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CHURCHILL DOWNS

## GLOBEFORM RANKING

### KEERTANA STAKES (LR) 12 fur Turf, Churchill Downs May 23

Horses ranked in pounds (0.45kg). 1 length = 1.5 pounds over this distance

Rank	No.	Name of horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs	Trainer / Jockey
From right to left (most recent first)					
0	8	<b>VENENCIA</b> <i>GF 107 in Oct '25</i>	107	89 - 102 - 106	Joseph Jr / Cheminaud
1 / 9	5	<b>WAY TO BE MARIE</b> <i>GF 106 in July &amp; Sep '25</i>	106 / 98	97 - 98 - 100	Kenneally / L Saez
2	3	<b>AYRA STARK</b>	105	105 - 104 - 105	De Paz / J L Ortiz
3p	4	<b>SULTANA</b>	106p	106p - 101p - 94p	K Attard / Alvarado
4	4	<b>GOLDEN SUNSHINE</b>	103	103 - 101 - ?+	Harty / J Torres
5	7	<b>QUEENS COMMAND</b>	102	102 - 102 - 93+	Sharp / Curtis
10	2	<b>AWESOMESAUCE</b>	97	96 - 97 - ?p	Sharp / I Ortiz Jr
(12) 15	6	<b>VIRGIN COLADA</b>	(95) 92	0 - 84 - 92	Maker / Gaffalione

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### Most recent winners of the Keertana

2025	<b>MARKSMAN QUEEN</b>	<b>GF 103</b>	Graham Motion	Frankie Dettori
2024	<b>ATOMIC BLONDE</b>	<b>GF 108</b>	Christophe Clemet	Tyler Gaffalione
2023	<b>MISS YEARWOOD</b>	<b>GF 109</b>	Ian Wilkes	Chris Landeros
2022	<b>TEMPLE CITY TERROR</b>	<b>GF 105+</b>	Brendan Walsh	Adam Beschizza
2021	<b>TEMPLE CITY TERROR</b>	<b>GF 108</b>	Brendan Walsh	Adam Beschizza
2019	<b>GENTLE RULER</b>	<b>GF 107+</b>	Ian Wilkes	Chris Landeros

Average winning Globeform: 106.6



## GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

**VENENCIA** tops the ranking based on her **Globeform 107** achieved when she won the 12-furlong Dowager Stakes at Keeneland last October, and she was close to that mark also when running fourth under a tough weight in the Christophe Clement Stakes over the same distance at Gulfstream Park in January. Spotting the winner 3lbs and the runner-up **AYRA STARK** 5lbs, she was beaten 3 1/4 lengths in that contest (1 1/2 lengths behind Ayra Stark). It was a better performance than what it might seem on paper, but her sixth placed efforts in the Very One Stakes and (particularly) in the Bewitch Stakes since are not inspiring. Venencia was coming off two dull efforts also when taking the Dowager, however, and she is unpredictable. She raced up with the pace all the way in the Dowager and turned back a good challenge from Bless My Stars to pull away inside the last sixteenth and beat her by 2 3/4 lengths. Venencia was trained by Brendan Walsh at the time; sold for \$250,000 in November she joined Saffie Joseph's team for this season. She's good enough to win this race if back to her best but it's impossible to say whether she is. She retreated badly when beaten 11 lengths behind Speed Shopper, who beat **GOLDEN SUNSHINE** and **WAY TO BE MARIE**, in the Bewitch - and blinkers come off this time. The French bred daughter of Recoletos makes little appeal as a win contender, though she's not *impossible* and at **12-1** well worth a small across the board wager. She is definitely one to include for Trifecta players.

**VENENCIA ran 2nd at 11-1 Place: 10.24 Show: 5.04 Exacta 22-1**

**WAY TO BE MARIE** won the Benson Memorial over 8.5 furlongs at the Fair Grounds on her seasonal debut in March, and she was a respectable third behind Speed Shopper and **GOLDEN SUNSHINE** in the 12-furlong Bewitch Stakes over 12 furlongs at Keeneland in April, but neither performance was anywhere near her best runs in 2025, when she produced **Globeform 106** on two occasions; when beaten just a length in fifth place behind Deep Satin in the 8-furlong De La Rose Stakes at Saratoga in July; and when second, beaten easily by 2 3/4 lengths behind Stellify in the Kentucky Downs Ladies Marathon, contested over 10.5 furlongs in September. Kentucky Downs is a demanding course but Way to Be Marie's best form has come over shorter than this 12-furlong trip. The pace may be moderate and help her out though we also have the recent form factor to consider; this all adds up to 'not particularly dangerous'.

**SULTANA**, a lightly raced 5yo who has never been off the board in six starts, improved with two good wins at Woodbine last fall, taking an allowance race over 8.5 furlongs on turf and the 10-furlong Maple Leaf Stakes on the Tapeta track; when she beat **QUEENS COMMAND** by a head. The progression continued as she captured the Orchid Stakes over 12 furlongs straight off the bench at Gulfstream Park in March. Closing in from the back in a seven-runner race where all runners were on a tight hold through the first mile, she won gamely by a neck from **AYRA STARK**, who almost managed to take the race from the front end. Speed Shopper, who went on to beat **GOLDEN SUNSHINE** and **WAY TO BE MARIE** in the Bewitch Stakes at Keeneland on her next start, checked in third (a bit unlucky), beaten a length by Sultana. Sultana improved to **Globeform 106p** with this win and she must have a good chance of following up in the Keertana.

**AYRA STARK** is likely to be the danger once more, and she has a couple of things in her favor this time. Not as likely to improve as Sultana is, she has been showing consistent form through her last three starts and she is 2lbs better off at the weights here. If Sultana improves again - which seems likely - the weight swing might not be enough to give Ayra Stark the edge; but the pace scenario is another factor. Ayra Stark could easily become the lone speed in this field. With Jose Ortiz booked, a nice draw in post three (with no speed to her inside) she is set for a ground saving trip. The daughter of Cosmic Trigger raced a bit too freely when Speed Shopper caught her for a 1 3/4-length verdict in the Christophe Clement Stakes in January, but she was more settled in the Orchid and she fought back well when Sultana attacked late at Gulfstream Park. Ayra Stark was by the rail and Sultana a good few lanes wide, meaning that Ayra Stark did not get the close contact horses often find energy from. It's just a theory; it may or may not have had an effect - but it will be fascinating to see how the rematch pans out this week.

**GOLDEN SUNSHINE** ran her best race to date when staying on well from off the pace to get second in the Bewitch Stakes over 12 furlongs at Keeneland in April. It was her first outing this term and, in splitting Speed Shopper and **WAY TO BE MARIE**, she outran her 25-1 odds and improved to **Globeform 103**. She won over 8 and 8.5 furlongs in lesser company last year so perhaps a moderate pace won't be too inconvenient for this well bred filly. A daughter of Medaglia d'Oro, she is out Fitful Skies, a Dubawi daughter who won a G3 over 11 furlongs in Germany and ran second in the 10-furlong E P Taylor Stakes at Woodbine as a 4yo. >>>

**AWESOMESAUCE**, like the more accomplished **QUEENS COMMAND** trained by Joe Sharp, is a bit of a wild card in this field. She does not have the form to make her a leading contender but this daughter of Union Rags gets Irad Ortiz Jr in the saddle as she steps markedly up in distance; something she is bred to handle well. Her half-brother Media Blitz won a good allowance heat over 12 furlongs at Churchill Downs and he was placed in the 12-furlong W L McKnight Stakes and in the 11-furlong Mac Diarmida Stakes at Gulfstream Park. **QUEENS COMMAND** ran second to **SULTANA** in the Maple Leaf Stakes over 8.5 furlongs at Woodbine last fall, and she has improved a bit on that form since, producing Globeform 102 on both of her two most recent outings. She is also stepping up in distance but not exactly bred to stay. Her dam, Love Thirty, was a 6-furlong maiden winner in England at two who ran fourth in a G3 over 7 furlongs at three. She's the dam of five winners though none of them stayed further than a mile. >>>

**CONCLUSION:** First off, the selection decision in this service is never influenced by odds; the task is to work out which horse has the best winning chance under the circumstances and make that horse the selection; be it a 6-5 favorite or a 16-1 longshot; though **3-1 morning line for Sultana** is very welcome. The likely (moderate) pace should favor Ayra Stark but Sultana has two other factors to recommend her. The most obvious one being that she is an improving horse; with 4 wins from just 6 starts this mare is actually at the beginning of her career proper. Not many will miss that point. What some players may well overlook, however, is the difference in courses. The home stretch at Churchill is about 330 feet longer than at Gulfstream and that will definitely suit Sultana. She's the selection, and the Trifecta plan can be with her first and Ayra Stark filling second or third, with others mixed in. It will be interesting to see which horse does start favorite. Morning line says 9-5 Ayra Stark and 3-1 Sultana; anything from 5-2 and up makes Sultana a must bet in this office.

## GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS | KEERTANA STAKES

<b>A</b>	<b>1 SULTANA</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>3 AYRA STARK WON</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>2 AWESOMESAUCE, 4 GOLDEN SUNSHINE, 8 VENENCIA 2nd   EXACTA 22-1</b>

**Sultana / Orchid Stakes:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vVsX8JbHurc>  
2nd Ayra Stark

**Golden Sunshine 2nd / Bewitch S:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9JMwLpOsLPw>  
2nd Way to Be Marie 6th Venencia

**Venencia / Dowager Stakes:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3kaDLGS4N-0>

**Venencia 4th / Christophe Clement Stakes:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wDHQqw8c8Fc>



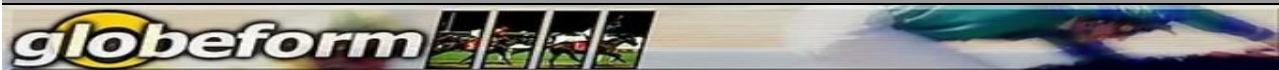
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# Globeform's Preakness Week Special

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## GLOBEFORM RANKING

### THE JAMES W. MURPHY STAKES (BT) 8 fur Turf, Laurel Park, May 16

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	6	<b>TURF STAR Won @ 4-1</b> <i>GF 97 in Oct '25</i>	97 / 91	74 - 91 - 96	Motion / Ruiz
1 / 4	5	<b>PROTON</b> <i>GF 100 in Oct '25</i>	100 / 97	90 - 97 - 94	Motion / Velazquez
4p / 11	4	<b>ATTFIELD</b> <i>GF 97p in Nov '25</i>	97p / 90	90 - 81 - 97p	Morley / Santana Jr
7	1	<b>MY FAVORITE BIRD</b>	90	90 - 86 - 88	Sweezey / Prat
?p	3	<b>ZINHAL</b>	?p	?p	Thomas / I Ortiz Jr
16	2	<b>THEBABESLAYER</b>	85	81 - 85 - 74	Asmussen / J L Ortiz
?	7	<b>JESSICA'S EYES</b>	?	?	Robb / Perez
?	8	<b>J CODY</b>	?	?	Montoya / Sanchez

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### Most recent winners of the James W Murphy (Pimlico)

2025	REAGAN'S WIT	GF 103p	Cherie DeVaux	Jose L Ortiz
2024	FULMINEO	GF 100	Arnaud Delacour	Flavien Prat
2023	NAGIRROC	GF 107p	Graham Motion	Flavien Prat
2022	JOE	Not rated	Michael Trombetta	Victor Carrasco
2021	T D DANCE	GF 109	Brad Cox	Javier Castellano
2020	DON JUAN KITTEN	GF 106	Danny Gargan	Gabriel Saez

Average winning Globeform: 105



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## GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

**TURF STAR** was one of the better turf juveniles last year, when he ran second to the hot favorite Final Score in the Bourbon Stakes over 8.5 furlongs at Keeneland and sixth in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf over a mile at Del Mar, where he checked in 5 3/4 lengths behind the Irish trained favorite Gstaad, who beat this year's American Turf winner Stark Contrast by 3/4 length. Gstaad was one of the best young colts in Europe, he has run second in the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket this spring and he is odds-on in the future books for the Irish 2,000 Guineas on May 23. Turf Star met serious performers in his first season but his two outings this season have not been as good as his 2yo form. He ran to **Globeform 97** when beaten 1 1/4 lengths in the Bourbon and he returned GF 96 at the Breeders' Cup. His GF 91 when sixth to Thousandsticks in the 8.5-furlong Kitten's Joy Stakes at Gulfstream Park in January was respectable seasonal debut though, and he probably didn't like the Tapeta when unplaced in the Jeff Ruby Steaks at Turfway Park in March. With good tactical speed, this son of Carvaggio might be ideally suited by a mile but he is bred to stay further. He may not have been fit first time out and the Tapeta experience may be a result to ignore; this colt deserves another chance to show what he is capable of. Receiving 4lbs from from Proton is an advantage.

**PROTON**, like Turf Star trained by Graham Motion, was quite precocious at two, winning a Colonial maiden and the Laurel Futurity on his first two starts, before improving to **Globeform 100** as runner-up to Conducted in the TBA Aftercare Stakes over a mile at Del Mar in October. Conducted has not raced since but Plutarch, who was a length behind Proton in third, has done well; he was an impressive maiden winner next time out and he took the Robert Lewis Stakes on dirt this winter. Proton went from the TBA Stakes to the Cecil De Mille Mile, also at Del Mar, but he blew his chances in the preliminaries on that occasion, getting nervous and very washy (finished fourth). This son of Astern is talented but not mentally strong. He has been wearing a hood in his two races this term; a game second placed effort behind Alpyland in the Columbia Stakes over a mile at Tampa Bay Downs followed by a one paced seventh, 4 lengths behind Remember Mamba in the 8.5-furlong Transylvania Stakes at Keeneland. With Remember Mamba and the Transylvania second Honey Dutch filling second and third behind Stark Contrast in the American Turf Stakes on Derby day at Churchill Downs, it's obvious that Proton gets a bit of class relief here, and he has a winning chance. Keep an eye on him in the paddock and in the post parade.

**ATTFIELD** made nice progress through his three starts last year, winning a 5.5-furlong maiden at Saratoga on his debut, then running second to Intricate Spirit in the 6-furlong Futurity Stakes at Aqueduct and rounding the campaign off by capturing the 8.5-furlong Central Park Stakes at the same venue in November. Racing up with the pace all the way he won that contest by half a length from Noble Dynasty, with Honey Dutch a neck further back in third place. Noble Dynasty (6th in the Transylvania, 2nd in an allowance heat) has not enhanced the form this term, but Honey Dutch has. However, Attfield was only ninth in the Transylvania, beaten 4 1/4 lengths by Remember Mamba. He gets blinkers for this race.

**MY FAVORITE BIRD** seems to have been a late developing type, and he has been getting gradually better since switched to turf in his last four starts. He improved to **Globeform 90** to run second, 1 1/2 lengths behind Bolero Bay in the English Channel Stakes over a mile at Gulfstream Park in early May. Never far off the pace, he put up a game performance and didn't flinch when marginally impeded by the gate to wire winner in the closing stages. Bolero Bay was coming off an easy 4 1/2-length win in lesser company. A son of Noble Bird, My Favorite Bird cost just \$3,500 as a yearling and there's not much to glean from his pedigree, but the way he has been shaping of late it would not be a surprise to see further improvement. He was beaten 3/4 length in a good allowance race three starts back; the winner Ababajoni went on to be second in the Cutler Bay Stakes on his next start. >>>

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**ZINHAL** is the dark horse in this field. A well bred colt from a good team, he comes here with just one run under his belt; and that was a comprehensive defeat while racing over a mile in maiden company at Santa Anita in early April. He is bred more for turf so perhaps we should ignore that result, but Zihnal was only fourth of six, beaten by Memory, Silent Way and Authentic Patriot. Memory was sixth in a Churchill allowance race next, Silent Way was second in a Churchill allowance next (behind the very useful Powershift), while Authentic Patriot was sixth in a \$100k claiming heat at Churchill next. Suffice to say that the form hasn't worked out - so let's risk dropping Zihnal; despite his nice pedigree (which lends itself toward stamina) and the fact that Irad Ortiz Jr takes the mount. Zihnal is a son of Quality Road out of Theodora B., who won the 10-furlong Dance Smartly Stakes on turf at Woodbine as a 5yo. The second dam, Dyna Waltz, won an Oaks Trial over 11.5 furlongs in England. This mile trip could prove to be too short for Zihnal.

**CONCLUSION:** This can easily be a Graham Motion exacta; though Turf Star (5-2) seems a safer bet than the 9-5 morning line favorite Proton. The latter has a higher rating on his cv but it dates back to a run at Del Mar last fall and he has not been fully composed in any of his runs since. He behaved better in the Transylvania but it's always a worry when young horses begin to show nerves. Turf Star met proper horses at the Breeders' Cup and Final Score, who beat him in the Bourbon, was coming off a very impressive Saratoga win at the time. So the weight favored Turf Star becomes the selection, with Proton the B-horse over Attfield and My Favorite Bird. My Favorite Bird has to improve again to have a winning chance, but it's not impossible that he will do just that - while at the same time we need to bear in mind that the top three are all ranked based on 2025 form. Good recent form counts for a lot and **10-1 morning line** makes My Favorite Bird the value bet.

## GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS | J W MURPHY STAKES

<b>A</b>	<b>6 TURF STAR</b>	<b>WON @ 4-1</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>5 PROTON 4th</b>	<b>EXACTA 23-1</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>1 MY FAVORITE BIRD 2nd, 4 ATTFIELD 3rd</b>	<b>TRIFECTA 83-1 SUPERFECTA 137-1</b>

**Turf Star 2nd / Bourbon Stakes:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IJoyGbOO6KY>

**Turf Star 6th / Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xqURU0fmIjc&t=1s>

**Proton 2nd / Columbia Stakes:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VVYSXwiahBo>

**Proton 2nd TBA Stakes:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O0qHZNGT0QI>

**Proton / Laurel Futurity:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xu4v5ynHTI0>

**Attfield / Central Park Stakes:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OV48BYXxAVc>

**My Favorite Bird 2nd / English Channel Stakes:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dd0P-lb0a6c>

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## GLOBEFORM RANKING

### JIM MCKAY TURF SPRINT (LR) 5.5 fur Turf, Laurel Park, May 16

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Rank	No.	Name of horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs	Trainer / Jockey
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(0) 5	7	<b>ISIVUNGVUNGU</b> <i>GF 108 in Feb '25</i> <i>GF 113 in Nov 2024</i>	(113) 108	97 - 96 - 0	Motion / Velazquez
(3) 6	2	<b>DETERMINED KINGDOM</b> <i>GF 107 in Aug '25</i> <i>GF 110 in Oct 2024</i>	(110) 107	87 - 103 - 105	Trombetta / J L Ortiz
3 / 6	10	<b>FORE HARP</b> <i>GF 110 in Apr '25</i>	110 / 107	107 - 87 - ?	Reid Jr / Lopez
4	3	<b>JEAN VALJEAN</b> <i>GF 109 in Aug 2024</i>	109	107+ 98 - 109	Merryman / Prat
5	4	<b>CHASING LIBERTY</b>	108	108 - 100 - 102	Atras / I Ortiz Jr
(5) 9	8	<b>OUTLAW KID</b> <i>GF 108 in Aug '25</i>	(112) 108	107 - 99 - 106	Weaver / Ruiz
6 / 11+	11	<b>HAD TO HAVE HIM</b> <i>GF 107 also in Aug '25</i>	107 / 102+	102+ 107 - 107	Salzman / Toledo
7	1	<b>RUN CURTIS RUN</b> <i>GF 105 in Aug &amp; Sep '25</i> <i>GF 106 also in June '25</i>	106	106 - 0 - 103	Maker / Gaffalione
10 / 14+	5	<b>INCINERATOR</b> <i>GF 103 in Sep '25</i>	103 / 99+	99+ 83 - 86	Magana / Villalobos
15	6	<b>TIDEWATER</b>	98	84 - 98 - 94	Aguirre / Barbosa
?	9	<b>CARD TRICK</b>	?	?	Allard / Boyce

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### Most recent winners of the Jim McKay (Pimlico)

2025	WITTY	GF 116	Elizabeth Merryman	Flavien Prat
2024	GROOMS ALL BUSINESS	GF 113+	Jorge Duarte Jr	Jorge Ruiz
2023	BEER CAN MAN	GF 115	Phil D'Amato	Flavien Prat
2022	CAROTARI	GF 111+	Brian Lynch	Luis Saez
2021	FIRECROW	GF 113	Ron Moquett	Joel Rosario
2020	HOLLIS	GF ?	John Ortiz	Gabriel Saez

Run over 5 furlongs at Pimlico  
Average winning Globeform: 113.6

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## GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

**ISIVUNGVUNGU**, as big as **10-1 on the morning line**, is well worth a bet in this wide open sprint - but he can't be the selection, simply because his best form dates back to 2024 and three of his four runs last year were all way below that level. Most likely, Graham Motion is using this event to get the G1 winning South African import started again and he may therefore not be super fit - but don't overlook him; Isivunguvungu ran a very good race when beaten just 2 lengths behind Starlust in the 5-furlong Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint at Del Mar in November '24, improving to **Globeform 113** in the big race; and it won't take that sort of form to win this contest. Isivunguvungu was only seventh at the Breeders' Cup but getting so close was a good achievement, not least given that he had a troubled trip. He had won the Da Hoss Stakes at Colonial Downs on his previous start, and he was a respectable third in the Turf Dash at Tampa Bay in February last year. After that he was sent to Dubai, where he ran as if something was amiss, then had two dull runs back home in the summer. It's pure guesswork what we might see from him in the McKay Sprint but this son of What a Winter has the best back class, and he has run well after breaks in the past. He has to be considered.

**OUTLAW KID** won the Leatherbury Stakes over this course and distance in April. Finishing the race well by coming from just off the pace, he beat the late charging **CHASING LIBERTY** by a neck, with Wheingettoheaven third, **FORE HARP** fourth, **HAD TO HAVE HIM** sixth, **JEAN VALJEAN** seventh, **DETERMINED KINGDOM** tenth and **INCINERATOR** eleventh. At first glance, this result might suggest that it's as easy as going for Outlaw Kid to come out best again in the Jim McKay Sprint; but it's probably not quite that simple. Chasing Liberty must have a chance of turning the tables; he came from a couple of lengths further back and - more importantly - he was spotting the winner 2lbs. This time, he will be receiving 4lbs from Outlaw Kid. A six-pound weight swing equals about two lengths in sprint races.

Another factor worth noting is that the top two in the Leatherbury had different trips. They both broke well enough to take up a position in midfield but, while Outlaw Kid found a ground saving trip on the inside and was presented with a perfect gap by the rail at the finish, Chasing Liberty was forced wide. He too had great momentum and delivered a late kick that would have deserved a win. He might well beat Outlaw Kid this time - though it needs mentioning that the latter appeared to have extra energy passing the winning post.

**JEAN VALJEAN** was having his first run since November 2024 when finishing seventh, 2 1/2 lengths behind **OUTLAW KID** in the 5.5-furlong Leatherbury Stakes, and he ran much like horse in need of the outing; tiring after having been part of the early pace. He took a big step forward to win an allowance heat over the same trip three weeks later, and this lightly raced 7yo makes a lot of appeal. He is also better off at the weights compared to Outlaw Kid - but not against Chasing Liberty. Jean Valjean was capable of **Globeform 109** two years ago, and he returned GF 107+ with his solid 2 1/2-length win over **INCINERATOR** last time out. The son of Uncle Liam was once more part of the speed and he hit the line strongly, looking very determined indeed. This field does not have 'tons of speed' and Jean Valjean, who is nicely drawn in stall three, should get a good trip. He has Determined Kingdom directly to his inside; that runner may not have the same gate speed as in his younger days - and the rail drawn **RUN CURTIS RUN** is an off-the-pace runner with no gate speed to speak of. So what about the horses nearest on Jean Valjean's outside? They are **CHASING LIBERTY** (not fast early) and **INCINERATOR** (not fast early). This really does augur well for a smooth early phase for Jean Valjean, who gets Flavien Prat on board. Without arguing that 4-1 is great value in an open looking affair like this, it is a price worth taking about Jean Valjean. His career best is a close third behind Alogon and Works for Me in the Turf Sprint Championship over 6 furlongs at Aqueduct. That he gets further than this 5.5-furlong distance is a plus.

**FORE HARP**, who is 4lbs better off here, was beaten 1 1/2 lengths when fourth to **OUTLAW KID** in the Leatherbury Sprint, and this is also a horse to respect. It was his first start this year, he ran to GF 107 and his career best, **Globeform 110** earned when he won the 2024 edition of the Leatherbury, makes him a serious candidate. He won that race by 1 3/4 lengths from Witty, who captured the McKay Sprint on his next outing. Fore Harp was a silly price when 115-1 last time; he has a better chance than what **15-1 morning line** indicates and he could well go off at even bigger odds. Keep an eye on the board.

**HAD TO HAVE HIM** is not quite as good as Fore Harp, but he has a similar profile in that he was also exiting a long layoff. A game and consistent sort, he ran to **Globeform 107** three times on the trot before ending his campaign in October last year. >>>

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**CONCLUSION:** This is a wide open race and it's tempting to use two A-horses, in which case Chasing Liberty would be the one moving one step up in the selection box. The good impression given in Jean Valjean's recent win, his advantageous post position, and the fact that he has Prat as his pilot, makes him the narrow selection. **\*Trifecta players should be prepared to see a 1-2-3 result where a proper longshot is involved;** this is that kind of a race; so do fill up well underneath. The way to do that in an affordable way is to rely on the Leatherbury form and **play the Tri based on Outlaw Kid or Chasing Liberty finishing in the first three.** Using that brave strategy we can afford to include quite a few of the others - and the logical bonus ticket is boxing the top three in the selections box. In case we've got the race spot on. It happens.

## GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

<b>A</b>	<b>3 JEAN VALJEAN</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>4 CHASING LIBERTY Won @ 3.6-1, 8 OUTLAW KID 2nd Exacta 36-1</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>7-ISIVUNGUUVUNGU, 10 FORE HARP, 11 HAD TO HAVE HIM</b>

**RESULT: 1. CHASING LIBERTY 3.6-1 2. OUTLAW KID 8.8-1 3. CARD TRICK 23-1 \***  
**Trifecta 748-1**

**Jean Valjean / Laurel Allowance (R7):** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nFyMV2vs7Wc>  
2nd Incinerator

**Outlaw Kid / Leatherbury Sprint (R8):** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=skc\\_2lzK7RI&t=1608s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=skc_2lzK7RI&t=1608s)  
2nd Chasing Liberty, 4th Fore Harp, 6th Had to Have Him,  
7th Jean Valjean, 10th Determined Kingdom, 11th Incinerator

**Isivunguvungu 7th / Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint '24:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ch00\\_XcWai8&t=71s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ch00_XcWai8&t=71s)

**Isivunguvungu / Da Hoss Stakes '24:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Qt9jMAKZLE>



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