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CORBY DESTROYED AFTER INJURY Allen E. Paulson's **Corby** (Dahar), winner of the GII San Felipe S. at Santa Anita last year and sixth in the 1993 Kentucky Derby, was put down Tues. morning after breaking his left fore, according to trainer John Sadler. "Chris McCarron was on him and we were preparing him for the San Jacinto," Sadler said of the fatal injury, which occurred on Santa Anita's main track early Tues. morning. Corby, a four-year-old Kentucky-bred bay colt out of the graded stakes-placed La Escala (IRE), made his last start in the GII San Francisco Mile H. at Golden Gate March 26, in which he finished eighth. He had a career record of 13-4-3-1 with earnings of \$285,650.

KEENELAND INCREASES PURSES Keeneland announced yesterday that purses for maiden and allowance races have been increased by \$2,000 per race, retroactive to the start of the spring meeting. Keeneland President Bill Greely cited the "terrific response from the public to high quality racing" for the increase. Through the first half of the 16-day meeting, attendance and betting have been up 34 percent on track and 25 percent overall. Betting, internationally, on Sat.'s Blue Grass Day program totaled a single-day record \$9.8 million.

SALE RECORD SET AT KEENELAND A colt by Gone West, consigned by Niall Brennan as agent, was purchased for a sale record \$400,000 by trainer R.W. Mulhall, as agent, during yesterday's first session of the Keeneland April Two-Year-Olds In Training Sale. The colt is out of Personal Glory, a half-sister to graded stakes winner Dynaformer. Mulhall's bid topped the previous record of \$300,000 paid for **Upping the Ante** (Forty Niner) during the inaugural sale last year. Keeneland sold 109 horses for \$7,372,500 at Tues.'s session. The average, \$67,638, was up 28 percent from \$52,745 in 1993. The April Two-Year-Olds In Training Sale concludes Wed. night.

Sunday, Hialeah

HIALEAH TURF CUP H.-GIII, \$200,000, 3&up, 12f(T)

Madeleine Paulson's **Fraise** (Strawberry Road {AUST}), winner of the GII Pan American H. at Gulfstream last out, will tote highweight of 124 pounds. Challenging him will be the six-year-old mare **Fairy Garden** (Lyphard), second in the Pan American, who will carry 114 pounds. **Awad** (Caveat), winner of the GIII Bougainvillea H. at Hialeah April 10, has a 116-pound assignment. Three-time graded stakes-winner **Strolling Along** (Danzig) breezed five furlongs in 1:01 3/5 at Gulfstream in preparation for the race. The Shug McGaughey trainee will carry 115 pounds for the event. Also scheduled to start are **Flying American** (Flying Pidgeon), **Drummer Boy** (Steady Beat), **Friud (ARG)** (Friul {ARG}), **Turk Passer** (Turkoman) and **Russian Tango** (Nijinsky II).

Sunday, Santa Anita

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO INVITATIONAL H.-GI, \$400,000, 4&up, abt 14f(T)

Trainer Paco Gonzales said Tues. morning that all systems are go for **Bien Bien** (Manila). "We plan his final blowout Thurs. at a half-mile," said Gonzalez. "He's doing pretty good and we're looking forward to running." Regular rider Chris McCarron has the mount. Trainer Darrell Vienna said **Navire (FR)** (Shernazar {IRE}), second to Bien Bien in the GI San Luis Rey S. at Santa Anita March 27, will be ridden by Gary Stevens. The Invitational lost one prospective starter yesterday when the seven-year-old gelding **Cozzene's Prince** (Cozzene), last year's champion older horse in Canada, defected due to a temperature. The probable field also includes **Devinez Monsieur (FR)** (Kilian {IRE}), Solis; **Emerald Jig** (Green Dancer), Meza; **Alex The Great (GB)** (Bairn), Antley; **Grand Flotilla** (Caro {IRE}), Delahoussaye; **River Rhythm** (Riverman), no rider; **Afaladja (IRE)** (Darshaan {GB}), Gonzalez Jr. Trainer Bruce Headly said he is looking at both the San Juan and Mon.'s \$100,000-added San Jacinto H. at 10 furlongs on the grass for his late-running **Vegieman** (Encino).

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KRONE TO RIDE AT BELMONT THURSDAY

Julie Krone will gallop three horses for trainer Scotty Schulhofer Thurs. morning at Belmont Park. The session will mark the first time Krone has ridden at a racetrack since the Aug. 30 accident at Saratoga which left her with a shattered right ankle, requiring two surgeries and 14 screws to repair. Krone had originally planned to ride Wed. morning, but her debut was delayed due to the possibility of rain.

ARCANGUES READY FOR RETURN Breeders' Cup Classic upsetter **Arcangues** (Sagace {FR}) is confirmed for the GI John Henry H. at Hollywood May 1. The race, with a purse of \$150,000-added, will be run at nine furlongs over the turf course. Trainer Richard Mandella said yesterday the six-year-old chestnut has no rider at this time. Jerry Bailey rode Arcangues to his \$269.20 win payoff in the Classic.

ARLINGTON BACKSTRETCH OPENS FOR 1994 SEASON The stable area at Arlington International Race Course will open at 7 a.m. Fri., April 22. Racing Secretary Frank Gabriel expects nearly 200 horses to arrive at Arlington this weekend. The training track will open Sat. and horsemen can condition Thoroughbreds on the main track starting Mon., April 25. Arlington's 1994 season begins Mother's Day, May 8.

SON OUTGAMES MOTHER IN FAMILY REUNION After a 20-year hiatus from competitive riding, Penny Chavez marked her return aboard 77-1 longshot **Czar Bostom** (Czaravich) in the second race at River Downs yesterday. Her son, jockey Mark Chavez, had the mount on 3-1 **Robert's Return** (Arts and Letters) in the same race. The result: Mark finished fourth, three lengths behind the winner, while Penny finished seventh in the ten horse field. "It really doesn't seem like any great feat to me now, but I'm sure that I'll look back at this in the future and it will be a special day," said Penny.

Foaling News:

Alchaasibiyeh, 11, Seattle Slew--Fine Prospect (Mr. Prospector)
Foal born 4-4-94, a colt by Housebuster.
Boarded at Shadwell Farm in Lexington, Kentucky.
Accomplishments: Dam of Fraar (G1 winner in Australia, by Topsider).

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R E P O R T****Today, Keeneland****THOROUGHBRED CLUB OF AMERICA-GIII, \$75,000a, 4&up, f&m, 6f**

The field of seven, from the rail out, is as follows: **Tenacious Tiffany** (Star de Naskra), Perret; **Oh Niner** (Forty Niner), Hebert; **Roamin Rachel** (Mining), Bailey; **Bayou Bidder** (Premiership), Broussard III; **Jet Route** (Alydar), Smith; **Santa Catalina** (Cure the Blues), Day; **Jeano** (Fappiano), Sellers.

Today, Oaklawn**PRIMA DONNA-\$75,000, 3yo, f, 6f**

Ten three-year-old fillies are scheduled to go postward. From the rail out, they are **G.U. Blues** (Dixieland Band), Gomez; **Jim's Alley Dancer** (I'ma Hell Raiser), Ardoin; **Dances With Quack** (Sovereign Dancer); **Current Passion** (Valioso), Arguello; **Herat of Gold** (Herat), Romero; **Broad Avenue** (Broad Brush), Borel; **Miss Gibson County** (Winrightt), P. Valenzuela; **Gracious Granny** (Lost Code), Gryder; **Raise a Barron** (Track Barron), Bourque; **Slide Landing** (Fool the Experts), Walker Jr.

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R E P O R T****Today, Santa Anita:****LA PUENTE S.-\$75,000a, 3yo, 9f(T)**

The short field of five, in post position order, is as follows: **Little Lite Bud** (The Miller), Delahoussaye; **Makinanonestbuck** (Spend a Buck), McCarron; **Still Swingin'** (Swing Till Dawn), Desormeaux; **Saltgrass** (Woodman), Antley; **Majestic Style** (Nureyev), Stevens.

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MR. PROSPECTOR STILL GOING STRONG by: Jay Searcy

From his paddock overlooking the driveway, Mr. Prospector can hear the horse vans approach the barns at Claiborne Farm long before they pull into view. By the time a van arrives at the main office below him, he is racing up and down the fence row prancing, bucking, pawing, his ears swiveling like rotary antennae.

Inside that van is yet another mare, shipped here from another farm, another state, another country, to be serviced by the King of Stallions himself.

Actually, there are 18 stallions who share stud duty on this 3,481-acre farm, the thoroughbred breeding capital of North America for most of the last 70 years.

Over the last 18 years, Mr. Prospector has been at or near the top of virtually every sire list, and he has shown few signs of slowing down. As of last month, he was the father of 902 offspring, and more are on the way.

One of his young sons, a precocious bay colt named Numerous, who was the highest priced yearling of 1992 (\$1.7 million), is scheduled to run in the Kentucky Derby on May 7.

Mr. Prospector has sired more than 50 foals a year on average since he was retired to stud as a 5-year-old, and if he had his way, there would be far more. Even at age 24, which is about age 70 in human terms, he still is one of the most fertile, virile and productive studs of all time.

Thirteen of his yearlings brought an average of \$636,000 at public auction last year, 25 times the national average. With 105 sons who are sires, he's within 20 victories of passing the great Nijinsky II and becoming the all-time leading sire of stakes winners.

Mr. Prospector might have written history on the race track as well, for he had brilliant speed. He set track records for six furlongs that still stand at Gulfstream and Garden State Park. And he was a leading candidate to challenge the great Secretariat in the spring classics of 1973, but nagging injuries prevented it. After posting seven victories in 14 races, earning \$112,000, and finishing out of the money only once, he was retired.

"He's been the king," Gus Koch, the assistant farm manager said, one recent morning while on his way to the breeding shed. "Sometimes, when a new stallion is shipped in, we have to put (Mr. Prospector) up in his stall to keep him from hurting himself. He bucks and kicks and goes crazy. He doesn't want the competition. He wants them all, even the mares not breeding."

It is not uncommon for Mr. Prospector to cover a

mare in the morning often more than once then return to cover another one in the afternoon. And before he is turned out in his private paddock, a ring is placed around his penis to prevent him from spilling his semen in the field when he gets excited.

"The ring saves the semen for the mares," said Mr. Prospector's groom, Allen Atkinson. "If we didn't do that, their supply might be low or they might not be as interested."

No one here can remember Mr. Prospector ever being uninterested.

"Even at his age," Atkinson said, "Mr. Prospector is still probably the most fertile stallion we've got. He can go into the breeding shed and breed a mare, then when we lead him out and he sees the next mare in line, he thinks that's his, too. We have to take hold of him and put him in his stall until we're through breeding that day and all the vans leave."

Twenty-one mares were booked for breeding on this particular day, nine in the morning and 12 in the afternoon. Each year, the bookings, sometimes made a year in advance, start with a few mares in late February and run seven days a week until July 3. During that time, almost 1,100 mares will have been bred, and the 18 stallions standing at Claiborne will have averaged approximately 125 covers each.

Mr. Prospector, who is owned by a 40-share syndicate, is not available on the open market, and his dates have been reduced this year from 61 to 45.

In recent years, his fee has ranged from \$170,000 to \$180,000, but it went as high as \$460,000 no guarantee of a live foal during the breeding boom of the early and mid-80s. That's more than \$27 million for about four months' service.

Danzig, America's leading sire the last three years, who also is syndicated and stands at Claiborne, commands fees ranging from \$150,000 to \$170,000.

Ferdinand, the 1986 Kentucky Derby winner, stands at Claiborne for \$15,000. Easy Goer, the 1989 Belmont Stakes winner, who was bred on this farm by Alydar in 1986, goes for \$50,000.

"What makes Mr. Prospector such an extraordinary stallion," said Annette Covault, Claiborne's booking agent, "is that he has been a great sire of sires and broodmares as well as runners."

Three of his more prominent sons, retired from racing, are now competing for his mares at Claiborne, Conquistador Cielo (\$20,000 fee), Belmont Stakes winner and Horse of the Year; Forty Niner (\$70,000), a 2-year-old champion and Derby runner-up; and Seeking The Gold (\$75,000), a \$2-million winner. Mr. Prospector's offspring have won more than \$57 million in purses.

"Mr. Prospector wasn't cut back this year because he is less fertile," Koch said. "You just have to watch and protect a stallion when he gets older and give him fewer mares. If a horse is fertile and managed right, you'll get more mares to him in the long run."

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Allowance Results:

8th-Spt., \$24,530, state-bred, 3&up, 6f, 1:10, ft.
SHAK 'EM LOOSE (g, 5, Royal Roberto--Salty's Pride
{MSP, \$117,825}, by Saltwell). Record: 20-5-1-4,
 \$83,930. O-Barrington Racing Group Ltd. B-G. & R.
 Hoopes (Ill.). T-D. Switzer. *Won Illinois Stallion S.
 at 3.

8th-Pim, \$18,500, 4yo/up, 9f, 1:53 2/5, ft.
BUSY ME (g, 4, Aloma's Ruler--Simple Flight{SW,
\$89,491}, by North Flight). Record: 19-3-2-4,
 \$35,756. O-W.R. Harris. B-Mrs. J.W. Harris (Md.). T-
 R.W. Bailes.

9th-Pha, \$18,225, State-bred, 3yo, f/m, 6f, 1:14 3/5,
ft.
MAXATAWNY (f, 4, Write Off--Trim Parcel, by
Hagley). Record: 7-2-2-1, \$24,755. O/B-Mrs. H. M.
 Smith (Pa.). T-R.W. Camac.

7th-Pim, \$16,500, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12 4/5, ft.
MARINE COURT (f, 3, Marine Brass--Courthouse
Steps, by Salem). Record: 8-2-1-0, \$22,945.
 O/B-Mrs. R. Cantacuzene (Md.). T-R.A. White.

9th-Hia., \$15,000, 4&up, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft.
DR. CINA (g, 4, Irish Tower--All Fulla Fire, by Full
Out). Record: 23-5-5-2, \$78,906. O-R. Davis. B-T.
 Hudgins II (Ky.). T-A. Seewald.
RUE FABERT (g, 4, Unite--Hibiscus {COL}, by Jack
Hylton {IRE}). Record: 18-2-5-2, \$37,660. O-La Isla
 Stable. B-W.J. Veale (Fla.). T-R. Mills.
 *Dead-heat for win.

Maiden Winners:

My Gal Sal, f, 3, Saratoga Six--Pickathere, by
Hagley. Spt, 4-19, 6f, 1:11 4/5. B-Mr. & Mrs. M.
Brickman (Ill.). *1/2 to Honest Roy (SW, \$134,114,
by Honest Pleasure).

Swiss Candy, f, 3, Siberian Express--Sugar Walls
(GSP {FR}, \$22,734), by Lyphard. Hia, 4-19,
abt9fT, 1:45 3/5. B-Buckram Oak Farm (Ky.)
+ A Lady With Appeal, f, 3, Valid Appeal--Lady
March, by Lord Rebeau. Hia, 4-19, 6f, 1:12 1/5. B-
J. Devers & N. Storob (Fla.).

Back Bay, c, 4, Koluctoo Bay--Great Flight, by Great
Above. Hia, 4-19, 7f, 1:26 2/5. B-J. Downs (Fla.).

American-Bred Winners in Europe:

Canzonet, c, 3, Seattle Song--Crown and Sceptre, by
Affirmed. Edinburgh, 4-18, North Berwick Maiden
S., 3yos, \$2,462 to winner. O/B-Pin Oak Stable.
T-Sir Mark Prescott.

Nightjar, c, 3, Storm Bird--Catty, by Never Bend.
Maisons-Laffitte, 4-18, Prix Marin, 3yos, 6f,
\$13,652 to winner. O-Mrs. B. Lynam.
B-Juddmonte Farms. T-J. Hammond.

New Capricorn, c, 4, Green Forest--Size Six, by
Caerleon. Brighton, 4-18, A.R. Dennis Bookmakers
April H., 7f, 4yo/up, \$7,122 to winner. O-K.
Bhatia. B-Stonereath Farms Inc. T-M. Jarvis.

Mr. Prospector Cont'd.

While Koch is talking, Mr. Prospector is fretting in his paddock. Vans have been arriving since before daylight. Since 6 a.m., a veterinarian has been examining them. Two farm crews have been going from barn to barn with teasers, those male horses with no breeding value who romance the mares and test their readiness. If a mare allows a teaser to mount her, the teaser is quickly pulled off. If a mare isn't ready, she is likely to kick and injure the male.

"There's about a thousand pounds of mare with large hoofs in back that can kick and cause reproductive injuries very easily," Covault said.

A good teaser has to have a special temperament because, in his attempts to get mares in mating moods, he catches the wrath of the uninterested and never gets to finish the job with the interested.

Claiborne once had a teaser named Boots, who was so good for so long, he was buried on the farm and given a headstone, the kind of tribute usually reserved for superstars, such as Sir Gallahad, Round Table, Bold Ruler and Secretariat.

Mr. Prospector is ripping to go by the time he is led to the barn for the afternoon session. He prances, he whinnies, his ears are up, his neck is arched, and his dark bay coat glistens in the sunlight.

He prances into the large breeding shed, an oversized stall with a tan barn floor and padded walls, and looks over the waiting mare. She stands virtually motionless because one of the breeding crew holds a twitch tightly on her nose.

When Mr. Prospector is ready, the mare's left front leg is folded back at the knee and strapped so that she is standing on three legs and can't kick without falling. Once she is mounted, the leg is dropped so that she more easily bear the stallion's weight.

There, on the very spot where Secretariat was conceived 24 years ago, where five of the 11 Triple Crown winners were conceived, Mr. Prospector passes on his treasured bloodlines once again.

His 14th champion, perhaps? The 1997 Derby winner?

It is over in a matter of seconds. Mr. Prospector gets a quick spit bath from a bucket, then prances out of the shed, looking this way and that, looking for the next mare in line, for another van rolling down the driveway.

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