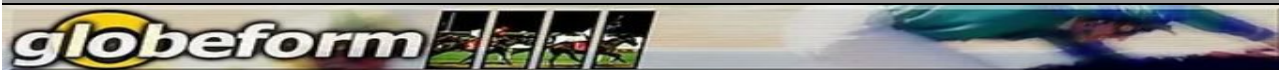


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GLOBEFORM RANKING

HILLSBOROUGH STAKES (G2) 9 fur Turf, Tampa Bay Downs, March 8

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)					
0p	7	GIMME A NOTHER	115p	111+ 115p - 110p	Motion / I Ortiz Jr
5p	8	SAFFRON MOON <i>GF 110p in Oct '23</i>	110p / 108+	108+ 104+ / 90	C Brown / Prat
6	1	SPARKLE BLUE <i>GF 109 in Mar & May '24</i>	109	0 - 100 - ?+ 100	Motion / Ruiz
8 / 14	2	AVENUE NIEL <i>GF 107 in Aug '24</i>	107 / 101	95 - 100 - 101	Trombetta / Dettori
9p	9	ETERNAL SILENCE	106p	106p - 95	C Clement / Rosario
12	4	VENENCIA	103	103 - 102p - 96	C Brown / Gaffalione
13p	6	SPALIDAY	106p	103+ 106p - 96p	C Brown / J L Ortiz
20p	10	DAMASO	95p	95p - 90 - 89	O'Connell / Centeno
22	3	SHE'S FIRE <i>GF 93 in Aug '24</i>	93	80 - ? - 85 - 93	K Rice / I Rodriguez
25	5	VICTORIA'S DANCER	90	85 - 82 - 90	Avila / Leon

Most recent winners of the Hillsborough

2024	BLUE SPARKLE	GF 109	Graham Motion	Jorge Ruiz
2023	SHANTISARA	GF 111+	Chad Brown	Irak Ortiz Jr
2022	BLEECKER STREET	GF 115p	Chad Brown	Hector Diaz Jr
2021	MICHELINE	GF 109	Michael Stidham	Luis Saez
2020	STARSHIP JUBILEE	GF 115	Kevin Attard	Javier Castellano

Average winning Globeform: 111.8

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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

GIMME A NOTHER was unbeaten in sevens starts in her native South Africa, and this well bred daughter of Gimmethelight (a son of More Than Ready) looks very special. She ran her best race when taking one G1 South Africa Fillies Classic easily by 4 1/4 lengths from Silver Sanctuary, who won a G1 event next time out. Gimme A Nother outclassed her rivals in the 9-furlong race at Turffontein, where she followed up with another impressive win in the one-mile Empress Club Stakes a month later, taking that event comfortably by 1 1/2 lengths from Humdinger, who also won a G1 on her subsequent outing. Turffontein is quite different to most US tracks. It is right handed and the home straight is about four furlongs. Gimme A Nother, who takes a bit of time to get going, was produced to lead going into the final furlong in both of these valuable events and she was soon in full command once she had her head in front. She ran to **Globeform 115p** in the Fillies Classic and returned GF 111+ in the Empress Club, a race her dam Nother Russia won for the same connections back in 2018. The Hillsborough is a sensible launching pad for her US career, as the Graham Motion trainee will be having her first race since last April. The company is not too tough and the distance is right but there is one caveat; this race lacks pace. The way she ran at home suggested that she wants a good pace to close into. So can she win straight off the bench even if the pace is slow? Quite possibly, she is very classy, and her handler has a tremendous record with such imports first time out for the barn, but a crawl would not be ideal. The question is, will she be sent to the lead in an attempt at ensuring a decent pace or will she be held up, as she is used to, to keep that running style in her mind for future (much more important) tasks later in the season?

Gimme N Other was given 125 on the South African ratings scale, 8lbs higher than Beach Bomb, who has produced Globeform 109 twice since coming to North America.

We made good money when Motion won the Very One Stakes with Beach Bomb last weekend and he could well win big again just seven days later. It's not often that a trainer's "other one" in a graded stakes event is last year's winner of the race, by the way; but that's the case here, as Motion will also be saddling **SPARKLE BLUE**. She was good last spring, when she also showed flexibility; making all (at a pedestrian pace) to win the Hillsborough and then coming from off the pace to run just as well, albeit for second, in the Modesty Stakes at Churchill Downs (1 length behind Fast as Flight). Sparkle Blue also won a minor stakes at Laurel but her two last starts in '24 were below par efforts and she is also coming back from a break, not having raced for over five months. She looks a Trifecta filling type of horse here.

SAFFRON MOON, was visually impressive when justifying short odds in the 8.5-furlong Endeavour Stakes here at Tampa Bay in early February. Simply blowing past her rivals, she came from off the pace with very easily by 2 1/2 lengths from See You Around, with **VENENCIA** third. That was Saffron Moon's first start in '24 and the way she won suggested that there was nothing wrong with the **Globeform 110p** she earned back in 2023. She has had her problems necessitating breaks but this 6yo mare is talented, she is race fit, she is proven over the course (2-for-2) and she won't be easy to beat. She ran to GF 108+ last time and would have run to a higher figure if asked to.

The daughter of Malibu Moon produced her best rating to date when winning a good allowance race over 8.5 furlongs at Keeneland in October, 2023, beating Willakia easily by 2 3/4 lengths after being ridden just off the pace. Willakia was coming off a runner-up effort against Full Count Felicia (albeit beaten 8 lengths) and the third placed filly, Watch This Birdie, was a solid winner in allowance company at Churchill Downs the following month; and then placed twice in Listed races. Saffron Moon win at Keeneland was good enough to make her an even money favorite for the Cardinal Stakes at Churchill Downs seven weeks later. The turf course was very bad (and later closed) at Churchill Downs that fall. Whether the choppy ground played its role or not is not info we have but Saffron Moon ran way below her Keeneland form in second, beaten 10 lengths by Euro import Star Fortress (who has not been able to reproduce such form since), but the Chad Brown trainee breezed already two weeks after the race, so she could not have gone wrong at Churchill Downs. She did not race again for 11 months though, and her absence from the work tabs was from December '23 to May '24. She returned to action back at Keeneland last October, again in an 8.5-furlong allowance heat. The event was won by Aussie Girl, who very much enjoyed the run of the race and held on to keep the late charging Saffron Moon half a length behind. Saffron Moon came from way off the pace and she was very positive and willing down the home stretch. In the Endeavour we saw even better from her. >

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AVENUE NIEL ran to **Globeform 107** when splitting the smart pair Aspen Grove and Be Your Best in a stakes quality allowance race over 11 furlongs at Saratoga last year; she has been below that level of form in all of her five races since and this 9-furlong trip is likely to be too short for the daughter of Helmet.

ETERNAL SILENCE is much more interesting. Having run third in the Moyglare Stud Stakes (one of Ireland's most prestigious 2yo fillies' events) when still a maiden back in 2022, she never fulfilled that promise at three, had just the one start as a 4yo last season; this race will hopefully set her up for a more satisfying year. It's interesting that her powerful connections have decided to keep this well bred mare in training; the way she won an allowance race over 9 furlongs at Aqueduct last July probably impressed them as much as it impressed yours truly. Pulling early on, the big, imposing daughter of War Front came through with a smooth run from just off the pace to win as she pleased, beating Mrs. Astor by 2 lengths. Mrs. Astor has since won both the Red Carpet Stakes at Del Mar and Robert Frankel Stakes at Santa Anita. Eternal Silence has not run since so she is another we can't be too sure about fitness wise. She produced **Globeform 106p** though, as she hit the line pretty hard, galloped out well and came back full of energy after the contest. Given that she won so well after an eight-month break, and that her trainer is 23% with layoff runners, there must be a good chance that Eternal Silence is ready to run a good race this weekend. Her upside and her running style gives her the edge over others as the C-horse. Both her dam Princess Highway and her second dam Irresistible Jewel captured the 12-furlong Ribblesdale Stakes at Royal Ascot at three. Interestingly, Irresistible Jewel is also the second dam of this year's Swale Stakes winner Gate to Wire, so do not for a moment believe that this family is void of speed. It's very, very hard to imagine this race not being won by either Saffron Moon or Gimme N Other, but **20-1** is way too big a price about Eternal Silence.

VENENCIA (a staying-on third to Saffron Moon in the Endeavour) and **SPALIDAY** (off-the-pace runner with **Globeform 106p** in the book but also a very tough weight here) are stable companions to Saffron Moon. Chad Brown often runs a bunch in these fillies' and mares' races and they are both open to improvement, but it seems unlikely that we will see a "CB exacta" this time.

CONCLUSION: Saffron Moon or Gimme N Other? Tough call. using two A-horses in a ten-runner race where three have absolutely no chance will probably be seen as fickle, but it is what it is; they have an equal chance of winning. And there are two other reasons to play the race this way; they both want pace so, right, if the fractions suit the one they will suit the other - and reason number two is that we take a shot at using Eternal Silence (20-1 morning line) as our 'key B-horse' to be third or fourth in a Superfecta plan with the remaining four mixed in. That's an inexpensive Super plan and well worth doing. We should also do Trifectas with the top two to be 1st & 2nd or 1st & 3rd with Eternal Silence as well.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	7 GIMME N OTHER, 8 SAFFRON MOON
B	9 ETERNAL SILENCE
C	1 SPARKLE BLUE

Gimme A Nother / Empress Club St.: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1LrztMHYppE>

Gimme A Nother / South Africa Fillies Classic: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=77814Xxmlrw>

Gimme A Nother feature: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gLEmUkBg3A0>

Saffron Moon / Endeavour Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cUutlWh9Hu0&t=2s>