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FELICIANO DIES IN CAR CRASH Jockey Paul Feliciano, who rode Secretariat in his first two career starts and was aboard the colt for his first victory, was killed in a two-car accident Saturday in Leslie, Missouri. According to the State Highway Patrol, Feliciano, 42, lost control of the car and collided with another car on Highway 50. Two people in the second automobile were also injured. Feliciano had ridden at nearby Fairmount Park from 1981-'93.

FOALS OF 1992 BOOK The Jockey Club advises that "Foals of 1992" is now available. The cost of the new Foal Book is \$100, plus applicable sales tax. (Add postage and handling fees of \$5 for U.S. residents or \$10 for Canadian residents). Checks or money orders should be mailed to: The Jockey Club, 821 Corporate Drive, Lexington, KY 40503-2794.

TOBA APRIL OWNER OF THE MONTH Three Texas-based partners, L. William (Bill) Heiligbrodt, R. E. (Ted) Keefer and Walter L. (Buddy) New, have been selected as the TOBA Owner of the Month for April. In April, the partners started four horses. On April 24 at Keeneland, Southern Rhythm, who races in partnership with a group headed by John T. L. Jones, captured the Grade II Lexington S. Five days later, Prize Fight, a five-year-old gelding by Fight Over, won the Governor's Day H. on the inaugural program at Sam Houston. Also, two maiden starters at Keeneland finished second and fifth. The three have been in partnership for over six years. Currently, they own 23 horses; 20 two-year-olds and three older horses.

Saturday's Preakness Stakes at Pimlico. The probable starters are: **Blumin Affair** (Dynaformer), **Concern** (Broad Brush), **Go for Gin** (Cormorant), **Kandaly** (Alydar), **Numerous** (Mr. Prospector), **Polar Expedition** (Kodiack), **Powis Castle** (Rare Brick), **Shiprock** (Ga Hai), **Silver Goblin** (Silver Ghost), **Tabasco Cat** (Storm Cat) and **Ulises** (Temperence Hill). **Go For Gin** worked 5/8ths of a mile in 1:02 over a muddy track at Pimlico Monday morning to the delight of trainer Nick Zito. "That's just what we wanted," said Zito. "Perfect. The good thing was how strong he was at the end. His fractions were :12 4/5, :26, :38 3/5, and :50 3/5. Zito said that the Derby winner may blow out through the lane Friday morning, but would otherwise gallop up to the Preakness. **Concern** and **Looming** worked a half-mile company in :51. Trainer Dick Small has named Concern a definite starter, while Looming remains on the list of possibles. **Kandaly** is scheduled to work five furlongs Tuesday morning. "My horse is gonna run his eyeballs out," said co-owner/trainer Louie Roussel. "My friends, sheets people, tell me he's not good enough. I can't help that if he's not. But I know he's gonna run the race of his life." **Smilin Singin Sam** entered the Preakness picture over the weekend, and exited it just as quickly. Dogwood Stable owner Cot Campbell announced Monday that the colt needs more time between races, and that shipping from Churchill to Pimlico "is, regrettably, not the wise thing to do." **Tabasco Cat** is also at Churchill. Trainer Wayne Lukas hopes to work the colt Tuesday morning and ship to Pimlico Wednesday. **Polar Expedition** had a quick six-furlong breeze in 1:12 1/5 Sunday morning. The colt was still feeling so good Monday morning, that during his walk in the stakes barn shedrow, he threw his head back and gave trainer Hugh Robertson a bloody nose. **Blumin Affair** will work a half-mile Wednesday or Thursday.

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McCARRON'S 'LUCKY' STREAK

By William Leggett

In that ever clear light of the "red board," all one had to do to hit the trifecta on Kentucky Derby 120 was box the four horses trained by previous Derby winners (Zito, Whittingham, Van Berg and Lukas) that were garnished with jockeys which had also won all three legs of the Triple Crown (McCarron, Delahoussaye, Bailey and Day).

Put up \$24, get back \$2,351.40. Piece of cake.

There are, after all, only five active riders who have won all three races, and four of them were in the Derby this year. What Jean Cruguet did in a mere five weeks back in 1977 took Pat Day 16 years to accomplish, Chris McCarron and Jerry Bailey 11 and Eddie Delahoussaye five.

No case is odder though than that of Chris John McCarron, 39. As pleasant, gifted and tough as he is, McCarron seems to be riding somewhere between the Twilight Zone and the Outer Limits. In the afterglow of his Derby-winning ride aboard Bill Condren, Joe Cornacchia and Nick Zito's Go For Gin, McCarron was asked if he had ever "fallen-into" a winner mount in a race like the Derby.

Very politely, McCarron said he couldn't remember it happening to him before. Please chalk that statement up to the excitement of the moment.

By the time the 1986 Belmont came around, McCarron had two Eclipse Awards on his mantlepiece and led the nation in earnings and winners ridden three time each. He was also 0-10 in Triple Crown events. By replacing Pat Eddery on Bold Arrangement, he finished second in that year's Derby. When that colt skipped the Preakness, McCarron was named on Broad Brush for the first time and was third in the Preakness.

But he was horseless for the 118th Belmont. Pat Day, however, had ridden Danzig Connection to victory for Woody Stephens in the Peter Pan, but was committed to Rampart for the Belmont. Stephens tried to get Bailey, but he had a mount in the race already. Old Stephens friend Eddie Maple had the mount on Bordeaux Bob. Julie Krone wanted to ride Danzig Connection, but Stephens felt she didn't have enough experience at that time.

Laffit Pincay had already won three Belmonts for Stephens, but in one of the giant communications gaps ever, his agent failed to call Stephens and Stephens failed to call them. But Scotty McClellan, McCarron's agent, called and got the job.

"I had never ridden McCarron in a race before," Stephens says. "He won by a nose."

So McCarron had ridden three different horses in the three Triple Crown events and gotten a piece in every one. While Danzig Connection was his first Triple Crown Race winner, he got his first Derby and Preakness aboard Alysheba in '87.

Pat Day was supposed to ride Alysheba. Day commuted between Oaklawn and Santa Anita that spring to

ride Alysheba, but eventually opted for the very good Demons Begone. Good, but unfortunate. McCarron was united with Alysheba for the first time in a five-horse field in the Blue Grass, won at 1-2 and was set back to third for bearing out. In a 17-horse Derby field, McCarron and Alysheba won by a neck at 8-1.

Alysheba, of course, became the all-time money winning champion. So in some ways, McCarron won both of his Derbies on catch mounts. But don't forget the '92 Preakness hero Pine Bluff.

McCarron had ridden Dr Devious to a seventh-place finish in the Derby, but had no Preakness mount. McCarron was informed that Craig Perret was going to handle Alydeed in the Preakness and that Bailey, who had also previously ridden Pine Bluff, would ride Technology.

So McCarron picked up the phone and called Tom Bohannon. Bingo.

There are some who consider the Travers the fourth leg of the Triple Crown. In '88, McCarron had no mount for the race. Early in the week Laffit Pincay, Forty Niner's regular rider was injured at Del Mar. By Friday, McCarron was on the horse and he won on Saturday, beating Seeking the Gold by a nose.

Seeking the Gold (trained by Shug McGaughey) was a maturing colt at that time and deep in the fall of this year, he ran a brilliant second to the McCarron-ridden Alysheba in the Breeders' Cup Classic. In '89, Sunday Silence and Easy Goer met in a dramatic running of the \$3 million Classic at Gulfstream.

Pat Valenzuela, Sunday Silence's regular rider, was suspended and McCarron was named to ride. Obviously, he had never ridden Sunday Silence before. In one of the greatest pressure-laden rides of all time, McCarron defeated the McGaughey-trained Easy Goer by a neck. That ride was worth \$1,350,000 plus another \$150,000 in Breeders' Awards, Horse of the Year and perhaps inclusion in the Hall of Fame.

That afternoon, McCarron's six mounts hoisted \$2,028,000 out of Gulfstream. Four of those horses he had never ridden before.

Last year, McGaughey needed a rider for Miner's Mark in Saratoga's Jim Dandy. He reached across the country and got Chris McCarron.

"He has never ridden for me," said McGaughey, "but he sure as hell has beaten me out of a lot of money riding against me."

McCarron won the Jim Dandy and later took the \$850,000 Jockey Club Gold Cup on Miner's Mark.

No, this year's Derby was not a one-time thing for Chris McCarron. A lot of people are saying and writing how lucky he was. Maybe it was a case of Condren, Cornacchia, Zito and Go for Gin being the truly lucky ones for getting McCarron.



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REPORT

Yesterday's result:

YASUDA KINEN-GI, \$174,480, 4yo/up, 8ft, 1:33 1/5, fm.

1--**NORTH FLIGHT**, f, 4, **Tony Bin--Shadai Flight**, by **Hitting Away**. O/B-T. Bokujo (Jpn.) T-K. Kato.

2--**Towa Darling**, f, 4, **Nihonpillow Winner--Towa Helen**, by Silver Shark.

3--**Dolphin Street**, c, 4, **Bluebird--Or Vision**, by Irish River.

Margins: 2 1/2, 3/4, no.

North Flight, a daughter of 1988 Arc winner Tony Bin, now sports a record of 7-for-9. European runners, expected to dominate the race after faring so well in last month's Keio Hei Spring Cup, found the soft conditions against them. Dolphi Street fared best, and Ski Paradise managed an honourable fifth. But Sayyedati (7th), Zieten (12th), and Winning Colours (14th of 16), were bitter disappointments.

Yesterday's Results:

9th-PHA, \$22,275, Alw, 3yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:45 2/5, my.

SIR ROBERT JR., (c, 4, **Chifli--Kims Kitten**, by Amber Eagle) Lifetime Record: 8-2-3-2, \$38,055. O/T-Martin L Fallon. B-Rutherford R. Mr. & Mrs. (PA).

9th-APX, \$21,450, Alw, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12 4/5, ft.

TEE GEE TEE, (c, 4, **Illuminate--Freepet's Girl**, by Freepet). Lifetime Record: 16-5-2-1, \$56,454. O-Makem 86 Inc.. B-Illowa Equine (IL). T-Terrel Gore.

9th-LAD, \$19,000, Alw, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:18, ft.

DARLINTHISONESFORU, (f, 4, **Plain Dealing--Chanel Key**, by Diplomat Way) Lifetime Record: 14-4-4-4, \$75,528. O-Doc Atty Stables Inc. B-J. Adcock (LA). T-Donald Cormier.

8th-LAD, \$18,000, Alw, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11, ft.

LADOMENTORAY, (c, 3, **Compliment--Ladoray**, by L'Natural). Lifetime Record: 13-3-1-5, \$47,853. O/T-Eldon Hall. B-Keith Asmussen (TX).

American-bred winners in England:

Ginger Tree, f, 2, **Dayjur--Carotene**, by Great Nephew. Newbury, 5-14, Hatherden Maiden Fillies S., 2yo, \$5,766 to the winner. O-Sheikh Mohammed. B-Darley Stud. T-Peter Chapple-Hyam.

Citadeen, c, 2, **Shadeed--Johanna Keene**, by Raise A Cup. Southwell, 5-14, Freesia Maiden S., 2yo, 6f,

\$5,063 to the winner. O-I. Allen. B-Echo Valley Horse Farm Inc. T-Peter Chappel-Hyam.

Strategic Choice, c, 3, **Alleged--Danu**, by Danzig.

Newbury, 5-14, Shaw Maiden S., 3yo, 10f 6yds, \$5,178 to the winner. O/B-M. Arbib. T-Paul Cole.

Gobsmacked, c, 3, **Exploident--Starry Eyed**, by Star de Naskra.

Wolverhampton, 5-14, May H., 3yo/up, 8f 100 yds, \$3,516 to the winner. O-B. Haggas. B-Bayne & Libby Welker. T-W. Haggas.

Lattam, c, 3, **Lyphard--River Missy**, by Riverman.

Lingfield, 5-14, Tequila Sunrise Maiden S., 9f, 3yo, up, \$5,448 to the winner. O-Hamdan Al-Maktoum. B-M. Riordan. O-J. Phillips. T-Major Dick Hern.

Varsavia, f, 3, **Nuryev--Header Card**, by Quack.

Wolverhampton, 5-14, Smestow Brook Maiden S., 3yo/up, 7f, \$4,430 to the winner. O-Sultan Mohammed. B-Barronstown Stud & Billy MacDonald. T-Lord Huntingdon.

Silver Wedge, g, 3, **Silver Hawk--Wedge Musical**

(IRE), by What A Guest. Newbury, 5-14, Longdon Gold Cup H., 3yo, 12f 5 yds, \$14,863 to the winner. O-S. Robbins. B-Fares Farms. T-G. Lewis.

Sawlajan, c, 3, **Woodman--Crafty Satin**, by Crimson Satan.

Thirsk, 5-14, Dishforth Conditions S., 3yo, 8f, \$10,393 to the winner. O-Hamdan Al-Maktoum. B-River Bend Farm/R. Clay. T-J. Dunlop.

Wali, c, 4, **Lomond--Magic Slipper**, by Habitat.

Southwell, 5-14, Rothman's Royal North/South Challenge H., 4yo/up, 7f, \$6,881 to the winner. O-Dab Hand Racing. B-Shadwell Farm. T-Jack Berry.

Maiden Winners:

Dutch Daulton, c, 2, **Foligno--Queen's Robe**, by Robellino. PHA, 5-16, 4 1/2f, :53 3/5. B-Camac Robert W (Pa)

Five Star Motel, c, 3, **Bates Motel--Frosted Star**, by Star de Naskra, 5-16, 1m, 1:42 2/5. B-William Elias & Jacqueline Phillips (II) \$3,200 wlng '91 KEENOV.

Striking North, c, 3, **Northern Baby--Aurora Australis** (Brz) (SW, BRZ) by Locris. LAD, 5-16, 1 1/16m, 1:48. B-Ryan Mary Birchfield (Ky)

BREEDING NEWS Bill Harrigan, former manager of Fares Farm, will assume the position of general manager of King Racing Farm on May 23, 1994. Neville Collins will retain the position of farm manager. Helen Alexander, a shareholder of King Ranch, remains available for consultation to the farm.