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GLOBEFORM RANKING

SECRETARIAT STAKES (G2) 8 fur Turf, Colonial Downs Sat. Aug 9

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	4	SIMULATE	102p	102p - 87+ 90p	W Mott / Alvarado
0 / 5	8	DREAM ON GF 104 in Nov '24	104 / 99	99 - 97 - 0	M Casse / Castellano
1	1	GIOCOSO	101	101 - 92 - 0	Desormeaux / Curtis
1	2	MAUI STRONG GF 101 in Apr '25	101	98 - 90 - 94	Romans / Cheminaud
5	7	CAIRO CAPER	97	97 - 96 - ?	Schoental / Carrasco
6	6	ANEGADA	96	81 - 93 - 96	Maker / Gaffalione
7	3	END OF ROMANCE	95	91+ 95 - 90	Motion / Velazquez
12	5	ANTISOCIAL	90	89 - 90 - ?p	Duarte Jr / L Saez

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 Secretariat

2024	TRIKARI	GF 114	Graham Motion	John Velazquez
2023	GIGANTE	GF 107	Steve Asmussen	Javier Castellano

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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

SIMULATE was overlooked by most of our rivals when **we backed him at 16.9-1** for this winning run at Saratoga in July; and here we go again. **Morning line 8-1** is almost an insult to this talented son of Kitten's Joy. He looked every inch a stakes winner in the making when beating a good field in the 8.5-furlong allowance heat at the Spa. Not only did he beat them, he outclassed them with an excellent turn of foot at the finish. Coming from just off the pace, Simulate won by 2 1/4 lengths from Thirteen Colonies, who was 3/4 length better than the third placed Plensa. Simulate performed to **Globeform 102p**, improving nicely on his previous form. He returned GF 90p when winning a maiden event over the same course and distance last year, and GF 87+ when looking unfit and in need of the race when making his seasonal debut at Delaware Park; he was fourth behind the good Euro import Light Mood, Twain and **ANTISOCIAL** on that occasion. Antisocial, who was well backed just before the off, also franked the Delaware form by winning next time out - but Simulate is now the best horse. If he improves again, which is probably more than possible, this Bill Mott trainee will take some beating in the Secretariat, which, truth be told, has drawn a substandard field for such an important event.

An attractive and scopey colt, Simulate is out of the unraced War Front mare Camou; she is a half-sister to Lea, who Mott trained to win 7 races, including the prestigious Donn Handicap and the Commonwealth Turf Stakes. Lea was also second in the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile. Further back this is a good European family that has produced smart winners over all sorts of distances.

DREAM ON is more accomplished than Simulate and, having run to **Globeform 104**, he has the highest rating - but his best piece of form lies back in November last year, he has not reproduced it in 2025, he has to concede 2lbs and he is not likely to improve. Yes, this Mark Casse trainee is coming off a win in the Penn Mile, where he beat **CAIRO CAPER** by a length, but that did not take much winning, nor did the Woodhaven Stakes at Aqueduct, which he took by a neck from Septarian. Dream On ran better when fourth to the high class miler Henri Matisse, beaten 2 1/2 lengths, in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf at Del Mar some nine months ago. The Not This Time colt was then coming off a third to New Century in the Summer Mile at Woodbine, and he was a precocious juvenile; he has trained on at three but he has not improved and he has been found some easy spots to pick up a couple of stakes trophies. Having run to GF 97 and GF 99 in two most recent races, he gives weight away to all others and he has the widest post in a race starting very close to the first turn. He ought to be in with a winning chance but he is not one to back at a short price. Could it be that this is a favorite that fails to hit the board? It's not impossible. >>>

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GIOCOSO surprised a bit when improving on his previous form to finish fifth in the highly competitive American Turf Stakes over 8.5 furlongs at Churchill Downs last time out. He stayed on determinedly and was beaten just 4 lengths by Zulu Kingdom, who won by 1 1/4 lengths from Test Score. These have both advertised the form in no uncertain manner since; Zulu Kingdom by winning the Manila Stakes and pass the post first in the Hall of Fame, and Test Score by taking the Belmont Derby and running third in the Saratoga Derby. Imagine what either of those two would do to this bunch. Beat them by around four lengths perhaps? Giocoso should definitely be considered. The reason his good run at Churchill was a surprise was that he looked somewhat exposed going into the race - but he was coming off a failed / troubled run on Tapeta in the Jeff Ruby and an even worse day when trying dirt in the Risen Star; back on turf he stepped up to a career best **Globeform 101** and that level of form gives him a winning chance in the Secretariat.

MAUI STRONG was beaten 7 1/4 lengths when eighth to Zulu Kingdom in the American Turf at Churchill Downs in early May (when **GIOCOSO** ran fifth), and he has since been third in an allowance heat over the same course and fourth, again behind Zulu Kingdom, in the Manila Stakes at Saratoga. A prominent runner well suited by a mile, he returned to almost his best form form in the Manila and he is a good fit in the Secretariat - not least since he drew post two and can get an advantage as the field makes the short run to the first turn. He ran to a career best **Globeform 101** when checking in third, 2 1/2 lengths behind Test Score, in the Transylvania at Keeneland in April.

CONCLUSION: This could turn out to be an unusual opportunity of cashing in a second time on the bounce with a talented young horse spotted at the right time; but will Simulate really be as big as 8-1 when the gates open? It seems too good to be true; even half that odds would get me very interested. He is almost certainly going going to improve again and none of the others are likely to do so. We are dealing with a nine-runner field where it's hard to pick a clear B-horse, so the best way to go is probably to spend our money exclusively on backing Simulate.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	4 SIMULATE 2ND	
B	1 GIOCOSO WON , 8 DREAM ON	EXACTA PAID 20-1
C	2 MAUI STRONG	

Simulate / Saratoga Allowance (R9 / 4:43:00): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CF-fiTEiYj0>

Dream On / Penn Mile: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=47mqxssSYQ4>

Dream On 5th / Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=etq5LI4e7GQ>

Giocoso 5th / American Turf Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U8mLouNjVvY>

Maui Strong 4th / Manila Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QSQ4iyIBzTA>

Maui Strong 3rd / Transylvania Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ryVK0rhbyxQ>