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Two small photographs are shown side-by-side. The left one shows a male tennis player in a red shirt and white shorts, holding a tennis racket. The right one shows a horse rider in purple silks riding a dark horse over a jump.

# MY SEX FACTS



# YOU'LL PAY LOTTO MORE



## But win odds stay the same

By OLIVIA DOYLE

LOTTO will soon cost at least 50p more to play . . . but with no better odds of winning.

The minimum jackpot in every draw is to be doubled to £1 million in a fortnight. But the price of playing will rise from 50p to 75p

per panel, with a minimum stake of £1.50.

All the new jackpots could create instant millionaires, although the chances remain the same at 2.6 million to one.

**Lotto boss Ray Bates defended the decision to up the stakes.**

"Jackpots of £500,000 no longer have the same appeal to players," he told *The Star*.

### Costs

"It costs more now to buy the dream house, the dream car, the dream holiday than it did when we started 10 years ago.

"Our first ever jackpot was £147,000.

"If we offered that today, people would laugh at us."

**Mr Bates said players preferred big jackpots to the idea of more people winning smaller prizes.**

"When the jackpot is £1m, 840,000 people play but when it's £5m, 1.4m play," he said.

"They play for the dream of winning," he said.

Rehab Lotteries chief John McGuire said the Lottery prevented agents from selling its scratch-cards alongside their own.

The cap which bars Rehab from giving away more than £10,000 a week in total is also a hindrance.

**"We're still providing a £1 product with a one-in-four chance of winning and paying out 58 per cent of sales — more than the Lottery's 54 per cent," he said.**

But Mr Bates insisted: "We don't have anything against agents who sell both tickets and some do."

The National Youth Council said profits from the price rise should go to youth projects while Democratic Left said the hike was unjustified.

The first new Lotto draw is on September 26.



WORTH THE RIDE: Yasayuki Ozeki with his pint PIC Noel Gavin/Allpix

## YAS'S STOUT EFFORT

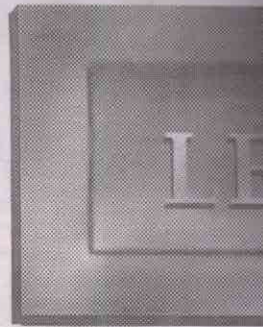
● MANY men would travel a long way for a pint of Guinness — but they might consider 12,000 km a bit far.

Not 25-year-old Yasayuki Ozeki. He downed a pint of plain yesterday after cycling all the way from Japan.

● Yasayuki fell in love with Ireland on a visit three years ago. He vowed to return and was as good as his word.

● One dream kept him going, he said, as he pedalled across China, Mongolia, Russia and Europe — "ending surrounded by millions of Irish people waiting with millions of pints of Guinness."

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