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HANSEN'S BODY POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED

The body which was discovered Thursday morning near the San Mateo Bridge has been positively identified as that of jockey Ron Hansen, it was announced yesterday. Hansen had been missing since Oct. 1.

NEW PRESIDENT FOR RACETRACKS OF CANADA

The Board of Directors of Racetracks of Canada, Inc, has elected Jack Nicholl, race manager of Edmonton Northlands Park, as president of their organization. Nicholl will serve a two-year term; he accepted his new role by saying, "The extension of aggressive competition from government-sponsored gaming; exorbitant levels of taxation paid by the racing public; and continuing high levels of unemployment as the result of the economic recession provide an unprecedented challenge to horse racing over the next two years--a challenge which requires the united co-operative efforts of all segments of the horse racing industry in order not only to ensure survival, but to strengthen the industry as a whole."

GARDEN STATE TRIES FOR SECOND

OPENING After opening its thoroughbred meeting as scheduled Jan. 13, Garden State Park got through only two races the following night before calling off the rest of the card because of inclement weather. Since then, the New Jersey track has had to cancel five straight live racing programs because of the ice and bitter cold, but plans call for a second opening night Wednesday. As of noon Monday, track superintendent Gary Wolff said 99 percent of the ice had been removed from the track, the result of constant harrowing. Said track President Arthur Winkler, "We've had crews working the track around the clock and we're optimistic, at this point, about our chances of being back in action come Wednesday."

Saturday, Santa Anita

GII \$125,000 San Marcos H., 4yo/up, 10fT

Top grass horse **Bien Bien** (Manila), scratched out of the GI Hollywood Turf Cup Dec. 12, will make his next start in Saturday's co-feature at Santa Anita. The five-year-old worked seven furlongs at Santa Anita Friday, going the distance in 1:25 1/5 for trainer Paco Gonzalez. While **Bien Bien** has been very tough on the turf, he also won the '92 Swaps S. on the dirt, and Gonzalez is considering a move back to the main track with his charge. "He still has the San Marcos, then the San Luis Obispo (Feb. 21) and the San Luis Rey (March 27)," he said. "The only reason we wouldn't run in the turf races would be if it rains and the turf becomes too soft. If that should happen, we would run in the Big 'Cap (Santa Anita H., March 5), instead of just training and training him. But it will all depend on the weather." Ready to face **Bien Bien** in the San Marcos are: **Navire** (Shernazar), a French import who has won four of 19 starts, and **Explosive Red** (Explodent), who took the GI Hollywood Derby in '93 and has been on the board in 11-of-15 on the grass. Also possible are **Fanatic Boy** (Mat Boy) and Hollywood allowance winner **Alex The Great** (Bairn).

GIII \$100,000 Santa Ynez Breeders' Cup S., 3yof, 7f

A field of five is shaping up for this sprint for the three-year-old fillies, headed by **Tricky Code** (Lost Code), stakes winner and third in the GI Oak Leaf S. last year. She will face **Bayou Plans** (Bayou Hebert), an Illinois-bred winner of half of her 10 career starts; **C'mon Lets Dance** (Alleged); **Noassemblyrequired** (General Assembly), Pasadena S. winner in her '94 debut; and **Sophisticatedcielo** (Conquistador Cielo).

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OFF AND RUNNING AT OAKLAWN

by: John Lee

In the first race Sunday, day three of the 63-day Oaklawn Park meet, Miss Popsnorkle etched her awkward name into the record books by carrying jockey Pat Day to his 6,000th career win.

"Oaklawn always has been dear to me," Day said. "I won my 3,000th here so I was glad to win my 6,000th here as well." Day could provide an end-of-the-season highlight as well as he goes for his 12th consecutive jockey title at Oaklawn Park.

The Hot Springs, Arkansas track is special in many ways. It has that magical mix that seems to bring out the best in racing: an appealing country setting, a limited season, lucrative purses, excellent facilities and a rich tradition. The meet runs until April 23, and will offer more than \$13 million in purses, which includes a \$2 million infusion from off-season simulcasts, for a daily average of over \$200,000.

The weather was anything but cooperative for Oaklawn's opener as a mild winter was interrupted by freezing weather which caused the track to be closed to training for several days last week. Despite temperatures in the low 30's, 19,312 fans made it to the track for Friday's opener. On Saturday the temperature rose into the 40's and the gate swelled to 23,329. The Arkansas racing season is back in full swing.

All of Oaklawn's top stables are back this year: defending training champ Bernie Flint, nine-time champ Bob Holthus, Loblolly Stable's trainer Tom Bohannon, Pete Vestal, Hal Wiggins, Jinks Fires and many others. Joining the fray will be a pair of new arrivals from the Maryland circuit: Dale Capuano, who shipped in with a full compliment of 32 head, and Dick Small, who brought with him a half dozen runners including Oaklawn Handicap hopeful Valley Crossing.

Bernie Flint, who will attempt to win his third training title in a row, said, "My horses have come in from all over the country, so I've got some pretty frozen horses." Once they defrost, expect them to win claiming and allowance races in bunches. Flint also has his eyes on some stakes races for his good looking three-year-old filly, My Sea Castles.

"I want to run her in the Martha Washington, then either the Honey Bee or Magnolia--I'd prefer the Magnolia--then, hopefully, the Fantasy," he said, adding, "The people here are great--they're laid back, but they do get keyed-up for the races. They've got an excellent racetrack and they offer excellent purses and they really try to get the good races to go."

John Ed Anthony's Loblolly Stable is eligible to be the meet's leading owner for the fourth consecutive year. Loblolly's filly Aztec Hill won the Fantasy here last year and trainer Tom Bohannon is hoping she'll be back on track for Oaklawn.

"She had popped a splint a while back, but she'll be here soon. I've got some older horses that started to tail off last year that I've got hopes for--Marked Tree, Dalhart, Zimmerman--and I'm keeping my eye on Turnbull Creek--he had a chipped knee last year at two and is still a maiden," Bohannon said.

The trainer recalled when he was a maiden at the Oaklawn meet.

"My first meet here with Loblolly we won with the first four we ran and I thought this is easy. Well, we didn't see our fifth winner for another month," he said. "It's tough here but it's a lot of fun. The people are really friendly, the racing is good and the purses are good."

Among the trainers there are a lot of standouts; among the jockeys there's Pat Day, the Oaklawn riding champion for the last 11 years in a row. His competition will come in the form of returnees Calvin Borel, Garret Gomez, Willie Martinez and new arrivals Jose R. Martinez, Jr. and Andrea Seefeldt. On big stakes days, Day is likely to find himself up against any of the top jocks from across the country. Recent Eclipse winner Mike Smith, recent Hall of Fame inductee Eddie Delahoussaye and Chris McCarron all swept into town last year to snatch up stakes wins, at the expense of such nationally known riders as Jose Santos, Jerry Bailey and Kent Desormeaux.

The jockeys will fly in for one of the biggest bangs in racing--The Racing Festival of the South, a one week long extravaganza with eight major stakes races including the \$750,000 Oaklawn Handicap for four-year-olds and up at nine furlongs Saturday, April 16, the \$250,000 Fantasy at a mile and a sixteenth for three-year-old fillies Sunday, April 17, the \$500,000 Apple Blossom Handicap at a mile and a sixteenth for older fillies and mares Friday, April 22, and the \$500,000 mile and an eighth Arkansas Derby closing day, Saturday, April 23.

The Oaklawn H. has been won in recent years by the likes of Jovial, Best Pal, Festin and Opening Verse. Aztec Hill took last year's Fantasy at the expense of eventual Eclipse Award winner Hollywood Wildcat. Paseana won the last two runnings of the Apple Blossom and she's scheduled to try for a third in what could be the final start in her brilliant career. Temperence Hill, Sunny's Halo, and Pine Bluff all won the Arkansas Derby en route to a Triple Crown race win. Last year's Derby failed to produce a classic winner, but it did produce a shocking upset when Rockamundo added his name to the history books as the 108-1 longshot winner. Both significance and surprise will continue the tradition 1994.



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STAKES RESULTS:

TWILIGHT TEAR H., TuP, 1-23, \$28,500, 3yo/up, f and m, starters at 1993-94 Turf Paradise meet, 8.5fT, 1:46 2/5, fm.

1--**OCEAN BAY, m, 5, Groovy (Prestonwood Farm-KY) --Lichi (Chi), by Paderoso.** O-Mike Cadotte; B-Prestonwood Farm, Inc. (KY.); T-Joseph E. Johnson; \$17,100.

2-- **Super Test, m, 5, Buckfinder (Claiborne Farm-KY) --Allaise, by Superbity.** O-Wanda June Johnson; (\$25,000 yearling 1990 Ocala Breeders' Sales Co. August sale); \$5,700.

3-- **Campy, m, 6, Ack Ack (Dead) --Targhese (Fr), by Targowice.** O-Leif Hempel; \$2,850.

Margins: 1/2, 3, 1 1/4.

OCEAN BAY, in the money in her last 5 starts, stayed just behind the pace most of the trip, then turned back challenger and favorite half of a coupled entry Super Test.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-Suf, \$16,660, f/m, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11, gd.
ZINGADOON (m, 5, Doonesbury--Bold Uppercut, by Bold L. B.) set all the fractions, breaking from the 5-hole and leading the 6-horse field for a 4 3/4 length score. Coming from a 6-for-11 '93 campaign, the SW and odds-on favorite now increases earnings to \$140,067, lifetime record to 29-13-4-2. Second-placed Speedland (Badger Land), SP winner of over \$100,000, coming off a '94 Suf Alw. win, tracked the pace-setter throughout the run and bested 3rd place by 5 1/2.

O-Coming Home Stable. B-Brereton Jones (Ky.).
T-Michael Petro.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ Dithyramb, g, 4, I am the Game--Ruth Darlene, by Conesaba. Suf, 1-24, 6f, 1:14 2/5. B-Darlene Ruth Syndicate (Md.).

+ Covered Wells, c, 3, Mining--Princess Laika, by Blushing Groom (Fr). Thompson (Va.). *1/2 to COOL GOLD MOOD (\$291,275, by Premier Ministre).

Too Scary, f, 3, Ray's Pride--Asunder, by Spanish Riddle. FG, 1-23, 5.5f, 1:06. B-Robert Bone (La.).

Dramatic Gold, c, 3, Slew o' Gold--American Drama, by Danzig. SA, 1-23, 8f, 1:35 1/5. B-Mr. & Mrs. John C. Mabee (Ky.).

+ Joying, f, 3, Storm Cat--Jump With Joy, by Link age. BM, 1-23, 6f, 1:13 1/5. B-Parrish Hill Farm (Ky.).

Taj Aire, f, 3, Taj Alriyadh--Whimsical Aire, by Messenger of Song. SA, 1-23, 6f, 1:10 1/5. B-John & Doris Konecny (Ca.). *1/2 to MAHASKA (\$235,253).

Maketherightmove, c, 3, Talinum--Free Saint (\$267,788), by Freepet. GP, 1-22, 8.5f, 1:44 3/5. B-J. T. Lundy & Norm Casse (Fl.).

Dazzle Me Darling, f, 3, Ward Off Trouble--Be a Dazzler, by Exceller. GP, 1-22, 6f, 1:10 3/5. B-Robert Bakerman (Fl.).

My Karen Sue, f, 3, Ziad--Cinto Tora, by Jacinto. Beu, 1-23, 6f, 1:13 3/5. B-Irish Acres Farm (Mn.).
D'Oro, c, 4, Mining--A Pretty Smile, by Honest Pleasure. Aqu, 1-23, 6f, 1:12 3/5. B-Glencrest Farm (Ky.). *Won by 6.

FRESHMAN SIRES OF '94 (STANDING IN NA ONLY)

CHAMPIONS

CHARLIE BARLEY (Affirmed)
Can. Chp. G3-\$922,943; Kinghaven Farm, CAN

DAYJUR (Danzig)
Mult. Eur. chp., G1-\$819,904;
Shadwell Farm, KY

EASY GOER (Alydar)
Chp., G1-\$4,873,770; Claiborne Farm, KY

REGAL INTENTION (Vice Regent)
Can. chp. G3-\$1,083,103; Windfields CAN

STEINLEN (GB) (Habitat)
Chp., G1-\$3,300,340; Lane's End, KY

WITH APPROVAL (Caro{Ire})
Can. chp., G2-\$2,863,540; Live Oak Stud, FL