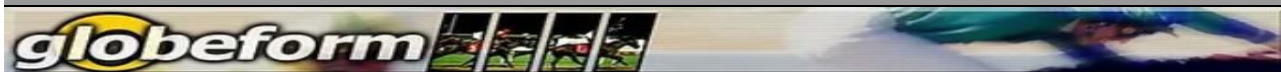


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GLOBEFORM RANKING

VIA BORGHESE STAKES (LR) 11 fur Turf, Gulfstream Park, Wed. Dec 24

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)					
-3? 1	6	LA MEHANA <i>GF 109 in Dec '24, Jan '25 & Mar '25 (all at Gulfstream)</i>	[113?] 109	105 - 108 - 113?	Cox / I Ortiz Jr
0	5	NO SHOW SAMMY JO <i>GF 108 also in Nov '24</i>	108	108 - 100 - 90	Motion / Ruiz
1p	7	GALLANT GRETA	105p	105 p- 101 - ?	Maker / M Husbands
1	4	ALLURING ANGEL	109	109 - 107 - 92	W Mott / Alvarado
2	8	VENENCIA	108	108 - 95 - 97	Joseph Jr / Gaffalione
4p / 11	1	LOUISE PROCTER	104p / 97	97 - 90 - 96	Brown / Zayas
4	2	MADAME MISCHIEF	102	94 - 102 - 100	Delgado / Egan
?	3	CELESTIAL EXPRESS	?	0 - 0 - 0	Seyler / Hartsman

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 Via Borghese

2024	LA MEHANA	GF 109	Christophe Clement	Dylan Davis
2023	ROMAGNA MIA	GF 114	Graham Motion	John Velazquez
2022	VIBURNUM <i>Run on Tapeta track</i>	Not rated	Kelsey Danner	Irada Ortiz Jr
2021	ALWAYS SHOPPING	GF 111	Todd Pletcher	Tyler Gaffalione
2020	ALWAYS SHOPPING	Not rated	Todd Pletcher	Irada Ortiz Jr



GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

LA MEHANA was 2 1/2 lengths behind **ALLURING ANGEL** as they ran third and fifth respectively in the 11-furlong Waya Stakes at Aqueduct in early October; a race won by Euro import Village Voice. That was form well below La Mehana's best and she was a bit dull also on her preceding outing, when fourth to Bellezza in the Flower Bowl Stakes. After these runs, she changed hands for \$500,000 at Keeneland and was transferred from Miguel Clement to Brad Cox.

She produced her best performance to date when beating Bellezza easily by 8 3/4 lengths to win the 12-furlong Glens Falls Stakes at Saratoga in July. 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 is reliable form? The soft ground probably had a lot to do with how the race panned out. Bellezza needs firm ground to show her best but La Mehana had encountered soft also when third in a G1 event over 14 furlongs in France back in 2023, and she was absolutely different class to her six rivals under the testing conditions; pricking her ears as she passed the winning post. It was hard not to be impressed though in hindsight it does look like false form. The 6yo daughter Al Wukair is pretty exposed, and her second best rating, **Globeform 109**, has been achieved three times. Three times on the trot even, and all here at Gulfstream Park; a win in the 2024 Via Borghese, followed by third placed efforts in the La Prevoyante Stakes and in the Very One Stakes. If we were to get lots of rain (very unlikely) La Mehana is a strong contender, but if the ground stays as it is she looks more of a Trifecta filler.

ALLURING ANGEL enjoyed a dream trip when beating **NO SHOW SAMMY JO** to win the Long Island Stakes over 11 furlongs at Aqueduct in November. While she set a pedestrian pace (24.4 - 51.1 - 1.17.3), No Show Sammy Jo was right at the back; and racing a bit too freely after having been given a bump early on in the contest. Alluring Angel, who was coming off a third to Beach Bomb in the Waya Stakes, ran on really well all the way to the line - but No Show Sammy Jo made up a lot of ground with the closing style and she must have a good chance of turning the form around here. Beaten 1 1/4 lengths, she is 4lbs better at the weights, and it seems unlikely that Alluring Angel will get away with a soft lead once more. No Show Sammy Jo, who is **too big at 5-1 on the morning line**, actually succumbed to a similar scenario in the 2024 edition of the Long Island; as subsequent G1 winner Be Your Best made all and just held on by a nose when No Show Sammy Joe closed in from off the pace. She performed to **Globeform 108** that day and repeated the rating behind Alluring Angel six weeks ago.

GALLANT GRETA, representing turf route expert Mike Maker, steps up from 8.5 furlongs to 11 furlongs in this race; it is also a step up in class but the 4yo daughter of Twirling Candy is well in on ratings, she's on an upward curve and she should not be discounted. She improved to **Globeform 105p** when coming from just off the pace to beat Nonna Lynne very easily by 3 3/4 lengths in an 8.5-furlong allowance heat on the inner track at Aqueduct in November. Nonna Lynne is a lightly raced Chad Brown trainee who was coming off an allowance win in September. Gallant Greta was odds-on but she really did look strong, winning with more up her sleeve and **at 10-1 she is a nice value bet** in this Via Borghese. Prior to her win, she was a game neck second to Awesome Czech, who was a runner-up to Proctor Street in the Cardinal Stakes a month later. Will Gallant Greta stay? Hard to say but it would probably be to her advantage if the pace isn't too strong. Her dam won over 8 and 8.5 furlongs and she has also produced Gambling Girl, who ran second in the Kentucky Oaks and third in the Coaching Club American Oaks (both 9 fur. dirt), so there is some stamina in this family.

VENENCIA, now with Saffie Joseph Jr after a \$250,000 sale in November meant a move from Brendan Walsh, ran to **Globeform 108** to win the 12-furlong Dowager Stakes at Keeneland in November, and she is another in with a chance in this contest. Racing close to the pace all the way, she beat South African G2 winner Bless My Stars determinedly by 2 3/4 lengths, with two-time allowance winner Vive Veuve back in third place. Vive Veuve next ran sixth to Proctor Street in the Cardinal Stakes; finishing half a length behind runner-up Awesome Czech (who had beaten **GALLANT GRETA** by a neck on her preceding start). >>>

LOUISE PROCTER was nowhere near her French 3yo form as she won a 9.5-furlong allowance race at Auqueduct in October. She won it well enough, beating Poca Mucha by a length, though her runner-up was only third in a similar event next time out and the form of the race has not worked out. As a Chad Brown trainee, Louise Procter will probably take some action at the windows - but she needs to get back to her best to have chance. She ran to **Globeform 104p** to win a minor event (beating horses that went on to much better things) over 7 furlongs on the synthetic track at Deauville in March '24 - and actually started favorite for the Poule d'Essai des Poulaches (French 1,000 Guineas) after that performance; but beat just two home in the 15-runner classic. A €360,000 purchase at the Arqana Deauville Yearling Sale in 2022, this daughter of Siyouni is out of Create a Dream, who was trained by Wesley Ward. Create a Dream won a conditions event at Ascot as a juvenile, and went on to run fourth in the Albany Stakes at Royal Ascot on her next start. Back in the US, she filled the same place in the Miss Grillo Stakes at Belmont Park.

MADAME MISCHIEF was below par over 8.5 furlongs last time out but she ran well at huge odds both in the 9-furlong Matchmaker Stakes at Monmouth Park and in the 11-furlong Flower Bowl Stakes at Saratoga (fifth, 4 lengths behind Bellezza) and she is clearly well suited by this distance.

CONCLUSION: This eight-runner race is quite tricky; one can make a case for all but one (Classic Express is out of her depth) and it's tempting to have a crack at a bit of value with a bet on Gallant Greta, who is as big as **10-1 on the morning line**. It is taking a chance on her stamina, but she is the type to improve again, she has been in the first three in all of her eight starts on turf, and if she handles the distance, well, then she can win this race. So how about an across the board / EW bet on Gallant Greta, plus a Trifecta plan where we use her as 1st, 2nd or 3rd; mainly with the four others in the selection box, but **Madame Mischief** can't be ruled out either so throw her in too.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	7 GALLANT GRETA	2nd at 9-1	
B	5 NO SHOW SAMMY JO	WON at 5-2	32-1 EXACTA HIT WITH 2 LINES
C	1 LOUISE PROCTER, 4 ALLURING ANGEL, 8 VENENCIA		

La Mehana / Glens Falls Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O4SdSJC0tz4>

Alluring Angel / Long Island Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zsqr8rtXFss>
2nd No Show Sammy Jo

Gallant Greta / Aqueduct Allowance (R8 / 3:39): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JwlzNGo9BrU>

Venencia / Dowager Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BluGZEImPIE>

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