

# Globeform's Saratoga Service



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### GLOBEFORM RANKING

### BOWLING GREEN STAKES (G2) 11 fur Inner Turf Saturday July 12

Horses ranked in pounds (0.45kg). 1 length = 2 pounds over this distance

Rank	No.	Name of horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs	Trainer / Jockey
From right to left (most recent first)					
0	7	<b>FAR BRIDGE</b> <i>GF 117 in Sep '24</i>	117	115+ 115 - 114+	Clement / Rosario
4	3	<b>TAWNY PORT</b> <i>GF 109 in Sep '24</i>	109	0 - 94 - 97	Clement / Prat
1 / 5+	5	<b>WEBSLINGER</b> <i>GF 111 in May '24</i> <i>GF 112 in Dec '23</i>	112 / 108+	108+ 107 - 105	M Casse / J L Ortiz
5	6	<b>HARROW</b>	110	110 - 110 - 102	Joseph Jr / I Ortiz Jr
6	2	<b>EL REZEEN</b>	107	102 - 107 - 102p	Pletcher / D Davis
6	8	<b>CORRUPTION</b>	107	101 - 106 - 107	M Casse / Castellano
7p	4	<b>TUCSON</b>	106p	0 - 106p - 98p	Pletcher / L Saez
8	1	<b>STARTING OVER</b> <i>GF 109 in Mar '24</i>	109	107 - 0 - 0	Brittany / M Franco
<b>MAIN TRACK ONLY ENTRIES</b>					
12	9	<b>YO DADDY</b> <i>GF 105 in Feb '25</i>	105 / 98	? - 98 - 72	L Rice / Carmouche
12	10	<b>KUCHAR</b> <i>GF 105 in June '24</i>	105	0 - 0 - 96	R Rodriguez / TBA
18	11	<b>GAME WARDEN</b>	99	94 - 98 - 99	N Casse / Santana Jr

**Globeform rating with a "p"** attached = this was the horse's best rating to date and the horse is likely to improve

**Globeform rating with a "+"** = this was not its best rating but the horse ran better than the rating suggests

### Most recent winners of the Bowling Green

2024	<b>SILVER KNOTT</b>	<b>GF 118+</b>	Charlie Appleby	Flavien Prat
2023	<b>CHANNEL MAKER</b>	<b>GF 115</b>	William Mott	Manuel Franco
2022	<b>ROCKEMPEROR</b>	<b>GF 114</b>	Chad Brown	Flavien Prat
2021	<b>CROSS BORDER</b>	<b>GF 115</b>	Michael Maker	Luis Saez
2020	<b>CROSS BORDER *</b>	<b>GF 111+</b>	Michael Maker	Jose L Ortiz

\* 2020: Sadler's Joy (GF 113) was first past the post but demoted

Average winning Globeform: 115  
(GF 113 used for 2020)

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## GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

**FAR BRIDGE** did really well to run third in the 9-furlong Manhattan Stakes at Saratoga in June. Not only was the race shortened to a distance that would be too short for him, it was also staged on the inner course, making it a sharp nine panels. His barnmate Deterministic, a near 6-1 hit for us, made all and won the race by a head from the late charging Integration, who was only a neck in front of Far Bridge. The 5yo son of English Channel ran to GF 115+, not far off his career best, **Globeform 117**, and one might wonder whether this performance means that he can improve this year. He is undoubtedly better suited by 11 and 12 furlongs, so that he was able to run so well over nine might signal progression. He opened his campaign with a win in the Pan American Stakes at Gulfstream Park in March (beating **CORRUPTION** by a neck while conceding 6lbs) and it was very encouraging also to see him overcome a slow pace scenario to win the five-runner Man O'War Stakes over 11 furlongs at Aqueduct in May, taking it by a length from Anglophile as the 1/3 favorite.

Far Bridge ran his best race to date when capturing the Joe Hirsch Turf Classic over 12 furlongs at Aqueduct last September. He was unplaced but ran respectably against top class turf horses in last year's Breeders' Cup Turf, a race he must have in his diary also this season. Going for the championship event, Far Bridge was coming off two valuable 12-furlong wins; a one-length verdict over Manhattan Stakes winner Measured Time in the Sword Dancer Stakes at Saratoga and a half-length verdict over the smart mare War Like Goddess in the Joe Hirsch Turf Classic.

He made all in the Sword Dancer, nicking the race from the front, but was held up for a stretch-run in the Joe Hirsch; he is versatile in that respect - but he does have one weakness in that he much prefers to be racing by the rail. Rosario managed get him to the inside in the Manhattan, where Far Bridge broke from the widest post in an eight-runner field. This time he is drawn in seven, with three potentially prominent runners to his inside. It may take a little bit longer to work out an inside trip here but Far Bridge is clearly the best horse in the field, he is coming off three good runs, he likes Saratoga, he likes this distance and, as eluded to, he might even improve. What's not to like? His odds perhaps, but betting against him is not tempting.

**TAWNY PORT** is second on the ranking but that's based on his good runs to finish third both in the 11-furlong United Nations at Monmouth Park and the 12-furlong Kentucky Downs Turf Cup last year, and he has been way below such form in all of his three subsequent starts. The most recent should not count, however, as it was over a sloppy dirt track in the off-the-turf edition of the Belmont Gold Cup. Prior to that he was a well beaten sixth in the Pan American at Gulfstream (won by **FAR BRIDGE** from **CORRUPTION**), and his last run in 2024 was also disappointing. The question now is 'will Tawny Port regain his best form?'. He lost by just a head when third behind gate to wire winner Get Smokin and Grand Sonata in United Nations Stakes, and he went down by 1 1/2 lengths when third to Grand Sonata in Kentucky Downs Turf Cup. Tawny Port won the John's Call Stakes over 13 furlongs at Saratoga in 2023, he stays well and his best level of form would make him a player here - but it's hard to know what to expect from him here. As a barnmate to Far Bridge he gets Flavien Prat on board; something that may affect some action at the betting windows. He was eased right down in the Belmont Gold Cup and it thus makes sense to treat him more like a horse returning from a long break (since March 29). He ran well off a longer layoff when beaten just a neck by **STARTING OVER** in last year's Mac Diarmida at Gulfstream Park. It doesn't feel comfortable to leave a horse with this sort of profile off the Trifecta plan. >>>

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**WEBSLINGER** is a very interesting contender. With good, consistent form at three and four he will be making his second start as a 5yo; the first was a good effort suggesting that he has retained his ability. He went for the 8.5-furlong Eclipse Stakes on Tapeta at Woodbine in May, and ran second to Classic Mo Town after having been given too much to do by his rider. Webslinger finished fast from far back and was beaten no more than 3/4 length. He looked much the best horse and performed to GF 108+. His career high was **Globeform 112** when he was a close second to Program Trading in the 2023 Hollywood Derby - and he ran to **Globeform 111** when third 2 lengths behind the same rival in last year's Turf Classic at Churchill Downs. Both of those races were over 9 furlongs but Webslinger won the 11-furlong Chorleywood Stakes at Churchill Downs last summer and he was later on second in the 12-furlong Colonial Cup (beaten by subsequent G2 winner Truly Quality after trying to make all). Given that he possesses stamina, the ride he was given in the Eclipse Stakes seemed strange. Webslinger didn't win but he almost overcame being so badly compromised and we can expect to see him taking a step forward in the Bowling Green. A member of the red hot Mark Casse team, he is the one to use as our B-horse in this contest.

**HARROW** confirmed that his good run in Barbados two starts back was no fluke when running second under a tough weight in the 12-furlong Cape Henlopen Stakes at Delaware Park in June. Spotting both 4lbs, he split Vote No and **STARTING OVER** in that contest, going down by 3/4 length after racing just off the pace from the outset. Starting Over was just a head back in third place. Harrow repeated **Globeform 110**, the >>>



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>>> same figure he had earned in Barbados, and he must be respected again. A battle hardened 7yo with 10 wins from 28 runs and decent form over six different tracks, he ran a fine race when capturing the Barbados Cup over 9 furlongs at Garrison Savannah in early March. He was travelling well a bit wide and just off the pace the entire way around the right handed course, and hit the front before coming into the one-furlong straight, where he kept on resolutely to fend off a challenge from Chad Brown's race favorite Smokin' T, who came up a length short but beat Jerry the Nipper by three parts of a length from second. Smokin' T and Jerry the Nipper ran one-two in the highly competitive Carousel Club Handicap on Pegasus World Cup day at Gulfstream Park in January and with Public Sector fourth, followed by Portfolio Company in fifth, the Barbados Cup form has the look of a North American G3 event. Harrow was positively ridden and responded well to be a deserving winner. He was quite prominent at Garrison Savannah and given a similar ride also in the Cape Henlopen. With no stamina worries, Harrow is a Trifecta contender.

**EL REZEEN** was a steadily improving 3yo last year, when he peaked in the Jockey Club Derby over 11 furlongs at Aqueduct in October, finishing a close third behind Carson's Run and Deterministic. El Rezeen kept on gamely from just off the pace, was beaten 3/4 length and improved to **Globeform 107** in the process. Carson's Run had won the Saratoga Derby and run second in the Nashville Derby at Kentucky Downs on his two preceding starts - and Deterministic (who won the Manhattan Stakes in June) went on to take the Hill Prince Stakes at Aqueduct on his next outing. El Rezeen shaped with promise when second to next out winner Herchee on his seasonal debut over 8.5 furlongs at Keeneland in April. Intellect, who has since hit the board in two graded stakes, ran third in that contest. It was a good allowance heat. The Bowling Green distance could prove to be just right for El Rezeen; but he has been a bit one-paced in his races and will probably need strong fractions to have a chance.

**CORRUPTION** was below par in the Manhattan last time out but 9 furlongs probably isn't the cup of tea (he was long odds-on against inferior competition when winning over the distance). Stepping back up to 12 furlongs will be to his liking. He raced in the first two all the way when taking second behind **FAR BRIDGE** in the Pan American at Gulfstream in March. It was a game effort but Far Bridge carried 6lbs more than Corruption and this time the difference is 4lbs. That's not a big difference but, while Corruption was coming off a win three weeks prior, Far Bridge was making his seasonal debut in the Pan American. Corruption is unlikely to trouble Far Bridge but he is in the group of horses to consider for the Trifecta plan. >>>



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**TUCSON** has raced just four times and this will be only his third outing on the lawn; he is a potential improver. Something clearly went wrong in the Manhattan Stakes, where he was virtually pulled up; we should draw a line through that result and focus instead on his good allowance win over 12 furlongs at Keeneland in April, when he beat Freedom's Way comfortably by 2 3/4 lengths under a hand ride, with Mutaawid a length further adrift in third place and Safe Trip Home back in fourth. Tucson raced in the first four throughout (the pace was moderate) and he drew off for a solid win over this trio. Seven weeks later, Safe Trip Home won a similar race at Churchill Downs, with Freedom's Way and Mutaawid filling third and fourth. Tucson improved to **Globeform 106p** at Keeneland, there should be better to come and he stays this distance.

**CONCLUSION:** Far Bridge won't be easy to beat - it's as simple as that - and Webslinger's seasonal debut was good; one could almost rate him as a winner at Woodbine and he is just as clear cut as the second pick. Far Bridge is likely to be a bit too short for a big win bet, but this race still looks a good wagering opportunity. Keeping it both simple and economical, we can play the favorite on top in a Trifecta plan with Webslinger in 2nd or 3rd. Even if we include all others this is just 12 lines and we can go 60 / 40 with most of the investment on the ticket where we have Webslinger as runner-up. A smaller ticket with Webslinger to beat Far Bridge with all others in third also makes sense. If Far Bridge finds a stubborn foe it's probably him.

## GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

<b>A</b>	<b>7 FAR BRIDGE</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>5 WEBSLINGER</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>4 TUCSON, 6 HARROW</b>

**Far Bridge / Man O'War Stakes:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fActSgLWrWo&t=1s>

**Far Bridge / Pan American Stakes:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=36lVK3bfBqA>  
*2nd Corruption*

**Far Bridge 3rd / Manhattan Stakes:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Op3uakqNnIQ>

**Far Bridge / Joe Hirsch Turf Classic '24:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f60dnj2towA&t=1s>

**Webslinger 2nd / Eclipse Stakes, Woodbine:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LsYupkBEino>

**Tawny Port 3rd / Kentucky Downs Turf Cup '24:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GcOfF1mOQ6k>

**Harrow 2nd / Cape Henlopen Stakes:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GsfvzczHuvY>

**El Rezeen 3rd / Jockey Club Derby '24:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kEsJHX6oaS8>

**Tucson / Keeneland Allowance race:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JAxZ2D0Vylo>

