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GLOBEFORM RANKING

BALLSTON SPA STAKES (G2) 8.5 fur Inner Turf, Saturday Aug. 22, 2026

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	6	SEGESTA	114	114 - 111 - 112	Brown / Prat
2	5	AND ONE MORE TIME	110	110 - 104 - 106p	M Casse / Castellano
2 / 7	3	DEEP SATIN	110 / 105	103 - 105 - 102+	DeVaux / J L Ortiz
3	2	SUNLIT UPLANDS	109	109 - 100p - 91	Williams / Velazquez
4 / 6+	7	GRAYOSH <i>GF 106 also in July & Nov '25 GF 108 in Aug '24</i>	108 / 106+	106+ 104 - 100	Brown / Gaffalione
5 / 11	1	OZARA <i>GF 109 in Ballston Spa S. '25</i>	109 / 103	96 - 97 - 103	Clement / D Davis
8	8	LONG AGO <i>Also ent. Monmouth</i>	104	104 - 102 - 85	Morey / Carmouche
10	4	PLAY WITH FIRE <i>Poss. scratch GF 102 in July '25</i>	102	100 - 93 - 101+	Brown / M Franco
		Main Track Only			
	9	SCALABLE			Pletcher / TBA

Globeform ratings are expressed in pounds. The **"Rank"** column shows the horse best in at the weights based on Globeform ratings on top, with other horses ranked down in pounds. For example; rank figure 6 tells us that the horse is 6lbs below the top ranked horse. Length values: 5-6 furlongs: 3lbs per length. 7 fur: 2.5lbs. 8 - 11 fur: 2lbs. 12 fur: 1.5lbs

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 Ballston Spa

2025	OZARA	GF 109	Miguel Clement	Dylan Davis
2024	BEAUTE CACHEE	GF 113	Chad Brown	Frankie Dettori
2023	EVVIE JETS	GF 112	Mertkan Kantarmaci	Manuel Franco
2022	TECHNICAL ANALYSIS	GF 115	Chad Brown	Jose L Ortiz
2021	VIADERA	GF 110	Chad Brown	Joel Rosario
2020	STARSHIP JUBILEE	GF 116	Kevin Attard	Javier Castellano

Average winning Globeform: 112.5

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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

SEGESTA, one of three runners representing Chad Brown, is hard to oppose in this race. A thoroughly game and consistent performer, she improved to **Globeform 114** as she ran second in the prestigious Diana Stakes over 9 furlongs at Saratoga in July, beaten just half a length by Kathynmarissa, who led a Trifecta filled by Brown trainees. Portfolio Duration, who was coming off a win in the New York Stakes, ran third 2 1/4 lengths behind Segesta. Segesta tried to make all in the Diana, but she is just as good when being rated just behind the pace, as she did both when winning the Jenny Wiley Stakes over 8.5 furlongs at Keeneland in April and when she was a good third to Classic Q in the Just A Game Stakes at Saratoga in June. She raced prominently all the way and was beaten 1 3/4 lengths by the highly efficient front-runner Classic Q, who carried 2lbs less than her.

Segesta made a successful return when running a dead-heat with Expensive Queen in the Jenny Wiley Stakes over 8.5 furlongs at Keeneland in April. She raced in the first two all the way and she fought on well when Expensive Queen threw down a challenge in the closing stages. The two passed the winning post 3/4 length in front of Medora, who was half a length better than the fourth placed Dynamic Pricing.

The daughter of Ghostzapper was steadily improving through the second half of 2025; winning the Matchmaker at Monmouth Park (beating Sacred Wish), then running second both in the Ladies Turf at Kentucky Downs (behind Special Wan) and the First Lady at Keeneland (behind Simply in Front), before taking the 8-furlong Matriarch Stakes at Del Mar. A well backed favorite, Segesta was never far off the pace at Del Mar, and she quickened up nicely at the finish to beat the front-running In Our Time by 2 1/4 lengths with high class sprint / miler Ag Bullet third. Segesta's record is 5-5-1 from 14 starts, this course and distance suit her well and she is the one to beat in the Ballston Spa, a race her trainer has won eight times over the past 15 seasons.

DEEP SATIN sits high on the ranking based on her best performance in 2025; a close fourth in the First Lady Stakes over a mile at Keeneland in October, when she was just half a length off the winner, Simply in Front, with **SEGESTA** second and Choisy (also a G1 winner) third. Deep Satin returned **Globeform 110** at Keeneland, a step up on the form she produced when running second to **OZARA** in the Ballston Spa two months prior, and markedly better than what she has been able to show in four races since. Fourth behind Classic Q in the Just A Game Stakes at Saratoga in June (**SEGESTA** third), she failed to build on that run in the De La Rose Stakes in July, but Deep Satin had excuses that day. She was very edgy in the preliminaries and she broke through the gates before the start. It can be noted as an off day but it can also be noted as a sign that this filly is beginning to go the wrong way mentally. None of her three runs in 2026 were good enough to give her a chance this weekend and the good First Lady run does stick out on her record. >>>



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AND ONE MORE TIME ran her best race to date when making all to win the De La Rose Stakes over a mile on the inner course at Saratoga in July. Setting her own pace with **DEEP SATIN** stalking without pressing her much, she opened up when Deep Satin began to fade coming down the lane, and held on to win by 1 1/4 lengths from the oncoming Hang the Moon, who got second by a nose from Sandtrap. And One More Time had previously won the Penty of Grace Stakes at Aqueduct (also over 1 mile / inner) and run fifth behind Classic Q, Mandanaba, **SEGESTA** and **DEEP SATIN** in the Just A Game Stakes at Saratoga, so she had good form in the book - but it was below the level she reached in the De La Rose, where she improved to **Globeform 110**. She was well backed too, going off as the 5-2 favorite. This race represents a step back up in class, and she may get more pressure if she tries to go gate to wire once more while stretching out from 8 to 8.5 furlongs. And One More Time is in top form, however, she's from a strong barn, the sharp course suits her well and she must be respected.

SUNLIT UPLANDS is an interesting shipper from England, where this scopey, late developing filly began to show improvement in the spring. After running fourth in a G3 over 7 furlongs (straight) at Lingfield Park, she moved up to GF 100 to get second in Premio Royal Mares over a mile at San Siro in June, then took another big step up when winning the Holstein-Rennen over the same distance at Hamburg in July. Running out an easy 3-length winner, she returned **Globeform 109**, a rating that gives her a chance in the Ballston Spa. She could be capable of better still. Confidently ridden by Marco Ghiani, she was close to the pace and traveling well all the way before taking the lead two furlongs out and quickly opened up to win the race with authority. Ghiani pushed her out to the line but Sunlit Uplands galloped out strongly and there was evidently more left in the tank. Her runner-up, the French trained favorite Fortuna Diamond, was 3-for-3 going into the event, having won a Listed race at Longchamp a month earlier, and she franked the form further by running a good third to Hassaleh in a G3 at Deauville on Saturday. Hassaleh was exiting a 4-length win in Listed company in July. Sunlit Uplands broke better in Germany than in her races in England - she will need to do the same here, and she will need to adapt to a sharp left handed course; so there are some question marks - but this filly has been on such an upward curve and her **10-1 morning is too big**. Even 5-1 would be good.

Sunlit Uplands is owned by her previous trainer Rae Guest and his wife Rachel Flynn. Guest retired last year. He always did well with fillies in a successful career; readers with long memories might recall his Stateside success with Aldbourne, who won the Breeders' Cup Handicap at Atlantic City before running second in the Noble Damsel at Belmont Park and in the E P Taylor Stakes at Woodbine back in 1990. >>>



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GRAYOSH, whose career best is still her win in the Lake Placid Stakes over this course and distance back in 2024, showed signs of returning to that level when winning the Matchmaker Stakes over 9 furlongs at Monmouth Park in July; a race she was third in last year. She looks a possible Trifecta contender - although a bit further seems to suit her best these days. The daughter of Yoshida stayed on relentlessly at Monmouth, and she got up for a well deserved win; passing the winning post a length in front of **LONG AGO**, who raced more prominently through the race. Grayosh returned GF 106+ in the Matchmaker. A strong pace, which seems unlikely, would serve her best in this contest.

OZARA ran to a career best **Globeform 109** to win this race last year, when she came from just off the pace to win by 1 1/2 lengths from **DEEP SATIN**, with No Mo Candy a close third. A return to that form would make her a Trifecta contender as she goes for her second Ballston Spa, though the problem is that all of her five runs since have been below that level - and her two most recent efforts have been *well* below (GF 97 - GF 96). She won the 8.5-furlong Miss Liberty Stakes at Monmouth Park when making her seasonal bow in May, performing to GF 103 to beat **LONG AGO** by half a length, but disappointed when only sixth as the favorite for the Royal North at Woodbine, and again when second last in the seven-runner Diana Stakes at Saratoga (where she pulled hard and was soon a beaten horse). The Clement team is enjoying a tremendous meet but Ozara is hard to fancy here.

CONCLUSION: Segesta is the one to beat. Not only is she the top ranked horse; she is also by far the most reliable, having run to GF 110, 111, 113, 112, 111 and 114 on her most recent outings. And One More Time and Sunlit Uplands, both coming off a career best, are the logical B-horses. **Sunlit Uplands is way too big at 10-1 on the morning line and definitely a value bet.** Her form in Germany was better than how it appears on paper. This UK shipper probably owns more stamina than And One More Time, though the latter has the advantage of a recent win around this sharp course. Selecting a C-horse isn't quite so easy but there was a lot to like about Grayosh's performance at Monmouth and let's not forget that her career best came over this course and distance when she was three.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

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Segesta 2nd / Diana Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sciyVSrtGyg&t=1s>

Segesta / Jenny Wiley Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YkR4v12fqJ8&t=109s>

Segesta / Matriarch Stakes '25: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ZxtQX20168&t=110s>

And One More Time / De La Rose Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W4fhLjQhAdA>

Sunlit Uplands / Holstein-Rennen: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ebb3LP3crq0>

Grayosh / Matchmaker Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L-aNUwmAzh0>

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