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Previews and ratings by Geir Stabell

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GLOBEFORM RANKING

FLOWER BOWL STAKES (G2) 11 fur inner Turf, Sat. Aug 30

Horses ranked in pounds (0.45kg). 1 length = 1.5 to 2lbs over this distance (depending on pace and going)

Rank	No.	Name of horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs	Trainer / Jockey
From right to left (most recent first)					
0	4	LA MEHANA	113	113 - 106 - 104	Clement / Carmouche
1	7	BE YOUR BEST	112	111 - 112 - 100	Joseph Jr / Zayas
2	8	BELLEZZA	109	101 - 105 - 109	Clement / J Rodriguez
6	3	LONG AGO	103	94 - 102 - 103	Morey / Santana Jr
7	1	MARKSMAN QUEEN	104	104 - 103 - 93	Motion / Machado
9	6	MADAME MISCHIEF	100	100 - 96 - ?+	Delgado / Jaramillo
9	2	AMBER CASCADE	100	100 - ?+ ?	Maker / Lezcano *
10	5	IN TIME	99	99 - 97 - 96	Clement / Davis
MTO	9	AMANDA'S FOLLY <i>Also ent. Thursday</i>			L Rice / Lezcano *

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Most recent winners of the Flower Bowl

2024	IDEA GENERATION	GF 110	Chad Brown	Florent Geroux
2023	PARNAC	GF 106	Christophe Clement	Dylan Davis
2022	VIRGINIA JOY	GF 114	Chad Brown	Irada Ortiz Jr
2021	WAR LIKE GODDESS	GF 118	William Mott	Julien Leparoux
2020	CIVIL UNION	GF 110	Shug McGaughey	Joel Rosario

Average winning Globeform: 111.6

Races covered | Saratoga's closing weekend

Saturday	Flower Bowl Stakes
Sunday	Jockey Club Gold Cup, Disco Partner Stakes
Monday	Hopeful Stakes, Saranac Stakes

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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

LA MEHANA produced an improved performance beating **BELLEZZA** by 8 3/4 lengths to win the 12-furlong Glens Falls Stakes at Saratoga in July, when **LONG AGO** was 3 1/4 lengths further adrift in third place. From having run to GF 106 to take an 11-furlong allowance heat by a length a month earlier. La Mehana moved right up to **Globeform 113** with her Glens Falls win. Can we trust that it's reliable form? The soft ground - conditions she had not encountered since running third in a G1 event over 14 furlongs in France back in 2023, she was absolutely different class to her six rivals that day. The big margin must have been affected by the conditions but it's worth noting that Bellezza and Long Ago (in her case admittedly in a lower grade) both had run well on soft ground previously. Overestimating a wide margin winner on testing ground is easily done - then again, it can also be a mistake to try "explaining away" a performance nobody had expected to see. It's probably fair to assume that even Miguel Clement, whose team has been in great form at this meet, was also a bit surprised by her easy win. La Mehana was pricking her ears as she passed the winning post; there can be no doubt that she has turned a corner in recent weeks. She is up against better rivals this time and it will be interesting to see how she gets on. Based on her best level prior to the Glens Falls she would not be a strong fancy; based on that one big win she absolutely is. She comes here off a really comfortable win and there's no reason to fear a bounce.

BE YOUR BEST appeared to disappoint when beaten by Charlene's Dream and Spanish Eyes in the Beverly D Stakes over 9.5 furlongs at Colonial Downs three weeks ago - but she was conceding weight, beaten only 1 3/4 lengths, and ratings showed that she actually performed close to her previous best, running to GF 111 after a break. She improved to **Globeform 112** when leading all the way for an easy 2 3/4-length win in the 9-furlong Gamely Stakes at Santa Anita in late May. Be Your Best had earlier won the Pegasus World Cup Filly & Mare Turf over 8.5 furlongs at Gulfstream Park (beating G1 winner Sacred Wish by a neck) and she displayed stamina when taking the 11-furlong Long Island Stakes at Aqueduct last November. Always up with the pace, either by leading or pressing, she should like the inner track, she comes here with a good chance and looks the main danger to the favorite.

BELLEZZA, who beat a Listed winner as she won a minor stakes over 10 furlongs on Polytrack in Ireland last year, opened her US career with a game win in the 12-furlong Sheepshead Bay Stakes at Aqueduct in May, improving to **Globeform 109** as she passed the winning post 1 1/2 lengths in front of Beach Bomb. The two met again in the prestigious New York Stakes a month later, when Beach Bomb took a big step forward to be second just half a length behind the top class filly She Feels Pretty, while Bellezza was beaten 4 1/2 lengths in third place. She was then no match to **LA MEHANA** when runner-up in the Glens Falls at Saratoga; beaten almost nine lengths Bellezza looked a non-stayer in that event and it's worth noting that the pace was extremely slow when she won over 11 furlongs at Aqueduct. >>>



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LONG AGO led every step of the way when winning an 11-furlong allowance race at Churchill Downs in June, improving to **Globeform 103** as she beat **IN TIME** easily by 2 3/4 lengths. In Time enjoyed a soft lead when winning a 12-furlong allowance race next time out. Claimed for \$80,000, Long Ago moved from Brendan Walsh to William Morey, who must be very happy with the purchase. He threw her straight into stakes company and she has run well for third in the Anchorage Stakes at Churchill and the Glens Falls at Saratoga in late July, when she tried to make all but tired and was in the end beaten 12 lengths by **LA MEHANA**. There's nothing to suggest that Long Ago can gain revenge, she was also 3 1/4 behind **BELLEZZA** in the Glens Falls.

MARKSMAN QUEEN, yet another front-runner, is coming off a win in the Dick Memorial Stakes over 11 furlongs at Delaware Park in early July. She had gone gate to wire in the Keertana Stakes over 12 furlongs at Churchill Downs in May and the tactics were the same at Delaware, where she just hung on by a head from Spanish Eyes, who went on to run second in the Beverly D Stakes next time out, 1 1/2 lengths behind Charlene's Dream and a neck in front of **BE YOUR BEST**. Marksman Queen pulled way too hard when running well below form on her seasonal debut but she has become more controllable now and her presence here is interesting, not least since she drew the rail and will probably be going forward as the gates open. She is not good enough to beat the top two though. >>>



Races covered Kentucky Downs Service

Sat. Aug 30	Nashville Derby Kentucky Downs Turf Sprint Ladies Turf Sprint Bowling Green Gold Cup Ladies Turf Stakes
Sat. Sep 6	Franklin-Simpson Stakes Kentucky Downs Turf Cup Kentucky Downs Ladies Marathon The Gun Runner Stakes The Mint Millions Stakes The Music City Stakes

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CONCLUSION: It's unusual to see this amount of speed signed on for a long distance turf event; Marksman Queen (1), Long Ago (3), Be Your Best (4) and In Time (8) are all in their element when racing prominently, so we can expect a decent pace here. That should suit La Mehana, who can bide her time a few lengths off the lead and use her stamina at the finish. She is the favorite and she is a short price but the most likely scenario is that she will take this race; and if she does it's a fair bet that Be Your Best will end up finishing second or third. So let's see if we can grind out some money playing the Trifecta that way. Bellezza would be the one to use as the main horse to include; while Marksman Queen, Long Ago and In Time are also worth having on such a Tri plan.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	4 LA MEHANA
B	7 BE YOUR BEST
C	8 BELLEZZA

La Mehana / Glens Falls Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O4SdSJC0tz4>
2nd Bellezza 3rd Long Ago

Be Your Best 3rd / Beverly D Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2x9w7vxZoEg&t=2s>

Be Your Best / Gamely Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZxevHbJxT74>

From the Forego Stakes preview on Travers day

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	4 BOOK'EM DANNO WON	
B	7 MULLIKIN	
C	5 EXTRA ANEJO, 6 CRAZY MASON 3rd at 16-1 8 SCOTLAND 2nd at 11-1	

TRIFECTA HIT: Playing Book'em Danno over our 4 horses underneath cost 12 lines; Payout 193-1

\$120 invested - \$1940 returned ||| **\$1820 NET PROFIT**

See the full Forego Stakes preview on the next pages

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GLOBEFORM RANKING

THE FOREGO STAKES (G1), 7 fur dirt, Saturday August 23

Horses ranked in pounds (0.45kg). 1 length = 2.5 pounds over this distance

Rank	No.	Name of horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs	Trainer / Jockey
From right to left (most recent first)					
0	4	BOOK'EM DANNO	127	127 - 124 - 119+	Ryan / Lopez
2 / 7	7	MULLIKIN	125 / 120	119 - 120 - 116+	Brisset / Prat
7	5	EXTRA ANEJO	118	112 - 100 - 118	Asmussen / Curtis
7	8	SCOTLAND GF 116 in July '24	116 / 109+	109+ 111+ 0	W Mott / Alvarado
8	1	MOST WANTED	115	111+ 115 - 112	Cox / Geroux
9p	6	CRAZY MASON	116p	101 - 109+ 116p	Sacco / M Franco
12	3	FULL MOON MADNESS	113	113 - 107 - 92	Nevin / Carmouche
13	2	BISHOPS BAY	112	?+ 112 - 112	Cox / I Ortiz Jr
15	9	OVER AND OLLIE	108	108 - 95 - ?+	R Dutrow / J L Ortiz
19	11	DOC SULLIVAN	104	104 - 103 - 103	J A Ortiz / Rosario
19	10	HOLD MY BOURBON	104	104 - 96 - 0	Joseph Jr / L Saez

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Most recent winners of the Forego

2024	MULLIKIN	GF 125	Rodolphe Brisset	Flavien Prat
2023	GUNITE	GF 123	Steve Asmussen	Tyler Gaffalione
2022	CODY'S WISH	GF 124	William Mott	Junior Alvarado
2021	YAUPON	GF 118p	Steve Asmussen	Ricardo Santana Jr
2020	WIN WIN WIN	GF 118	Michael Trombetta	Javier Castellano

Average winning Globeform: 121.6



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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

BOOK'M DANNO goes from strength to strength and it's hardly wise to oppose him as he meets **MULLIKIN** for a third time this season. Mullikin is the one who has form good enough to give him a fight but, while Book'em Danno is coming off a career best, Mullikin's best form dates back to last year's Forego, when he was an impressive 5 3/4-length winner of this race. Book'em Danno beat him easily by 2 1/2 lengths in the 6-furlong Vanderbilt Stakes here at Saratoga in July, when Nakatomi was 3 3/4 lengths further adrift in third place. Book'em Danno improved to **Globeform 127** with that performance, making him the early favorite for the Breeders' Cup Sprint at Del Mar in November. Like in the 6.5-furlong True North Stake in June, Book'em Danno landed the spoils by coming from just off the speed, and he was much the best. He has strong form in the book also over 7 furlongs and this step up in distance is unlikely to trouble the son of Buccheri. One of his best runs last year happened in the 7-furlong H Allen Jerkens Memorial. He was third but only 1 1/4 lengths behind Domestic Product, who he was spotting 4lbs. Book'em Danno is drawn in stall 4, with Mullikin to his outside in stall 7, and perhaps that gives Mullikin a bit of a tactical advantage; though the class edge belongs to Book'em Danno and he is the logical selection.

MULLIKIN produced **Globeform 125** when slamming Churchill Downs Stakes winner Gun Pilot by almost six lengths in this event 12 months ago. He has not been able to reproduce that figure but the son of Violence has run solid races in defeat, most recently as runner-up twice against Book'em Danno. One way to look at this week's clash positively for him is to expect Mullikin to do better over this distance than he has done over shorter; after all, he was second under a tough weight in the Cigar Mile so perhaps more of a stamina test is what he wants. His best chance of beating Book'em Danno could be to add pressure early. It is of course very, very boring but Mullikin is the clear B-horse in this office.

EXTRA ANEJO is 3-for-4 over this distance and he put up a strong performance when coming from well off a hot pace to win the Commonwealth over 7 furlongs at Keeneland in April, beating Montalcino by 1 1/2 lengths and moving up to a career best **Globeform 118**. The Steve Asmussen trainee has since been unplaced in the Churchill Downs Stakes (when the sloppy track worked against him) and third in the one-mile Hanshin Stakes. He must be considered as a Trifecta candidate in the Forego. It's hard to see him winning but 20-1 is nevertheless too big; all the more reason to have him in our Tri plan.

SCOTLAND ran his best race to date when winning an allowance race this course and distance last year, beating Accretive comfortably by 3 lengths after having raced close to the speed throughout. He returned **Globeform 116** that day - and he ran to GF 114 when second to Mufasa in the Vosburgh on his next start - but did not need to run up to the same level to win the Cherokee Mile at Churchill Downs on his last run in 2024. He shaped like a horse in need of the run on his only start so far this season, finishing third behind Concrete Glory and Little Ni over 7 furlongs at Saratoga in July. Little Ni franked that form by beating Surveillance and Damon's Mound in a similar contest next time out. **Scotland could hit the board.**

2nd at 11-1

MOST WANTED is only 5-1 on the morning line and bookmakers offering early odds have him as short as 11/4. Really? Shorter than Mullikin? It seems completely wrong. Based on his best ratings, this horse is one of a cluster to use underneath in Trifectas, but all of his form has been achieved over 8.5 and 9 furlongs. In addition, Most Wanted is stuck in the inside post. He has been setting the pace effectively in longer races but this is a different ballgame. Interestingly, Most Wanted has his barnmate **BISHOPS BAY** directly to his outside in stall 2; and that contender is also cutting back to sprinting for the first time, having been successful when on the lead over longer distances. It will be interesting to see their tactics. They have both hit the board every time they have raced, so in that sense they should be respected, but all logic says that they ought to be longshots rather than 5-1 and 6-1 in this event. Hopefully they will take money, and we can play for a bit of value doing a Trifecta plan without the two Cox trainees. >>>

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CRAZY MASON was beaten after a furlong when trying his luck in the Bing Crosby Stakes at Del Mar a month ago. Very slow to get into his stride from post one he was last for most of the way and in the end he finished sixth. It's a run best forgotten. He was coming off a respectable third behind **BOOK'EM DANNO** and **MULLIKIN** in the True North over 6.5 furlongs at Saratoga, beaten 4 lengths after making up ground in the closing stages. That performance was also below what he is capable of though. The Coal Front son went into the race off of three straight wins, with improvement shown in every start. He closed really well from off the pace in the Carter Stakes over 7 furlongs at Aqueduct in early April, getting up to beat Quint's Brew by a neck. Quint's Brew had won stakes races by wide margins on his two preceding starts; and a month after the Carter he was a good second in the Westchester Stakes, beaten half a length when trying to give **BISHOPS BAY** 4lbs. Crazy Mason moved up to **Globeform 116p** in the Carter.

That gives him a shot at hitting the board in the Forego but the question as we are approaching the fall is whether he has kept his form. **3rd at 16-1**

FULL MOON MADNESS is not as good a horse as Extra Anejo and Crazy Mason but he is the one coming off a career best effort; his gutsy victory in the 6-furlong Alapocas Run Stakes at Delaware Park in June, when he was a relentless winner, getting home by a neck from Mr. Prospector Stakes winner Buccherino, with Damon's Mound third. Scratched from the Vanderbilt in July, Full Moon Madness will be coming off a ten-week break this time. He won after a much longer layoff last fall.

CONCLUSION: Book'em Danno looks banker material from stall 4. With the milers Most Wanted and Bishops Bay in the inside stalls, and Full Moon Madness in stall 3, there's a very good chance that Book'em Danno and Paco Lopez get a smooth passage to bag the rail. Whether Mullikin's rider Flavien Prat wants to overtake him or not is pure guesswork - though if he believe his horse stays better than the favorite then perhaps he will ill be eager to turn the heat on. Such a scenario would create fascinating showdown and it would also suit the likes of Extra Anejo and Crazy Mason; they have both produced their best when closing in from the back over this distance.

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Book'em Danno & Mullikin / True North Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fgejwy9MKDo>

Book'em Danno / Woody Stephens Stakes '24: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YSmS6g-k-eg>

Mullikin / Forego Stakes '24: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRRmsmYzHfc>

Extra Anejo / Commonwealth Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RNdKjSOKL4g>

Crazy Mason / Carter Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uPrC2ER9EtY>

Full Moon Madness / Alapocas Run St.: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RyHOCP0EFQ4>