

# Egypt's Andre Sakakini and his "Careful"

Sydney 2000 (200)

Interview with the Egyptian Ambassador in the Olympic Games 2000.

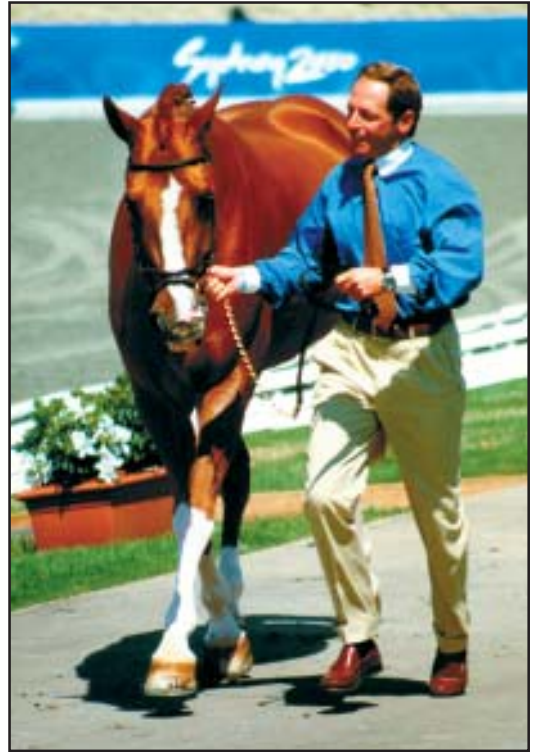
## Preparation:

"We did a very good homework, we rode in grand prix & CSIO's, Falsterbo 3rd in the Grand Prix, 2nd in Hamburg, 2nd in Spangenberg and just 1 week before the quarantine we won the Grand Prix in Donaueschingen. I believe that after all these results we deserved to go. From the point of view of the qualifications, "Careful" and I were 21<sup>st</sup>."

"My horse suffered from bronchitis. We didn't know if it was the weather, but physically he deteriorated very badly and we had to exaggerate in the amount of proteins and vitamins and he's not used to that. He needs always 1 or 2 shows to get back in top shape, it was about 2 month before the Olympics that we last competed. All those factors made it a little more difficult".

The course builder was very fair, he drew courses like a real artist. The fences were so big, but not criminal. After all it's the Olympics....

"The thing that was against us all along with the course builder was the ground, the footing was very hard, though it was the most beautiful facility to train".



## Travelling:

"My groom, 'Terry Cordinly' travelled with the horse and she said that everything went fine and the horses arrived well. Yet we had 4 seasons in one day; very cold, very windy, very warm and when it rained it

poured. For all the horses, home was the beginning of winter and in Sydney it was beginning of summer, the horses grew coat very quickly. We had to clip Careful 2 times overthere and was ready for the 3rd. The young horses suffered more because they did not



have enough experience.

## Results:

"After qualifications we were 23<sup>rd</sup> arriving to the finals, we ended up 40<sup>th</sup>".

"After the experience of the Olympics, Careful will mature a lot, he has one championship on his shoulders and it is already a lot for a horse. That will prepare him for the world championship in Khraz."



## Future:

*"I have chosen this road, this life, this profession. Although things could have been better, my life, my job, my passion will keep on going. Life goes on for me and for*

*other riders."*

## Showjumping Team Competition

### Germany Won Team Jumping Gold

Defending Olympic champions Germany won the team jumping event with Switzerland grabbing silver and Brazil out pointing France in a dramatic jump-off for bronze.



Germany, with Lars Nieberg and Ludger Beerbaum backing up from the team which won the same event at Atlanta, had a best three-rider total of 15 penalties after the two rounds, ahead of Switzerland on 16. Brazil and France were tied on 24.

The winning German quartet was Beerbaum, Nieberg, Marcus Ehning and Beerbaum, who was Germany's fourth-best rider, said it was a different experience for him after being his country's best performer in the event in 1996.

"This time I won a medal with the worst performance so thank you to my three colleagues," Beerbaum said, "I can be more than pleased because if my score had counted today we wouldn't have won a medal so I try to see the positive."

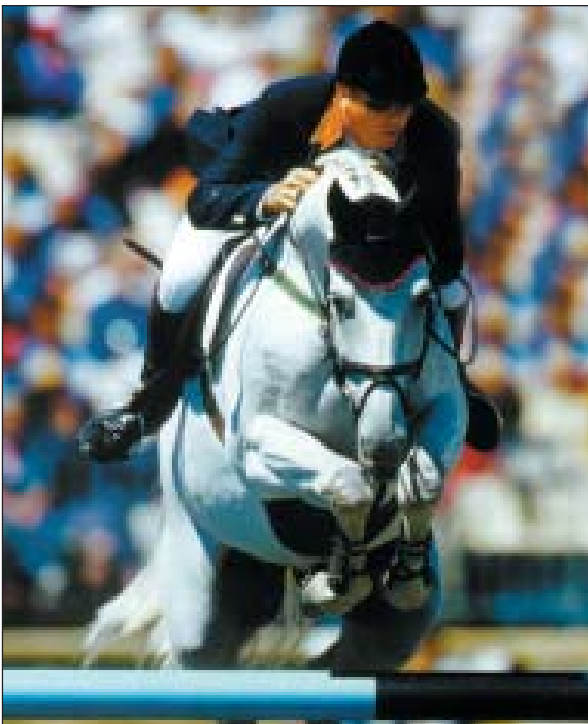
Despite being unhappy with the course, Rodrigo Pessoa, the 1998 world individual champion, managed a clear round in the last ride of the jump-off to give Brazil the bronze medal.

The teams event, known as the Nations Cup, was also the second and third qualifying rounds for Sunday's individual final. The top 45 jumpers progressed to the individual final competition.

Becker rode two clear rounds in a brilliant performance. "Today was unbelievable. For me it was a great feeling," Becker said.

## Individual Showjumping Competition

### Dutch Won gold and Silver



EQUESTRIAN EVENTS OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES CONCLUDED WITH THE FANTASTIC VICTORY OF JEROEN DUBBELDAM AND SJIEM (NED). SAUDI KHALED AL EID OFFERS THE FIRST EQUESTRIAN OLYMPIC MEDAL EVER TO HIS COUNTRY Dutch riders claimed both the gold and the silver medals in the Individual Show Jumping final of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games at the Equestrian Centre Horsley Park on Sunday.

In a jump off after Round B, gold and silver went to the "Flying Dutchmen" Jeroen DUBBELDAM and Albert VOORN. The bronze went to Khaled AL EID from Saudi-Arabia.

"I've been riding Sjiem four years and have been second, third, fourth in many grand prix events," Dubbeldam said. "I never won a grand prix, but I won the Olympics."