria's Mon**; and **Unbridled's Song**. **Smart Strike**, who has really caught fire in the last three months, ranks fifth in this group, though he is now second in current-year earnings, behind only **Our Emblem**, sire of War Emblem. Of those five, all but **Our Emblem** have averaged between 60-65 foals per crop; **Our Emblem's** average has been 42 per crop.

One byproduct of these inflated crop sizes we now see is that even good sires don't average 10-percent SW/foals. **Forest Wildcat** is under 8 percent and leads the group. **Unbridled's Song**, **Maria's Mon**, and **Hennessy** are all around 5 percent. **Smart Strike** is 6 percent; **Our Emblem**--3 percent. This doesn't mean, incidentally, that we analysts are all deceiving ourselves, and these sires are not as good as we imagine. Rather it means that the rules are changing: with big crops out of overbred mares, the evidence so far is the percentages don't hold up. It's the age-old question: does it get class? It looks to me like five or six of this group do, in spite of the fact that their opportunity to succeed in percentage terms has diminished at the same rate as their crop sizes have increased.

Results cont.

Sunday, Hanshin, Japan

NARUO KINEN-G3, ¥82,660,000, 12-8, Hanshin, 3yo/up, 2000mT, 1:59.50, fm.

1--**IBUKI GOVERNMENT (JPN)**, 127, h, 6, by **Commander in Chief (GB)**

1st Dam: **Rosita (Jpn)**, by **Mill George**

2nd Dam: **Mellow Madang (Jpn)**, by **Madang (Ire)**

3rd Dam: **Speed Kiyofuji (Jpn)**, by **China Rock (GB)**

O-Ibuki; B-Takase Bokujo; T-Kojiro Hashiguchi; J-H Kawachi; ¥43,602,000. Lifetime Record: 36-8-6-3.

*1/2 to **Osumi Sunday (Jpn)** (Sunday Silence),

SP-Jpn, \$295,217; and **Kanetsu Fleuve (Jpn)**

(Paradise Creek), SW-Jpn, \$1,857,679.

2--**Eishin Spencer**, 123, c, 4, **Hennessy--Cherry a la**

Mode, by **Affirmed**. (\$190,000 wnl '98 **KEENOV**).

O-Toyomitsu Hirai; B-Dixiana Farm Inc; ¥17,172,000.

3--**Big Gold (Jpn)**, 126, c, 4, **Brian's Time--Beautiful**

Gold, by **Mr. Prospector**. O-U Big; B-Shimokobe Farm;

¥11,086,000.

Margins: NK, 2HF, NK. Odds: 2.80, 8.40, 16.30.

Table 2

10 YEARLING SALES

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. Sold</u>	<u>Gross</u>	<u>Average</u>
2002	6323	\$510,786,400	\$79,359
2001	6335	\$592,098,695	\$93,465
2000	6722	\$650,790,680	\$96,815

2002 vs. 2001

No. Sold - 0%, Gross - 14%, Average - 15%

2002 vs. 2000

No. Sold - 6%, Gross - 22%, Average - 18%

3 MIXED SALES

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. Sold</u>	<u>Gross</u>	<u>Average</u>
2002	4832	\$294,076,600	\$60,860
2001	4815	\$279,326,900	\$58,012
2000	5735	\$403,641,175	\$70,382

2002 vs. 2001

No. Sold + 0%, Gross + 5%, Average + 5%

2002 vs. 2000

No. Sold - 15%, Gross - 27%, Average - 14%

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As politics and legislation become ever more important and strategic to the racing industry, a session entitled "Legislative Perspective on Racing" will feature New York Congressman John Sweeney and others discussing how politicians view racing. The Symposium concludes Friday with what has become the annual year-end forum for the NTRA. Commissioner Tim Smith will moderate as many of his key executives provide a review of 2002, a look ahead to next year and an update from the recently created NTRA Wagering Technology Working Group.

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★ EAST ★

Yesterday's Results:

8th-LRL, \$31,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$30-\$25,000), NW3X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09 1/5, ft.

SUN STORM (c, 3, Storm Cat--Fighting Countess {SW, \$120,076}, by Ringside), a \$500,000 KEENOV weanling and a \$500,000 KEEJUL yearling out of a half to champion Countess Diana, knocked off an entry-level allowance score at Pimlico Oct. 4, then made it two in a row versus \$20,000 optional claimers at Laurel Nov. 6. Sent off as the 2-1 pick to run his skein to three, the half to Dawn Princess (Polish Numbers), SW & GSP, \$131,398, did just that by tracking the early pace, moving wide for the drive and getting up under strong handling to prevail by 3/4 lengths over Longonot (Mt. Livermore). The victory was quickly tempered by concern after Sun Storm collapsed while galloping out past the wire. Lifetime Record: 6-4-1-1, \$71,760. O-Sunstorm Partnership. B-Kaygar Stable & Richard S Kaster (KY). T-Carlos A Garcia.

9th-PHA, \$21,600, Alw, NW1X, 2yo, f, a1m70yd, 1:45, ft.

FRIEL'S FOR REAL (f, 2, Sword Dance {Ire}--Beaties for Real {MSP}, by Unreal Zeal) nosed out a win in her debut over a muddy Philly Park oval June 15, then returned five months later to be runner-up in her next two at this level, her most recent Nov. 21. Stretching to two turns for the first time in her career, the 6-5 pick pressured the early pace from an inside position before edging clear through the lane to earn the two-length success. Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, \$32,860. O/B-Gilbert G Campbell (FL). T-Edward T Allard.

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 Trainers Set Sights on Gulfstream in 2003:

Gulfstream Park is poised to kick off its 64th season Jan. 3 with a trio of top trainers making their appearance at the historic Hallandale oval. Hall of Fame conditioner D. Wayne Lukas is back after a year's absence while Steve Asmussen and Richard Dutrow Jr. will be making their debuts at the South Florida track. Asmussen is currently the second leading trainer in the country in number of winners and Dutrow has set the standard among New York trainers for the past two seasons.

★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

McPeeks Honored by Thoroughbred Press:

Trainer Ken McPeek & his wife Sue have been voted the 2002 winners of the Turf Publicists of America (TPA) Big Sport of Turfdom award, presented annually by the TPA to the person who enhances coverage of Thoroughbred racing through cooperation with the media and Thoroughbred racing publicists. "Throughout the year, and especially in the months leading up to, and including, the Triple Crown, Ken and Sue consistently made themselves available to a wide range of media representatives," said TPA president Bob Curran Jr. "They did so through good times and bad, and we're proud to honor them with this well-deserved award." Ken McPeek campaigned **Sarava**, the 70-1 upset winner of the GI Belmont S.--as well as Grade I winners **Harlan's Holiday** and **Take Charge Lady**--in 2003. Harlan's Holiday was switched to trainer Todd Pletcher prior to the Belmont, while McPeek lost Sarava recently to trainer Bob Baffert. The McPeeks are the second couple to receive the award after Bob and Beverly Lewis won it in 1995, and will be the guests of honor at the 36th annual Big Sport of Turfdom luncheon at Mastro's Restaurant in Beverly Hills Monday, Jan. 27, prior to that evening's Eclipse Awards.

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Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

AWESOME AGAIN (Deputy Minister), Adena, \$50K, 74/10/1

6-TP, Msw, 1m, Miney's Awesome, \$90K OBS FEB 2yo

DISTORTED HUMOR (Forty Niner), Winstar, \$13K, 66/12/4

6-AQU, Msw, 6f, Judy's Valentine, \$82K OBS MAR 2yo

GRAND SLAM (Gone West), Ashford, \$30K, 130/21/1

6-AQU, Msw, 6f, +Bridge Player, \$425K KEE NOV wnl

6-AQU, Msw, 6f, +Ann Dear, \$120K KEE SEP yrl

INDIAN CHARLIE (In Excess {Ire}), Airdire, \$10K, 82/10/1

6-TP, Msw, 1m, Pampered Princess, \$50K KEE NOV wnl

TALE OF THE CAT (Storm Cat), Ashford, \$25K, 111/24/3

6-AQU, Msw, 6f, +Thong, \$32K KEE APR 2yo

TOUCH GOLD (Deputy Minister), Adena, \$30K, 86/8/1

6-AQU, Msw, 6f, Our Nancy Lee, \$190K FTF FEB 2yo

★ **AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS** ★

IN BRITAIN:

Mufreh, c, 4, **Dayjur**--Mathkurh, by Riverman.

Southwell, 12-10, Hcp., 3yo/up, 6f (AWT). O-Advanced Marketing Services Ltd; B-Shadwell Farm Inc; T-A Newcombe. *Full to Asfurah, Hwt 2yo Filly-Ire, GSW-GB, G1SP-Ire, \$117,622; and 1/2 to Istintaj (Nureyev), MGSW, \$356,135.

IN HONG KONG:

Northern Magnate, c, 3, **Langfuhr**--Madame Saddam, by Ogygian. Sha Tin, 12-4, Hcp., 1200m. B-John C Marker (Ky). *1/2 to Madame Roar (Roar), MSW, \$251,769. **\$32,000 yrl '00 KEEJAN; \$95,000 yrl '00 KEESEP; \$170,000 2yo '01 BESMAR.

Maximum Joy, g, 4, **Absent Russian**--Only Dance, by Premiership. Sha Tin, 12-4, Hcp., 1200m. B-Donna M Wormser Inc (Fl).

Frame's People, g, 5, **Numerous**--Betsy Switzer, by Private Account. Sha Tin, 12-4, Hcp., 1650m. B-Bwamazon Farm (Ky). *Previously Thousand Sticks. **\$50,000 '99 2yo FTKDEC.

SHEIKH MOHAMMED'S GIMCRACK SPEECH

Sheikh Mohammed, as the winning owner of this year's Gimcrack S. victor Country Reel (Danzig), has highlighted the need for increased prize money and better pay and conditions for stable staff at this year's annual Gimcrack Dinner. In a wide-ranging speech, delivered on his behalf by Michael Osborne, Sheikh Mohammed outlined the need for urgent progress on a number of fronts to put British racing on a sounder footing. He was particularly critical of the racecourses' attitude towards the sport and was keen to emphasize that the need for increased prize money was not so that the wealthier owners wished "to line their pockets." He pointed out that increased prize money is the key for all those involved in racing and urged Britain's 59 racecourses to work with the rest of the industry for the betterment of the sport as a whole. He warned racecourses that if a confrontational approach is taken or reasonable purse increases are not provided via the extra funding received by the tracks, then the Maktoum family "stands willing to join with other owners in taking action." The Sheikh also bemoaned the pay and conditions endured by stable staff. "I have been hugely disappointed that hardly anyone, amidst the acres of newsprint and airtime that have been devoted to discussions on racing's finances in recent years, has sought to make stable staff a priority. Again and again, we hear from trainers that the biggest problem they face is recruiting good staff. Why? Because they are often poorly paid, are offered only a limited career path, and have pension arrangements that might be said to belong to a bygone age. The truth is that underpaid stable staff are subsidising the sport in exactly the same way as owners are. That is not just unacceptable, it is immoral. It is time racing's leaders spoke up for stable staff; time that tackling the problem was made a priority; time that decisions made at the BHB and elsewhere were tested to see how they impact on stable staff. Time, in short, for a new deal for stable staff."

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The Future of Godolphin...

Sheikh Mohammed then continued by explaining his ambitions for Godolphin. "People said we couldn't train Classic winners from Dubai, but we have done [that] and we hope to go on doing so. Now we want to take Godolphin to the next stage of its development, to consolidate and enhance our position as the world's only truly international racing stable, to win more of the world's best races. My personal challenge for the next 25 years and beyond is to take Godolphin to new peaks of achievement. Our ambitions are global. Much as we love racing here, it is true to say that we no longer focus predominantly on racing in Britain. It is inevitable that you will see less and less of our blue silks on British racetracks, because the whole point of Godolphin is to challenge for the best races all over the world. That obviously limits what we are going to achieve in Britain, but it provides us with a range of global challenges that are as exciting as they are daunting."

TOMAHAWK TOPS TURFORM JUVENILES The Aidan O'Brien-trained **Tomahawk** (Seattle Slew) was Ireland's leading two-year-old, according to the provisional end-of-season ratings issued by Turform. He was given a rating of 116, ahead of companions **Brian Boru (GB)** (Sadler's Wells), **Hold That Tiger** (Storm Cat) and **Chevalier (Ire)** (Danahill). As expected, the three-year-old division was also dominated by the Ballydoyle conditioner. **High Chaparral (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells) and **Hawk Wing** (Woodman), who will both stay in training next season, were given ratings of 128 and 125, respectively. The recently retired **Rock Of Gibraltar (Ire)** (Danahill) was awarded a mark of 126. The Turform Annual 2002, a comprehensive guide to the recent Flat season, will be published in February.

★ EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN HONG KONG:

- Chariot of Wei Hai (GB)**, g, 3, **Bahamian Bounty (GB)**--Rain Splash (GB), by Petong (GB). Happy Valley, 11-27, Hcp., 1650m. B-P Balding (GB). *20,000gns yrl '00 DONSEP.
- Super Wongchoy (Fr)**, c, 3, **Brief Truce**--Green Sails (Ire), by Slip Anchor (GB). Happy Valley, 11-27, Hcp., 1650m. B-M Michel Debeusscher (Fr).
- Kalimantan (GB)**, g, 3, **Vettori (Ire)**--Arap (GB), by Arazi. Sha Tin, 11-30, Hcp., 1600m. B-Hesmonds Stud Ltd (GB). *9,000gns yrl '00 TATOCT.
- Ferrule (Ire)**, c, 4, **Danahill**--Goreoso, by Damascus. Sha Tin, 11-30, Hcp., 1600mT. B-Barronstown Stud and Bemak N V (Ire).
- Wonderful Win (Ire)**, g, 4, **Distinctly North**--Kayradja (Ire), by Last Tycoon (Ire). Happy Valley, 11-27, Hcp., 1000m. B-HH the Aga Khan's Studs SC (Ire).

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

- Java Soup**, c, 2, **Alphabet Soup**--Gwendolyn's Gold, by Java Gold. PHA, 12-10, a1m70yd, 1:46 1/5. B-Tea Party Stable Inc (Pa).
- Twisted Truth**, f, 2, **Distorted Humor**--The Stark Truth, by Graustark. PHA, 12-10, (C), 6f, 1:12 3/5. B-Dr D W Frazier (Ky). *\$12,000 yrl '01 OBSAUG. **1/2 to Lies Of Omission (Taylor's Special), GSW, \$287,016. ***13th winner for freshman sire (by Forty Niner).
- Tabor City**, c, 2, **Grub**--Wily Princess, by Gallant Knave. LRL, 12-10, (C), 7f, 1:26 1/5. B-Grainger Farms (Ga).
- Endskip**, f, 3, **End Sweep**--Class Skipper, by Skip Trial. LRL, 12-10, (C), 6f, 1:12 1/5. B-Milton & Beth Hendry (Fl). *\$50,000 yrl '00 FTKJUL; \$8,000 2yo '01 FTMMAY.
- K Squared**, f, 3, **Kissin Kris**--Archespirit, by Northjet (Ire). SUF, 12-10, 1m, 1:47 2/5. B-John Franks (Fl). *\$22,000 yrl '00 KEESEP.

SHUTTLE WINNER FROM AUSTRALASIA:

- Ego Fast (Aus)**, g, 5, **Supremo**--Dunraine (NZ), by McGinty (NZ). Avondale (Auckland), 12-7, 3yo/up, Hcp, 1 1/4mT. B-Mr M Eagan.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

- Friday's Takings (GB)**, g, 3, **Beveled**--Pretty Pollyanna (GB), by General Assembly. Southwell, Britain, 12-10, Mdn, 3yo, 1m (AWT). B-Mrs Fiona Denniff. *21,000gns yrl '00 DONSEP.

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