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GLOBEFORM RANKING

TENACIOUS STAKES (LR) 8.5 fur dirt, Fair Grounds, Saturday, December 20

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	2	JUST A TOUGH	117	115 - 105 - 117	Cox / L Saez
5	7	NOT THIS BOY <i>Also Ent. Manfuso S. LRL, Sat</i>	112	101 - 112 - 110p	Cowans / J L Ortiz
7	3	WILL TAKE IT	116	91 - 94 - 96 - 116	Stewart / Concepcion
13 / 17	1	KOMOREBINO OMOIDE <i>GF 109 in June '25 GF 110 in Feb '25</i>	110 / 106	105 - 101 - 106	Diodoro / P Lopez
12 / 21	5	SAN SIRO <i>GF 103 in Apr '25 GF 105 in Feb '25</i>	105 / 96	96 - 96 - 84	Walsh / Curtis
16	6	SIR GREYLIND	103	103 - 96 - 100	McPeck / B Hernandez Jr
18	4	STOWAWAY <i>GF 99 in Oct '23</i>	99 / 97	97 - 96 - 94	Beckman / Loveberry
?	8	NUMBER ONE DUDE	?	?	Stewart / C J Hernadez

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

In the analysis and in horse bios: When you read for example "ran to **Globeform 114**" this tells you that it was the horse's best career rating; while when you see "ran to GF 114" written it simply tells you that the performance in question was worth 114 but it was not the horse's career best rating.

Most recent winners of the Tenacious

2024	SAUDI CROWN	GF 117	Brad Cox	Florent Geroux
2023	FIVE STAR GENERAL	GF 113	Grant Foster	Marcelino Pedroza Jr
2022	HAPPY AMERICAN	GF 110+	Neil Pessin	James Graham
2021	CHESS CHIEF	GF 110	Dallas Stewart	Reylu Gutierrez
2020	MAXFIELD	GF 111+	Brendan Walsh	Florent Geroux

Average winning Globeform: 112.2

GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

JUST A TOUCH may be using this event as a prep for the Pegasus World Cup in January, and he could hardly have been found an easier spot for his return after a break. The race conditions give him 118lbs, the same at Not This Boy and six pounds less than Komorebino Omoide and Will Take It. It's not often that 7-5 can be described as value but in this case it really is; let's just hope it is close to reality. That will depend on where Not This Boy runs, as he has also been entered for the Manfuso Stakes at Laurel Park this Saturday. If he drops out here, well, then Just a Touch won't be 7-5 and he will be an even stronger single key for all exotics. He improved to **Globeform 117** making all to crush Parchment Party by 7 lengths in an allowance race over 9 furlongs at Keeneland back in April; and was thrown right in at the deep end in the Met Mile at Aqueduct on his next start. That did not work so well but he ran respectably to finish third, 4 3/4 lengths behind Raging Torrent, who was spotting him 4lbs. With Fierceness running second, the Met Mile was a top class contest. Just a Touch dropped back down in class in the Monmouth Cup seven weeks later, when he went off a 1-10 to beat his five rivals, but not many had counted on the fast improving Surface to Air, who managed to outstay him and win by half a length. Just a Touch tried to make once more all but Surface to Air was a bit too strong. He backed the form up by running even better to beat First Mission in the Iselin Stakes next time out. Just a Touch returned GF 115 in the Monmouth Cup. He does not need to be anywhere near his best to win the Tenacious Stakes and this lightly raced 4yo simply can't be opposed.

NOT THIS BOY, who was scratched from a valuable allowance race at Gulfstream on November 21, also comes back from a layoff. He is cross entered in the Manfuso Stakes at Laurel (R8) but jockey bookings suggest that this is where he will run. He is the logical second choice. As a 4yo with just 8 runs under his belt (and a solid 4-3-1 record) he is just the type to do well at this level. Racing prominently throughout, he was a comfortable 6 3/4-length winner over 8.5 furlongs at Churchill Downs in June, with the form being franked when his runner-up Hold Your Bourbon beat the in-form Echo Again to win at Saratoga next time out. Not This Boy was an even money favorite to win that day and the performance was impressive enough to make him odds-on for the West Virginia Governor Stakes at Mountaineer in early August. He went close to collecting again but Dubai World Cup winner Hit Show was back to form and beat him by a head. Not This Boy set the pace and was caught late, fighting on well all the way to the wire. Hit Show used the race as a stepping stone to better races, running fourth in the Lukas Classic next time out, before winning the Fayette Stakes and running a close second to Magnitude in the Clark Stakes.

Not This Boy returned to Churchill Downs and a strong allowance heat in late September; he was slightly odds-on to get the job done but had to settle for third, 3 1/2 lengths behind Moonlight, who had beaten him by 1 1/4 lengths when they ran one-two in a mile race over a wet-fast track over the same course back in May. That was a below par effort by Not This Boy but note that Moonlight has since run fifth in the Fayette Stakes at Keeneland and won the Cherokee Mile at Churchill Downs.

WILL TAKE IT ran his best race to date when winning the Hanshin Stakes over a mile at Churchill Downs in late June. Coming off an allowance win over the same trip in May, when he improved to GF 109, he moved up to **Globeform 116** with his hard fought win against the great yardstick Banishing, who went down by a neck while conceding 2lbs. Banishing hardly needs an introduction to Globeform subscribers; he is a high class performer who hardly ever runs a bad race, and he runs a lot. Beating him takes some doing though and Will Take It had a hard race in the Hanshin; which probably explains why his three runs since have been so disappointing; even with a two-month break leading up to those races. He adds blinkers for this event.

KOMOREBINO OMOIDE is a consistent and versatile runner with good performances from 6 to 9 furlongs, on fast and sloppy dirt tracks, and on turf as well. He won the Sexton Mile in the slop at Lone Star Park in May (beating This Is Uskar 2 1/2 lengths) and ran even better when returning Globeform 109 as runner-up to Stay Hot in the 9-furlong Texas Turf Classic at the same venue a month later. Stay Hot, who has been placed in three G2 events in California since, beat him by half a length but it was Komorebino Omoide who ran the best race, trying to give the winner 4lbs. Coming off a game second to Wendelssohn in the Thanksgiving Classic over 6 furlongs at this track, he looks set to hit the board again. A prominent runner, he is well drawn by the rail and to the inside of Just a Touch, who is likely to be sent to the lead; such a scenario will give Komorebino Omoide the opportunity to slot in behind the favorite and save ground. >>>

SIR GREYLIND, like Not This Boy a lightly raced 4yo, improved to **Globeform 103** when beating Duke of Duval by 1 3/4 lengths to win an eight-runner allowance race over 8.5 furlongs at Churchill Downs in November. He was traveling well just off the pace and came through with a determined kick at the finish to win quite easily. His runner-up was well behind Sir Grey lind when they ran third and fifth in a similar contest in September, though the third placed Big Blue Line is a useful runner who won at Saratoga in the summer, and it's not impossible that Sir Grey lind can improve again. He's in a much tougher field here of course but his recent win was a second run off a long layoff; he is thus a fresh horse and his running style makes him a good fit in the Tenacious.

CONCLUSION: Just a Touch should have no trouble winning this race. He is the best horse and his weight means that the Tenacious, won by his barnmate Saudi Crown last year, is more or less a gift. Not This Boy is the most likely runner-up, while Koromebino Omoide's consistency makes him an alternative to use underneath; Sir Grey lind could also be given that role, as he is coming off a career best effort. Recent form normally counts for a lot at this stage of the year. UPDATE: JUST A TOCH HAS BEEN SCRATCHED

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

X	2 JUST A TOUGH	
A	7 NOT THIS BOY WON	
B	1 KOMOREBINO OMOIDE, 6 SIR GREYLIND 2nd	10-1 Exacta hit with just 2 lines

Just a Touch 2nd / Monmouth Cup: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tt4V78FbnGk>

Just a Touch / Keeneland allowance (R8 / 5:31:00): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kCvzMpADvno>

Not This Boy 2nd / West Virginia Governor Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=svcfNNHkcTQ>