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FLANDERS SPLIT SAMPLE NEGATIVE

A split sample of the urine taken from **Flanders** (Seeking The Gold) following her Sept. 17 Matron S. victory has tested negative at Ohio State University, contradicting tests taken by the New York State Racing and Wagering Board, which reported the presence of the therapeutic medication isoxuprine. Racing and Wagering Board Chief Counsel Robert Feurestein said that no decisions would be made by the board until after official notification had been received from Ohio State. A precedent may have been set when Lashkari tested positive for Etorphine following his 4th-place finish in the 1985 Breeders' Cup Turf. Split samples sent to three labs all came back negative and trainer Alain de Royer-Dupre, originally banned for life, was fully exonerated. If the original findings are upheld, Flanders' trainer, D. Wayne Lukas, faces either a 45 or 60-day suspension. Lukas has maintained from the start that his filly was not given any drugs of any kind. "I hope that there is some acceptable protocol to follow," said Lukas. "We're not yet in the appeal process or officially challenging this. We're just sitting back and wondering what they will do next. All we did was take the next obvious step, which was to request that the split sample be sent out."

SANTA ANITA'S OAK TREE MEETING

OPENS TODAY The 1994 Oak Tree meeting at Santa Anita Park in Arcadia, California begins its 28-day meeting today. Opening weekend will feature the \$200,000 GI Oak Leaf S. for two-year-old fillies Saturday, as well as the \$300,000 GI Oak Tree Invitational H. for ages three and up on the turf and the \$200,000 GII Norfolk S. for two-year-olds, both Sunday.

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Saturday, Belmont Park, Breeders' Cup Preview Day: JOCKEY CLUB GOLD CUP-GI, \$750,000, 3yo/up, 10f
Trainer Mark Frostad is still undecided whether he will send Canada's Prince of Wales S. winner **Bruce's Mill** (Steady Growth) to New York. "It will be either the Jockey Club Gold Cup or the Meadowlands Cup (Oct. 14)," said Frostad yesterday from his Woodbine base. "We'll decide later today." **Kissin Kris** (Kris S.), second in his last two efforts, both at Woodbine, zipped a half-mile in a bullet :46.17 at Belmont yesterday. "He went very well," said trainer David Bell. "He seems to be coming back into himself." Mike Smith has the mount.

TURF CLASSIC-GI, \$500,000, 3yo/up, 12f
Kiri's Clown (Foolish Pleasure), who took the GIII New Hampshire Sweepstakes H. at Rockingham in June, was a close fourth in the GI Man o' War in his last. "He was beaten 2 3/4-lengths fair and square, no excuses," said trainer P.G. Johnson. "They had to come and get him and if this race sets up the same way, they'll have to come and catch him again." Man o' War winner **Royal Mountain Inn** (Vigors) had a tour of the starting gate yesterday. "He galloped a little and stood in the gate," said Ruth Hargreaves, assistant to trainer Barclay Tagg. "He had a work a couple of days ago. He (Tagg) might give him a little blow-out, but he doesn't need a whole lot." According to Hargreaves, it is highly unlikely that Royal Mountain Inn will start in the Breeders' Cup. "It's a seven-furlong turf course at Churchill Downs, and he really doesn't handle that," she said. "We'll try to keep him on at least a mile turf course." Also definite for the Turf Classic is **Fraise** (Strawberry Road {AUST}).

BELDAME S.-GI, \$250,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 9f
Trainer Shug McGaughey reported yesterday morning that **Heavenly Prize** (Seeking The Gold), winner of the GI Alabama and GI Gazelle against three-year-olds in her last two starts, is on target to meet her elders in the Beldame. "I don't know that Heavenly Prize could be doing any better," said McGaughey. "My confidence level is pretty high." She is scheduled to breeze Thursday. Trainer Allen Jerkens is still undecided about plans for multiple-stakes-winning sprinter **Classy Mirage** (Storm Bird), but said there is a possibility she will go in the Beldame.
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**Weekend Preview, Continued.****MOET & CHANDON CHAMPAGNE S.-GI, \$500,000, 2yo, 1 1/16-miles**

Montreal Red (D'Accord), winner of the GI Futurity last out, breezed five furlongs yesterday at Belmont for a try at his second straight GI event. "He went a little better than I wanted him to; he must be doing okay," said trainer Scotty Schulhofer. "He went in 1:00 3/5 with Jose Santos up." **Islamabad** (Red Ransom), third in the Gill Pilgrim S. on the turf in his last, breezed a half-mile in :50.02 yesterday at Belmont. A pair of Champagne entrants arrived at Belmont yesterday: Del Mar Futurity winner **On Target** (Forty Niner) came from Santa Anita, while D. Wayne Lukas trainee **Timber Country** (Woodman) shipped up from Kentucky.

FRIZETTE S.-GI, \$250,000, 2yo, f, 1 1/16m

Comstock Queen (Silver Hawk) arrived at Belmont from Santa Anita late Tuesday for her Frizette engagement. The Ron McAnally trainee, who broke her maiden by four lengths at Del Mar Sept. 10, worked a bullet six furlongs last Thursday in 1:11 4/5. Breezing five furlongs yesterday at Belmont was early Frizette favorite **Flanders** (Seeking The Gold). "Flanders is doing excellent; she went in 1:02," said Todd Pletcher, assistant to trainer D. Wayne Lukas. "She looked super. It was perfect, just what we wanted." The undefeated filly will be looking to increase her string of consecutive GI victories to three.

KELSO H.-GIII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, 1mT

Lure (Danzig) will use the Kelso to prepare himself for a try at his third straight Breeders' Cup Mile victory. "Lure is coming into the Kelso just the same as he has the past two years," said trainer Shug McGaughey. "He's doing real good." The Claiborne Farm's colorbearer is scheduled to breeze Thursday. Trainer Allen Jerkens will send out **Virginia Rapids** (Riverman), winner of three stakes on the main track so far this year. Owned by Middletown Stables, the four-year-old worked a half-mile in :48.43 in preparation for his assignment. Also listed as a definite starter is **A In Sociology** (Ends Well), winner of the Gill Belmont Budweiser Breeders' Cup H. in his last and fourth in last year's running of the Kelso. "A In Sociology ran against Lure in the Kelso last year, but he didn't see much of him," said trainer P.G. Johnson. "My horse was in front to the eighth pole and then Lure went by him kind of fast. I feel my horse is more mature now. He's settled in now so he doesn't have to be in front if someone else wants the lead. He's very honest and I expect he'll give a good account of himself." Considered possible for the Kelso are Gill winner **Dominant Prospect** (Fortunate Prospect), multiple graded stakes-placed **Brazany** (Strawberry Road {AUST}), French group winner **Elizabeth Bay** (Mr. Prospector) and MGill winner **Nijinsky's Gold** (Lot o' Gold), who went a bullet three-eighths in :35.17 at Belmont yesterday.

News Continued.**GULFSTREAM PARK TO APPEAL FLORIDA DECISION**

Gulfstream Park will appeal the Florida Division of Parimutuel Wagering's Oct. 3 ruling which may compel Gulfstream to pay \$1.2 million in purse money that the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' and Owners' Association contends it underpaid during the 1994 meeting. The FTBOA contends that Gulfstream underpaid the Florida Owner's Awards by \$400,000 and overnight purses by \$800,000, arguing that the money should have been taken from the handle on all exotic wagers. Gulfstream's position has been that the money is derived only from trifecta, Bet-3 and Pick-Six wagers. Monday's ruling stated that the statute was clear, upholding the FTBOA's contention. The appeal is expected to be filed by the end of the week.

NEW SPONSOR FOR EPSOM DERBY The communications conglomerate Vodafone has signed on to sponsor the Epsom Derby for the next three years. The firm's proposed support, worth £3.5 million overall, means next season's Epsom Classic is guaranteed at least £1 million in total prize money, with £500,000 going to the winner. Vodafone's sponsorship of the Derby follows major changes to the course management's arrangements for its June meeting. The Derby, traditionally run on a Wednesday, will be run Saturday, June 10 next year, with the Oaks being run Friday, June 9. Both events, as well as the Coronation Cup, will be sponsored by Vodafone. "We have been considering a significant sponsorship for some time," said company chief Sir Ernest Harrison. "We believe the new Derby meeting fits all of our requirements."

NORAQUILON SOLD TO SHEIKH

MOHAMMED Two-year-old filly **Noraquilon** (Deputy Minister) has been sold to Sheikh Mohammed al Maktoum, according to John Perrotta, General Manager of Due Process Stable, which bred and owned the filly. Noraquilon, who missed by a neck in her debut, has since taken a maiden and allowance by a combined 12 1/2 lengths. Perrotta said because of the ongoing negotiations between Sheikh Mohammed and Due Process Stable, Noraquilon missed a workout and therefore will not run in Saturday's GI Frizette S. at Belmont as originally scheduled. He is not sure what the Sheikh's future plans are for the filly, but conceded, "I hope they keep her here and win the Breeders' Cup because we still own the rest of her family."

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EUROPE SENDS STRONG BREEDERS' CUP

CONTINGENT Europe's assault on the Nov. 5 Breeders' Cup at Churchill Downs could be one of its most powerful to date, with several more confirmations on the heel of Arc weekend. **Lochsong (GB)** (Song {GB}), an easy winner of Sunday's Prix de l'Abbaye, will point for the Breeders' Cup Sprint, while **Ezzoud (Ire)** (Last Tycoon {IRE}), a close fourth to Carnegie in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, heads for the Classic. Other Arc participants whose connections are keen to make the US trip include runner-up **Hernando (Fr)** (Niniski) (Turf/Classic), seventh-placed **Only Royale (Ire)** (Caerleon), and **Millkom** (Cyrano de Bergerac) (Classic), who took a pre-race kick from Ezzoud before finishing ninth. Also bound for Kentucky is last month's Moyglare Stud S. heroine **Belle Genius** (Beau Genius). Purchased since her G1 victory by Sheikh Mohammed's Godolphin Racing operation, Belle Genius is being geared towards the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies. "She shows plenty of speed on the all-weather gallops at home and is by a dirt stallion," said her Newmarket-based trainer Paul Kelleway. "She's in good nick and I think she'll go there with a great chance."

FASIG-TIPTON MIDLANTIC SHOWS GAINS

A bay colt by Crafty Prospector--Great Birdie (Proud Birdie) topped the selected session of Monday's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern Fall Yearling Sale at Timonium, Maryland. Consigned by Charlton, agent, the colt was purchased for \$67,000 by Sam F. Morrell. There were 138 selected yearlings sold for a total of \$2,011,100 and an average of \$14,574, up 9 percent from last year's average of \$13,340. Twenty-four horses were listed as unsold. In the sale's open session, 142 yearlings grossed \$612,900 for an average of \$4,316. This represented a 27 percent increase from 1993, when 141 horses averaged \$3,391.



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Yesterday's Results:

4th-BEL, \$34,000, Alw, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:43, yl. PRESENTLY (c, 3, Affirmed--La Confidence, by Nijinsky II), 4th in the Gil Jamaica H. over a yielding Belmont turf course in his last, lingered toward the back of the pack early, then got up in the final strides for a head victory under Jean-Luc Samyn. Sent off the 2-1 bettors' choice, the MGSP Presently is a full brother to Flawlessly (Ch. turf mare twice, MGI, \$2,572,536). Lifetime Record: 15-3-3-3, \$119,138. O/B-Harbor View Farm (KY). T-H. Allen Jerkens.

8th-BEL, \$34,000, Alw, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:42 4/5, yl.

GRAND CONTINENTAL (g, 3, Foolish Pleasure--Little Miss Miller, by Sharpen Up {GB}), 2nd in his last 2 efforts, both in high-priced claimers at Belmont, made it to the winners' circle this time, closing from mid-field for a 5-length score at 9-2 odds. 5-2 favorite ADD THE GOLD (Forty Niner) was 5th, while the 1993 GI Florida Derby winner BULL INTHE HEATHER (Ferdinand) finished 9th and last. Lifetime Record: 19-4-5-2, \$118,350.

O-Very Un Stable. B-Robert S. Folsom (KY). T-Richard O'Connell.

6th-BEL, \$32,000, Alw, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 2:03 3/5, yl.

YOKOHAMA (c, 3, Theatrical {Ire}--Griddle {Arg} {G2-Arg}, by Off Shore Gamble), who broke his maiden by 2 lengths Sept. 14, continued his winning ways with an off-the-pace, 2-length triumph as the 4-5 favorite. Finishing 2nd at odds of nearly 13-1 was HALO CARE (Halo). The winner is 1/2 to Yappy (Gill, \$131,450, by Herat). Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$43,140.

O/B-Allen E. Paulson (KY). T-William I. Mott.

7th-BEL, \$30,000, Alw, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:23 3/5, ft.

TRIUMPH AT DAWN (f, 4, Alydar--Dawn's Curtsey {GI, \$364,062}, by Far North), who finished 22 1/2-lengths behind the leader in a turf alw in her last start, showed her preference for the main track, sitting just behind the leader down the backstretch before drawing off in the lane for a 5-length victory. 3-2 bettors' choice STEADY AS A CAT (Storm Cat) was 5th of 6. Lifetime Record: 11-2-5-0, \$56,788. O-Darby Dan Farm. B-Galbreath/Phillips Racing Partnership (KY). T-James J. Toner.

3rd-BEL, \$28,000, Msw, 2yo, 6f, 1:11, ft.

THUNDER GULCH (c, 2, Gulch--Line of Thunder {GSP-Eng, \$115,913}, by Storm Bird), who missed by a neck in his Sept. 16 debut, stalked the leaders until late in the stretch, where he got up in the final jump to defeat frontrunner PORPHYRY (Crafty Prospector). Sent off the even-money choice, Thunder Gulch was a \$40,000 Kee. July yearling. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$20,160.

O-K.E. Ellenberg & Mutual Shar Stable. B-Peter M. Brant (KY). T-John C. Kimmel.

5th-BEL, \$28,000, Msw, 2yo, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft.

+PAT N JAC (c, 2, Pentelicus--Arts and Clover, by Arts and Letters) bobbed at the start, quickly settled into good position early, then outran even-money favorite JUDGE ME NOT (Judge Smells) in the stretch to win by a neck. He is the 7th winner for his freshman sire. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$16,800.

O-Sabine Stable. B-Rustlewood Farm Inc. (Fl). T-Robert Barbara.



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MAD ABOUT RACING

By: John Lee

The script falls open to page 41 and this nugget of dialogue comes into focus first:

"Give me a five-dollar wheel on the six horse. Front and back. And give me a six, three, one box. Also let me have ten dollars across on the six."

Sounds like the writer knows racing. Turns out he's mad about it--enough so that he used Belmont Park as a backdrop for "Til Death Do Us Part," this Thursday's episode of the hit NBC series Mad About You starring Paul Reiser and Helen Hunt. The episode revolves around finding a proper final resting place for the ashes of the couple's horseplaying uncle.

Danny Jacobson, who wrote this episode and is the show's executive producer and co-creator, caught the racing bug back in the mid-'70s when he was on Broadway playing the role of Kenickie in the original cast of the '50s musical Grease.

"We had a stagehand named Carl who knew the horses," recalled Jacobson. "He was always talking about the races and as an actor and writer I liked the Damon Runyon lingo of racing. I remember one day he's talking up this bet he made at OTB. Talked about how the horse he bet had run with John Henry. Back then they had the stretch calls on the radio and we all gathered around to listen and as long as the call lasted it was like this guy was God."

So Danny got religion from Carl and started soaking up racing's Runyonesque atmosphere firsthand at Belmont Park and Aqueduct, but television lured him to Hollywood...and Hollywood Park.

Jacobson said his favorite horse was Forego ("He was like a football fullback") and his favorite rider was Mike Venezia ("I liked the way he'd shove his way through a hole.") When it comes to handicapping he looks for one thing.

"Value--I like to bet on full fields and I look to throw the favorite out," he said.

In addition to "improving the breed" Jacobson compiled impressive past performance lines in television. He was a writer for Soap and Fame, the producer for My Sister Sam, the supervising producer and writer for Roseanne, the executive producer and co-creator of Davis Rules, Good Advice, and Mad About You.

In a story conference for one of these pro-

grams Jacobson ascended to the status of Carl the stagehand. "I had made a big bet on a horse called Scottish Castle that was running at Hollywood Park. I was with all the writers and told them that if the horse won everyone would get \$20. I told them he needs some speed up front because he can only win from off the pace. We put Trevor Denman on conference call and at that moment I was God, just like Carl had been."

The plot device of what to do with a dearly departed's ashes had come up in a more recent story conference. "I thought, where would I like to be buried? In the stretch at Santa Anita," he said. But since Mad About You is set in New York, Uncle Van's final resting place would be Belmont Park.

The show sent a photographer out to Belmont Park to photograph the track, box seats, and betting windows so Belmont Park could be recreated in a Hollywood studio. NYRA's press office supplied a couple of bags of props including programs, tip sheets, betting tickets and Belmont Park logo gear. On Labor Day, Associate Producer Craig Knizek arrived at Belmont Park with a cameraman toting a wind-up 35 mm film camera originally used on a World War II-vintage reconnaissance plane to film establishing shots of the track and crowd and hopefully of a race in which the six horse wins, which figures into the plot (Brunswick obliged in the day's seventh race).

Guest star Ernie Sabella provides most of the Runyonesque color in the episode. He's got the credentials. Before supplying the voice of Poomba the Wart Hog in the Disney animated feature The Lion King, the veteran character actor played Harry the Horse in the Broadway revival of Guys and Dolls, which was based on the stories of Damon Runyon. In "Til Death Do Us Part," Sabella plays Maurice, the racetrack wiseguy who gets talked off a 50-1 shot winner. "I had a thousand bucks on him and your cousin talked me off the horse," Maurice says angrily. That line is a toned-down version of what Jacobson heard one Hollywood star yell at another at the track.

"I saw John Forsythe and Jim Backus at the track face-to-face yelling and screaming," Jacobson recalled. "Backus was yelling, 'You talked me off the #@*% animal.'"

Mad About You signs off each episode with an indication of Jacobson's love affair with the turf. Stay tuned when the show is over and the credits have rolled by. For a couple of seconds the name of his production company will pop up on the screen: Infront Productions.



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STAKES RESULT:

FAIRPLEX BREEDERS' CUP S., \$49,280, FPX, 10-3, 2yo, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.

1--**LUXURY BOX**, 120, c, 2, **Knights Choice--Cal's Last Hope (MSW)**, by **Berset**. O/B-Dan J. Agnew (WA); T-Jerry Fanning; J-F. Valenzuela; \$29,780. Lifetime Record: 5-4-0-0, \$89,180.

2--**Southern Tempo**, 120, c, 2, **Dixieland Band--Wow**, by **Raise a Native**.

3--**Slew Quest**, 120, g, 2, **Slew the Bride--Khal Me Loop**, by **Nostalgia**. Margins: 2, 8, 2. Odds: 2.10, 0.40, 13.80.

ALLOWANCE RESULT:

7th-FPX, \$35,280, 10-2, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft. **TOUCH THE MOON (g, 4, Orbit Ruler--Touch Dance, by Hail to Reason)** Lifetime Record: 16-4-6-2, \$124,095. O-Louis A. Bradvica. B-L.A., M.L. & K.B. Bradvica & C.W. King. T-Sherman W. Keller Jr.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Silent Cherokee, c, 2, **Cherokee Colony--Never Babble**, by **Advocator**. BEL, 10-1, 1m, 1:40. B-T.M. Evans (Va). *1/2 to **Don't Say Halo (GSW)**, \$175,340, by **Halo**. **\$15,000 yrlg '93 FTMDEC; \$40,000 2yo '94 HBSMAY.

Triple Lass, f, 2, **Fio Rito--I Believe in You**, by **Shecky Greene**. FLX, 10-4, 1m, 1:43 4/5. B-Triple B Stable (NY).

Thunder Gulch, c, 2, **Gulch--Line of Thunder (GSP-Eng, \$115,913)**, by **Storm Bird**. BEL, 10-4, 6f, 1:11. B-Peter M. Brant (Ky). *\$40,000 yrl '93 KEEJUL.

+ **Pat N Jac**, c, 2, **Pentelicus--Arts and Clover**, by **Arts and Letters**. BEL, 10-4, 6f, 1:12 1/5. B-Rustlewood Farm Inc. (Fl). *7th winner for freshman sire.

+ **Personal Coup**, f, 2, **Personal Flag--Flux**, by **Little Current**. FLX, 10-4, 6f, 1:12 4/5. B-John Hettinger (NY). *\$7,000 yrl '93 FTMSEP.

My Spring Love, f, 3, **Jacques Who--My Dearest Love**, by **T. V. Commercial**. BEL, 10-4, 1 1/16mT, 1:45 2/5. B-James Pascuma Jr. & Francis Santagelo (NY). *\$22,000 HRA 1994 FTNMAY.

Landing Pad, c, 3, **Landing Plot--Israeli Weapon**, by **Val de L'Orne (Fr)**. BEL, 10-4, 1 1/16m, 1:46 1/5. B-Eric Myer, Arthur Wendel, Et Al (NY).

Hood Island, c, 3, **Vice Regent--Rabida**, by **Rollicking**. LRL, 10-4, 7f, 1:24 2/5. B-Elizabeth F. Thomas & Windfields Farm (Va). *\$75,000 yrl '92 KEESEP. **1/2 to **Happy In Space (Gill)**, \$335,550, by **Galaxy Libra (IRE)** and **Mosquera (SW)**, \$156,745, by **Faraway Son**.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN EUROPE:

France:

Suresnes, c, 2, **Lomond--Saison**, by **L'Enjoleur**. Saint-Cloud, 10-3, Prix Victrix, 1mT, 2yo, c/g, \$15,001 to winner. O-D. Wildenstein; B-Allez France Stables Ltd.; T-Andre Fabre.

Nimble Wind, f, 2, **Lyphard--Nimble Folly**, by **Cyane**. Saint-Cloud, 10-3, Prix Barquette, 1mT, 2yo, f, \$15,001 to winner. O-K. Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms; T-Criquette Head.

Bemol, f, 3, **Lyphard--Bemis Heights**, by **Herbager**. Longchamp, 10-2, Prix Perplexite H., 11fT, 3yo, \$22,501 to winner. O-Sheikh Mohammed al Maktoum; B-Hermitage Farm Inc.; T-J.C. Rouget.

England:

Ambuscade, g, 8, **Roberto--Gurkhas Band**, by **Lurullah**. Pontefract, 10-3, Trinidad & Tobago H., 2m 1fT, 3yo/up, \$5,197 to winner. O-Mrs. Lynne Firth; B-Keswick Stables; T-Eric Alston.

FRESHMAN SIRE REPORT:

EASY GOER, 1986, Alydar--Relaxing (Buckpasser)
Race record: MGI, 20-14-5-1, \$4,873,770. Champion Two-Year-Old Colt, 1988.

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36	7	4	(0)	\$71,445

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