

Globeform Subscription Service

Previews and ratings by Geir Stabell



8

9:25 ET

GLOBEFORM RANKING

PRAIRIE BAYOU STAKES, 8 fur Tapeta, Turfway Park, Sat. Dec. 13

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	HORSEPOWER <i>GF 113 in July '25 (6 fur.)</i>	113	106+ 111 - 105	Orseno / Marin
6	12	ENCINO	111	81 - 105+ 111	Cox / Prat
7	7	QUATROCENTO	108	97 - 104 - 108	Gutierrez / Leparoux
8	13	NAPTOWN Also Eligible	105	105 - 100 - 99	Magana / Carraso
8	1	WAGSTAFF	102	95 - 94 - 102	McEntee / Bocachica
9	4	THEISMANN	106	106 - 106 - ?p	Eurton / Sheehy
7 / 10	3	CAMEO PERFORMANCE <i>GF 106 in May '25</i>	106 / 103	103 - 102 - 101	Walsh / I Ortiz Jr
10	5	DRESDEN ROW <i>GF 107 also Prairie Bayou '24</i>	107	107 - 88 - 104	Richards / Munger
5 / 10	8	HENRO <i>GF 103 also in Jan '25</i> <i>GF 108 in June '24</i>	108 / 103	103 - 0 - 92	Hartman / Ramos
11	9	OTAGO	106	106 - 85 - 100	Danner / Beschizza
12	10	CHIRON	105	0 - 85 - 81 - 105	Estvanko / G Saez
7 / 17	11	SURLY FURIOIS <i>GF 106 in Feb '25</i>	106 / 96	0 - 96 - 90	Wismer / Machado
9 / 19	6	BEST ACTOR <i>GF 104 in Aug '25</i> <i>GF 113 in Feb '24 (dirt)</i>	104 / 94	94 - 87 - 94	Moger / Guerra

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 Prairie Bayou

2024	PAROS	GF 108	Mike Maker	Luis Saez
2023	WOLFIE'S DYNAGHOST	GF 114	Jonathan Thomas	Tyler Conner
2022	IN LOVE	GF 108+	Paulo Lobo	Gerardo Corralos
2021	CROSS BORDER	GF 113	Mike Maker	Alex Achard
2020	SET PIECE	GF 112p	Brad Cox	Joseph Talamo

Average winning Globeform: 111

GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

HORSEPOWER tops the ranking, thanks to his good form in the Boyes Stakes four starts back, and he would be top ranked also based on his performance in the Vigil Stakes two back, but those were sprints and he ran below his best as he tried a mile in a the Artie Schiller at Aqueduct in October. He ran respectably though, checking in third a length and a nose behind Major Dude and **OTAGO**, who is 4lbs worse off at the weights as they meet again this week. Horsepower was wide without cover and raced too freely, something that didn't help. A similar scenario should be easy to avoid from post two in this race. He has had a break since but that's no worry; as he had a similar layoff leading up to the Boyes win; the worry is the distance, particularly if the early pace is hot. His career best performance was a solid 1 1/2-length win over Nobals in the 6-furlong Boyes Stakes at Presque Isle Downs in July. Horsepower, who had beaten an in-form Xy Speed over 5 furlongs at Gulfstream Park back in April, raced in the first three throughout in the Boyes, and he stayed on gamely through a narrow gap between Nobals and the rail to win the race going away at the finish. Galloping out well, he improved to **Globeform 113**. Horsepower is a son of one-mile Summer Stakes winner Good Samaritan, who went on to capture 9-furlong dirt events Jim Dandy Stakes and New Orleans Handicap, and his dam Bear's Lightning won over 8.5 furlongs at age two and three, so there is stamina in his family. Drawn in stall two, he may be in a good position to get the mile better here than he did in the Artie Schiller. If he steps up just a little bit on that form (quite possible) he's the one to beat.

When looking at the ranking for this contest, bear in mind that the top ranked Horsepower occupies that spot thanks to a sprinting performance, which was rated 7lbs higher than the rating he ran to in his only start over a mile. This means that if we ignore his sprint form the ranking for this race is incredibly close; and the ranking would look like this:

GLOBEFORM RANKING

PRAIRIE BAYOU STAKES, 8 fur Tapeta, Turfway Park, Sat. Dec. 13

Rank	No.	Name of horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs	Trainer / Jockey
From right to left (most recent first)					
0	12	ENCINO	111	81 - 105+ 111	Cox / Prat
1+	2	HORSEPOWER <i>GF 113 in July '25 (6 fur.)</i>	113	106+ 111 - 105	Orseno / Marin
1	7	QUATROCENTO	108	97 - 104 - 108	Gutierrez / Leparoux
2	1	WAGSTAFF	102	95 - 94 - 102	McEntee / Bocachica
2	13	NAPTOWN Also Eligible	105	105 - 100 - 99	Magana / Carraso
3	4	THEISMANN	106	106 - 106 - ?p	Eurton / Sheehy
1 / 4	3	CAMEO PERFORMANCE <i>GF 106 in May '25</i>	106 / 103	103 - 102 - 101	Walsh / I Ortiz Jr
4	5	DRESDEN ROW <i>GF 107 also Prairie Bayou '24</i>	107	107 - 88 - 104	Richards / Munger
-1 / 4	8	HENRO <i>GF 103 also in Jan '25 GF 108 in June '24</i>	108 / 103	103 - 0 - 92	Hartman / Ramos
5	9	OTAGO	106	106 - 85 - 100	Danner / Beschizza
6	10	CHIRON	105	0 - 85 - 81 - 105	Estvanko / G Saez
1 / 11	11	SURLY FURIOIS <i>GF 106 in Feb '25</i>	106 / 96	0 - 96 - 94	Wismer / Machado
3 / 13	6	BEST ACTOR <i>GF 104 in Aug '25 GF 113 in Feb '24 (dirt)</i>	104 / 94	94 - 87 - 94	Moger / Guerra

ENCINO is the likely favorite, having put together three good runs in July, August, September, and he has a chance of gaining his fourth win of the year. Representing the Brad Cox / Flavien Prat combination, and sporting a 50% win rate plus a 9-for-12 top three record, the versatile son of Nyquist won't be much value in the betting though, and this is actually a bit of a tricky race; with four or five of the contenders likely to race prominently. He is one of them but he is also a horse that stays further than a this trip; always an advantage in such a scenario. What's not to like about Encino (apart from short odds) is that he ran way, way below form last time out, finishing a well beaten ninth behind our 12-1 winner Wolfie's Dynaghost in the River City on turf at Churchill Downs. It was not the surface that cause this dull showing, Encino won the Schuster Stakes on the lawn at Horseshoe Indiana in July, switching successfully from dirt to take the race by 1 1/4 lengths from Runaway Storm as the 11-10 favorite. He improved again, albeit marginally, when third behind Beach Gold and Epic Ride in the Kentucky Downs Preview Turf Mile at Ellis Park two months later. Encino performed to **Globeform 111** in that race, and he did not need to be anywhere near that level when winning the Presque Isle Downs Mile on Tapeta in September. He broke slowly but showed that he does not absolutely need the lead (not in that sort of company anyway) as he came through from the back to win readily by 1 3/4 lengths from Grounded, who was coming off a minor stakes win (with **SURLY FURIOUS** back in fourth). Encino has been setting the pace or pressing it in most of his races and that is his preferred style. Having run second to Mercante in the 9-furlong Kentucky Cup Classic on Tapeta in the spring, he possesses a bit of stamina.

QUATROCENTO also ran in the River City at Churchill Downs last time out, and he was also below par; checking in sixth behind Wolfie's Dynaghost after having had a good position for the most part of the 9-furlong contest. He had performed better when filling the same place, just 3 lengths behind Rhetorical, in the Coolmore Mile at Keeneland a month earlier, and better still when winning twice in good allowance heats over a mile at the Kentucky Downs meet in August / September. First he beat Degree of Risk by 2 lengths, and just ten days later he improved to **Globeform 108** with an easy 4 1/2-length win over Nineeventurbo, who ran fourth behind **THEISMANN**, Miranda Rights and Degree of Risk at Keeneland on his next start. Quatrocento is in with a chance on ratings in this event but this track is completely different to the undulating turf course at Kentucky Downs, and this habitual front runner is hard to fancy in the Prairie Bayou.

WAGSTAFF, a 3yo with 3 wins from 10 starts and decent Tapeta form at Woodbine, has a favorable weight (118lbs) and his best rating gives him a high ranking, but his **Globeform 102** was earned in a sprint and he has been below that level in two stakes tries since. After beating next out winner Westside Tide and Journeyman over 8.5 furlongs in July, he improved again to beat stiffer competition over 7 furlongs on turf in August, pouncing from just off the pace to beat Classy War (who came off 2 wins) by 3/4 length. Church and State (who runs in the Tropical Park Derby today) was 4 lengths behind him in third place, but turned the tables on Wagstaff (fifth) when winning the one-mile Toronto Cup.

NAPTOWN needs a scratch to get into the field; if he does, include him in the Trifecta plan. Likely to be overlooked by many players, this 4yo son of Munnings ran his best race to date last time out, recording **Globeform 105** to take second behind the well backed favorite Ohana Honor in the Knickerbocker Stakes over 9 furlongs at Aqueduct in November. Putting in his best work late, coming from off the pace, he was beaten 2 1/4 lengths, and this mile trip may prove to be on the sharp side for him; but recent form counts for a lot late in the season and he has progressed nicely through his three most recent races.

THEISMAN is an interesting contender. Most likely - but *not* necessarily - he will need to improve again to notch up his fourth straight win, but he is a lightly raced and progressive 5yo coming into his own at a stage of the season when others may be tired and there's a lot to like about this contender. He improved to **Globeform 106** when beating Beyond Stoked and next out Keeneland allowance winner English Chunnel by half a length over 8.5 furlongs at Churchill Downs in September, and he confirmed the form by beating Miranda Rights in a photo finish over the same distance at Keeneland in October. Theismann led all the way in that race but he does not need to lead to race efficiently; he does need to be prominent though and he has a high cruising speed. This son of Quality Road is as gane as they come and he is not without a chance. >>>

CAMEO PERFORMANCE is coming off a third to **DRESDEN ROW** in the 9-furlong Autumn Stakes at Woodbine in October, when he stayed on late to go down by 1 3/4 lengths. Prior to that effort, he ran second to English Chunnel, who had finished third behind **THEISMANN** on his previous outing. Cameo Performance's form has leveled out and been a bit below his career best in his last for starts; he is a Trifecta filler at best in this race. He ran to GF 105p when second in the falsely run Muniz Memorial at the Fair Grounds in March, and to **Globeform 106** when beaten only 3 lengths in eighth place behind Spirit of St Louis in the Turf Classic at Churchill Downs on his next outing.

DRESDEN ROW has a tough weight but note that he produced his career best, **Globeform 107**, when beaten just a head by Paros in this race last year (when he came with a good run from off the pace, and galloped out strongly) and he ran back to the same mark when beating Jokestar and **CAMEO PERFORMANCE** to win the 9-furlong Autumn Stakes at Woodbine in early November. The Prairie Bayou was run over 8.5 furlongs in 2024 and shortening it to a mile is not ideal for Dresden Row. Still, with a strong pace he could come rolling late and hit the board once more, as he has done in all of his 15 races to date.

CONCLUSION: Horsepower is causing a bit of a headache; it might look silly to back him over this trip but the fact is that his form in the Artie Schiller is good enough to give him a winning chance. The concern would be a hot pace; though one alternative is to go with Encino; which means taking a short price about a horse possibly getting weary at the end of a relatively busy campaign *and* being badly drawn. Another option is Theismann, with his solid recent form, a good post position and tactical speed likely to ensure a good trip. Horsepower gets the nod. His last time out form gives him a good chance and if he were to run close to his career best he wins this with ease. Only two have been put in as C-horses though this is the type of race where just about anything could sneak into the Trifecta, never mind claim the last spot in the Superfecta.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	2 HORSEPOWER
B	4 THEISMANN, 12 ENCINO
C	5 DRESDEN ROW, 13 NAPTOWN (Also Eligible)

Horsepower 3rd / Artie Schiller S: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4_I0e74P4zc

Theismann / Keeneland Alw (R8 / 5:28): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ktQyEVSZkkY&t=16718s>

Encino / Presque Isle Downs Mile: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KiKOWHeTrRM>

Dresden Row / Autumn Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Rgigk9Oa9o>
3rd Cameo Performance

Dresden Row 2nd / Prairie Bayou S. '24: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8HhAPnt9Ino&t=332s>

Naptown 2nd / Knickerbocker Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i2TijblwsDA>