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## GLOBEFORM RANKING

### FORT LAUDERDALE STAKES (G3) 9 fur Turf, Gulfstream Park, Sat. Dec. 20

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	3	CHASING THE CROWN	113	91 - 113 - 113	Maker / Castellano
1 / 5	8	MAJOR DUDE <i>GF 114 in March '25</i>	114 / 110	110 - 106 - 109+	Pletcher / Velaquez
2	2	WOLFIE'S DYNAGHOST	116	116 - 110 - 105	Lynch / I Ortiz Jr
4 / 13	1	STEAL SUNSHINE <i>GF 109 in Jan &amp; Apr '25 (dirt)</i>	109 / 100	100 - 96 - 97	Dibona / Zayas
5p	5	BEACH GOLD	110p	100 - 108 - 110p	Biancone / Alvarado
5 / 10+	4	SIEGE OF BOSTON <i>GF 106 in Ft. Lauderdale '24</i> <i>GF 108 in March '24</i>	108 / 103+	103+ 89 - 99	Toner / Ruiz
5	9	QUATROCENTO <i>Also ent. Turfway Park Sun.</i>	108	97 - 104 - 108	Gutierrez / Leparoux
8	6	CUGINO	110	110 - ?+ 104+	McGaughey / Prat
8	7	NAPTOWN <i>GF 105 also Woodbine Mile, Sep</i> <i>Also ent. Turfway Park Sun.</i>	105	105 - 100 - 99	Magana / M Vasquez
8	10	DIVIN PROPOS <i>GF 105 in May '25</i> <i>GF 105 in Aug '24</i>	105	102+ 100 - 0	Joseph Jr / Gaffalione

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### Most recent winners of the Ft. Lauderdale

2024	MAJOR DUDE	GF 110	Todd Pletcher	Irad Ortiz Jr
2023	MAIN EVENT	GF 110	George Weaver	Javier Castellano
2022	CITY MAN	GF 117	Christophe Clement	Joel Rosario
2021	DOSWELL	GF 112	Barclay Tagg	Junior Alvarado
2020	LARGENT	GF 115	Todd Pletcher	Paco Lopez
2019	INSTILLED REGARD	GF 111	Chad Brown	Irad Ortiz Jr

Average winning Globeform 112.5

## GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

**CHASING THE CROWN** ran a very dull race when returning from a nine-week break in the River City Stakes at Churchill Downs in early November. Never in the hunt, he passed the winning post with six horses in front of him, more than ten lengths behind gate to wire winner **WOLFIE'S DYNAGHOST**. The way he performed, one can't say that the Mike Maker trainee needed the race; it's easier to think that something was amiss on the day - and he should be given another chance to show his true form. He has raced only three times in 2025, and on both of his first two outings he produced **Globeform 113** - his career best. Chasing the Crown showed consistent form also last year, when he rounded his season off by winning a stakes quality allowance race at Churchill Downs in November, coming from off the pace to nail Wadsworth by a head on the wire. Chasing the Crown improved to GF 111 on the day and he moved up another notch when taking third in the 9-furlong Pegasus World Cup Turf 12 weeks later. Going off at 64-1 he overcame a wide post and finished strongly from off the pace to reach the winning post only 1 1/2 lengths behind Spirit of St. Louis, who beat Integration by a neck. Spirit of St. Louis went on to win the Turf Classic at Churchill Downs and Integration has been placed in another three G1 events since.

Chasing the Crown had high class performers like Mi Hermano Ramon, Fort Washington, Win for the Money, Nations Pride and Formidable Man behind him in the Pegasus Turf, and he proved that it was no fluke on his next start. It took some time before we got see him again, however; he had been off for over seven months when making a winning return in a valuable handicap at Kentucky Downs in late August. With \$300,000 up for grabs, the mile event drew a very competitive field, with the enigmatic Mountain Bear as the 3-1 favorite, slightly shorter than Chasing the Crown's odds. Chasing the Crown came out best; held up for a late charge by Tyler Gaffalione, he powered past horses up the straight and won readily by 1 1/2 lengths from Lambeth, who he was spotting 4lbs. Mountain Bear was third, 4 lengths further adrift. He is far from reliable these days, but Lambeth was a Listed winner in the spring and smart runners like Gigante and Emmanuel (stakes winner since) were further back and well beaten. Chasing the Crown ran every bit as well at Kentucky Downs as he did in the Pegasus Turf, and if he runs like that again he can win the Fort Lauderdale. There is the worrisome thought "what went wrong in the River City?" but there's also no doubt that **his 8-1 morning line is way too big**. Anything over 5-1 would be good value for this contender.

**MAJOR DUDE** regained winning form in the Artie Schiller Stakes over a mile at Aqueduct in October. Facing just four rivals, he was kept close to the pace throughout and ran out a game one-length winner over Otago, who just pipped Horsepower by a nose for third. Note that Horsepower runs in the Prairie Bayou at Turfway Park on Sunday. Major Dude did not need his career best to win the Artie Schiller and, with six runs below his very best since he produced **Globeform 114** in the Canadian Turf in early March, it may be that won't see him quite at that level again. He was spotting Fort Washington 2lbs when pipped by just a nose in the 8.5-furlong Canadian Turf, having won the Fort Lauderdale and run sixth in the Pegasus World Cup Turf on his preceding starts. Fort Washington went on to win the Dinner Party Stakes at Pimlico and the Arlington Million at Colonial Downs, so there's no doubt about the strength of the Canadian Turf. Major Dude exited the race to finish third three times in good company; behind Seminole Chief in the Appleton (when he would have won but for a terribly slow start), behind Brilliant Berti in the Opening Verse and behind Redistricting in the 11-furlong United Nations, where his stamina was probably stretched. After that run he was fifth in the Min Millions at Kentucky Downs, a course that did not suit Major Dude. His win in the Artie Schiller was yet another example of what a game and genuine runner he is.

**WOLFIE'S DYNAGHOST** gave us a nice 12-1 win when he was recommended as the value bet in the 9-furlong River City Stakes at Churchill Downs in November, a race he won with an impressive gate to wire performance. It's always risky to get a soft spot for a horse and the way he ran at Churchill Downs - hard all the way - means that there is also the danger of a bounce this time. But his win was so strong, he simply kicked right away when we all expected him to be getting tired, and Wolfie's Dynaghost has never been better. Making his first start for Brian Lynch (after some fine results when with Jonathan Thomas), he beat Taking Candy by 2 3/4 lengths and improved to **Globeform 116**. **QUATROCENTO** was 7 lengths behind in sixth place and **CHASING THE CROWN** was seventh. Another run like that and he'll probably win again. He is perfectly drawn in stall two, with Steel Sunshine (who lacks early speed) to his inside and Chasing the Crown (who lacks gate speed) to his outside. Wolfie's Dynaghost is in a perfect spot to get the run he wants, and he is the obvious selection. >>>

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**STEAL SUNSHINE** sits high on the ranking thanks to his best dirt form; form that dates back to January and April, when he ran to **Globeform 109** to be sixth in the Pegasus World Cup over 9 furlongs at Gulfstream Park and again to be fourth in the Godolphin Mile at Meydan. His turf form has been way below that level (GF 97 at best) and he does not make any appeal in the Fort Lauderdale.

**BEACH GOLD** returns from a break since October 4, when he finished last (though not disgraced) behind Rhetorical in the Coolmore Turf Mile at Keeneland. His two previous runs were much better; though also somewhat contrasting. He raced up with the pace and seemed to not quite stay the mile when third to Epic Ride in the Mint Millions at Kentucky Downs in September, while he had come from off the pace to win the prep race over the same distance at Ellis Park in August, when he beat Epic Ride by 3/4 length. The 4yo son of Omaha Beach improved to **Globeform 110p** in that race and he returned GF 108 at Kentucky Downs. It may be debatable whether he should keep that "p" - indicating that there can be better still to come - but his win at Ellis Park was strong, he was probably ridden the wrong way at Kentucky Downs and he may have bounced when upped considerably in class at Keeneland. So yes, there are reasons to put most emphasis on his winning race. He should not be underrated in this field.

**SIEGE OF BOSTON**, whose best piece of form (**Globeform 108**) dates back to a close second against Emmanuel in the 2024 edition of the Canadian Turf Stakes, ran close to that mark when fifth, 1 1/2 lengths behind **MAJOR DUDE**, in this race 12 months ago; and he was quite positive when winning an 8.5-furlong allowance heat at Laurel Park in November. He did not need to reproduce his peaks, however, as he came from well off the pace to score by 1 3/4 lengths from McCullough, who was exiting a nose-win in a 20k allowance optional claimer at Presque Isle Downs and improved his rating at Laurel. In returning GF 103+, Siege of Boston took a step in the right direction after four subpar efforts since last year's Fort Lauderdale, but this will be much tougher.

**QUATROCENTO** seems more likely to run in the Prairie Bayou Stakes at Turfway Park on Sunday. He was beaten 7 lengths when sixth to **WOLFIE'S DYNAGHOST** in the River City at Churchill Downs last time out, after having had a good position for the most part of the 9-furlong contest. He 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 company over a mile at Kentucky Downs in August / September. First he beat Degree of Risk readily by 2 lengths, and just ten days later he improved to **Globeform 108** with an easy 4 1/2-length win over Nineeventurbo. Quatrocento will probably be ridden more prominently if he goes for the Fort Lauderdale, and he is the one who might put some pressure on Wolfie's Dynaghost; but Kentucky Downs form doesn't always translate to other venues and Gulfstream Park is very different to the undulations there.

**CUGINO** is coming off two wins and likely to be popular in the betting. He has never been better than on his most recent outing, when he raced prominently to win the Red Smith Stakes over 11 furlongs at Aqueduct, improving to **Globeform 110** with photo bob over Common Defense, who was 2 lengths in front of Sycamore Stakes winner Desvio. Cugino was exiting a one-length win over There Are No Words in the Red Bank Stakes over a mile at Monmouth Park and he has been thriving lately - but the G2 win at Aqueduct means that he has to carry 126lbs in the Ft Lauderdale, the same as Wolfie's Dynaghost and three to five pounds more than any of the others. At these weights, Cugino is up against it but he might hit the board.

**NAPTOWN** is also entered for the Prairie Bayou at Turfway on Sunday but he needs a defection to get into that field. Thus, if Quatrocento's connections decides to run here, Naptown's team will have options. Another Prairie Bayou entry, Theismann, has also been cross entered this weekend and could be heading to the Fair Grounds on Saturday, so Naptown seems close to getting a run at Turfway. The 4yo son of Munnings ran his best race to date last time out, recording **Globeform 105** as he came from off the pace to take second behind the well backed favorite Ohana Honor in the Knickerbocker Stakes over 9 furlongs at Aqueduct in November. This distance suits him and his ratings have gone back up in his last three races. >>>



**CONCLUSION:** This feels a bit (but not quite) like a 50/50 scenario. If Wolfie's Dynaghost doesn't suffer a bounce he wins again, and if he does he could even be off the board. The weakness in this theory is called Chasing the Crown, who is receiving 5lbs. If he regains his best then he can beat a Wolfie's Dynaghost in top form at those terms. Quatrocento was not prominent in the River City so it's hard to know what to make of him. We may not have that problem though - he may scratch. Cugino and Major Dude, both coming off a win, are Trifecta candidates; Beach Gold is the intriguing one and **Naptown** is a contender on an upward curve. There was no space for him in the selections box but he's one to consider using underneath. Chasing the Crown (**8-1 morning line**) looks like he'll be the value horse to back across the board / each-way.

## GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

<b>A</b>	<b>2 WOLFIE'S DYNAGHOST</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>3 CHASING THE CROWN</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>5 BEACH GOLD, 6 CUGINO, 8 MAJOR DUDE</b>

**Wolfie's Dynaghost / River City Stakes:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7KS4vYZwy\\_Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7KS4vYZwy_Q)  
6th Quatrocento 7th Chasing the Crown

**Wolfie's Dynaghost / Price George's County Stakes:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nl\\_u7fYRuE0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nl_u7fYRuE0)

**Chasing the Crown / NTL Handicap:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VBoBSrKD5pk>

**Chasing the Crown 3rd / Pegasus World Cup Turf:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=klgUMaM-gqA&t=2s>

**Beach Gold 2nd / Mint Millions Stakes:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_23yYK5NnDQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_23yYK5NnDQ)

**Beach Gold / Mint Millions Preview:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TnDM3oViF1U>

**Major Dude / Artie Schiller Stakes:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4\\_IOe74P4zc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4_IOe74P4zc)

**Cugino / Red Smith Stakes:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fgw\\_WyMXGbY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fgw_WyMXGbY)

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Top selection J B Strikes Back won at **16-1**

(see preview on the following pages)

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Call Sign Seven **68-1**

Desvio **34-1**

Balantina **21-1**

Daryz **16-1**

Wolfie's Dynaghost **12-1**



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### GLOBEFORM RANKING

**LAFFIT PINCAY JR. ST. (G2) 8.5 fur dirt (ex-San Antonio S), Santa Anita Dec 26**

Horses ranked in pounds (0.45kg). 1 length = 2 pounds over this distance

Rank	No.	Name of horse	GF	GF most recent runs	Trainer / Jockey
From right to left (most recent first)					
0	6	KATONAH	112	110 - 107 - 98 - 112	D O'Neill / Dettori
1p	3	J B STRIKES BACK	109p	109p - 104 - 98	D O'Neill / Fresu
(-3) 7	4	EXPRESS TRAIN <i>GF 115 in Apr 2022</i>	(115) 105	105 - 104+ // 106	Shirreffs / H Berrios
4	7	TARANTINO	108	108 - 108 - 104	Eurton / Maldonado
4	5	LAMMAS <i>GF 110 in July '24</i>	110	107 - 102 - 106	Badilla / J J Hernandez
5	8	GOLDENEYE	107	100 - 107 - 105	P Eurton / Prat
8	1	AMERICAN ADMIRAL	104	104 - 0 // 100	Yakteen / Kimura
12	2	ASHCROFT	100	100 - ?p - ?	Sadler / Rosario

### Most recent winners of the San Antonio

2023	NEWGRANGE	GF 114	Phil D'Amato	Irada Ortiz Jr
2022	COUNTRY GRAMMER	GF 119+	Bob Baffert	Frankie Dettori
2021	EXPRESS TRAIN	GF 118	John Shirreffs	Victor Ezpinoza
2020	KISS TODAY GOODBYE	GF 111	Eric Kruljac	Mike Smith
2019	GIFT BOX	GF 120	John Sadler	Joel Rosario

Average winning Globeform 116.4

## GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

**KATONAH** is coming off a game fifth to Full Serrano in the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile at Del Mar, where he won off at 39-1 and ran considerably better than the betting market had suggested he would. He is likely to go off favorite here and that would make a change; Katonah was 20-1 when second in the San Diego Handicap and he was 35-1 fourth in the California Crown. He is not a high profile runner but he is as game they come and - unless the BC Dirt Mile took too much out of him - he has a winning chance in the Pincay Stakes. He came from off the pace at the Breeders' Cup and passed the winning post 5 3/4 lengths behind Full Serrano. Would we consider the latter to be some six lengths better than those lining up here? Probably. Katonah is just as effective when ridden near the early pace, as we saw when he was beaten just a length by Dr. Venkman in the San Diego, with **EXPRESS TRAIN** 3 3/4 lengths behind him in third. Katonah raced prominently also in the 9-furlong California Crown Stakes and, despite finding the distance a bit too long, he stuck on to be a respectable fourth behind Subsador, National Treasure and Newgate. This distance, and this sort of company, suits him better. He gets blinkers for the first time. >>>

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**J B STRIKES BACK** is the fresh horse and a new name on the stakes stage; this 3yo has shown rapidly improved form in his three most recent races and the way he won last time out was quite impressive. He took a good mile allowance race at Del Mar with some ease, beating Speedy Grazy comfortably by 3 1/4 lengths, with Wendelssohn beaten 8 1/2 lengths in third place. Wendelssohn won a \$130,000 allowance race by over three lengths at Oaklawn Park on Saturday. J B Strikes Back pressed the early speed at Del Mar, he was pricking his ears as he took over going around the home turn and, quite remarkably, he continued doing so through the entire home straight. He was idling in front and clearly won with plenty up his sleeve. The son of top class miler Goldencents galloped out strongly after passing the winning post and he came back in full of energy. Wendelssohn's win on Saturday is a nice boost and J B Strikes Back's runner-up also franks the form; he was coming off four solid runs, including a last-out win over a rival that has won since. His last race is really working out and there is a lot to like about J B Strikes Back's profile going into this race.

**Morning line 6-1** is very tempting. **J B STRIKES BACK WON AT 16-1**

**EXPRESS TRAIN** was off from October 2022 until April this year, when he resurfaced in the 6.5-furlong Kona Gold Stakes at Santa Anita. That's much too short for him and he shaped well enough in third behind high class sprinters The Chosen Vron and Happy Jack. A three-month break followed, leading up to the 8.5-furlong San Diego Handicap at Del Mar in July. Express Train repeatedly produced high class form over 9 and 10 furlongs in 21/22 (including a win in this event) and each time he raced prominently; it was a bit surprising, therefore, to see him being deliberately held up at the back in this year's San Diego. He made a move going around the home turn, then flattened out coming down the lane to be a one-paced third behind Dr. Venkman and **KATONAH**. He probably wasn't quite fit that day and it's hard to know what to make of his role here. Once more coming off a long break, this 7yo may be ready for a good run or he may be using this race as a prep for future races. There's just no way of knowing.

**TARANTINO** is quite the opposite of Express Train. This 6yo has good recent form. With two fine races since his two-month break he is in with a chance once more. He won a good allowance race over 8.5 furlongs at Santa Anita in October, beating Malibu contender Imagination by a head, and he confirmed the form when running a game second, beaten a length by Skinner, in the 9-furlong Native Diver Stakes at Del Mar four weeks later. Tarantino races prominently, his early speed enabled him to do so also when he won a sprint at Del Mar back in August, and coming back to 8.5 furlongs will be to his liking. What his connections might not find so appealing, however, is the fact that there's quite a bit of speed signed on here.

**CONCLUSION:** Full Serrano was meant to run in this race, Skinner could have run in this race and a man called Baffert would have liked to have at least one horse ready for the Pincay, but he doesn't. As a consequence, this is not a strong Grade 2 event and it would come as no big surprise to see a young horse stepping up from allowance company to win. **J B Strikes Back fits the bill.**

## GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

<b>A</b>	<b>3 J B STRIKES BACK WON @ 16-1</b>	
<b>B</b>	6 KATONAH	
<b>C</b>	4 EXPRESS TRAIN, 7 TARANTINO 2nd	<b>76-1 EXACTA HIT WITH 3 LINES</b>

**San Diego Hcap:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3lQX6FQwyVg&t=264s>  
2nd Katona, 3rd Express Train

**J B Strikes Back / Allowance race Del Mar:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xBy7Xb\\_ulT4&t=191s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xBy7Xb_ulT4&t=191s)