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GLOBEFORM RANKING

THE SUBURBAN STAKES (G2) 10 fur dirt, Saturday July 4

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 / 8	8	HIT SHOW <i>GF 119 in Nov '25</i>	119 / 111	107+ 109 - 111	B Cox / M Franco
1	7	ANTIQUARIAN	118	116 - 118 - 0	Pletcher / Velazquez
4	6	PHILEAS FOGG	115	?+ 0 - 103	G Rodriguez / Carmouche
7?	2	FORGED STEEL	112?	112? - 100 - 97	Jospeh Jr / Prat
7	9	STARS AND STRIPES	110	110 - ?p - 100	W Mott / Alvarado
9	10	ORIGINAL SIN	108	108 - 105 - 0	Walsh / Gaffalione
10	5	TIZTASTIC <i>GF 109 in Mar '25</i>	109	108+ 87 - 0	Asmussen / J L Ortiz
?	11	OBSTACLE	?	?	Lobo / Rosario
13	4	PARCHMENT PARTY	104	99+ 100+ 0 - 104	W Mott / Lezcano
13	1	CLASSICIST	102	102 - 81 - 100	Pletcher / Castellano
15	3	YO DADDY	102	85 - 102 - 100 - 102	L Rice / Santana Jr

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 Suburban

2025	PHILEAS FOGG	GF 115	Gustavo Rodriguez	Kenrick Calmouche
2024	CRUPI	GF 110	Todd Pletcher	Irak Ortiz Jr
2023	CHARGE IT	GF 115	Todd Pletcher	Johnny Velazquez
2022	DYNAMIC ONE	GF 112	Todd Pletcher	Irak Ortiz Jr
2021	MAX PLAYER	GF 115	Steve Asmussen	Irak Ortiz Jr
2020	TACITUS	GF 122	William Mott	Johnny Velazquez

Average winning Globeform: 114.8

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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

ANTIQUARIAN was beaten a head by **PHILEAS FOGG** in this race last year, when G1 winner Locked was third, but Antiquarian turned the tables in the Jockey Club Gold Cup, he has shown improved form in 2026 and he is 2lbs better off at the weights this time. He produced GF 116 in the Suburban, moved up to GF 117 when winning the messy Jockey Club Gold Cup (where Phileas Fogg was disqualified after having caused serious interference from the gate), and he improved to **Globeform 118** when impressing with a comfortable win in the Westchester on his seasonal debut at Aqueduct in May. Antiquarian took that mile event by 5 3/4 lengths from last year's Cigar Mile winner Bishops Bay, who was coming off a respectable fourth to Forever Young in the Saudi Cup and went on to be a close second to East Avenue in the Sexton Mile at Monmouth Park. Antiquarian raced prominently throughout in the Westchester and he drew right off coming down the lane, looking potentially top class as he hammered a decent field. Sticking to a mile, but taking a steep step up in class, he went for the Metropolitan Handicap at Saratoga a month later. Racing with the early speed once more, he ran another game race but Nysos, Knightsbridge and Journalism all proved to good at the business end of the contest. Antiquarian was beaten 6 lengths by Nysos but he was just 2 lengths behind the runner-up. It was another strong performance, and this 5yo son of Preservationist looks the one to beat in the Suburban Stakes.

PHILEAS FOGG returned to winning form when justifying odds-on favoritism with ease against lesser rivals over 9 furlongs at Churchill Downs in early May. Having his first start since a 'too bad to be true' showing in the Stymie Stakes in February, he made all in the allowance race and won comfortably by 5 3/4 lengths from allowance winner Warp Nine. He did not need to be at his best to win that race but his performance was good enough to suggest that he is on his way back to top form. The 6yo son of Astern peaked with **Globeform 115** twice in 2025; when beating **ANTIQUARIAN** by a head in the Suburban and when second 3/4 length behind Locked in the 9-furlong Woodward Stakes, also at Saratoga. Phileas Fogg was fairly consistent last year, when he was also won the Excelsior at Aqueduct, ran second in the Pimlico Special and was third past the post in the Jockey Club Gold Cup. Trying to emulate Devil His Due and Effnex as a back-to-back winner of the Suburban he does have a chance, and his **8-1 morning line looks too big**.

PHILEAS FOGG WON AT 8-1

HIT SHOW was beaten 1 1/2 lengths when third to **ORIGINAL SIN** in the Blame Stakes over 9-furlongs at Churchill Downs in late May; it was his return to action two months after a one paced fifth in the Dubai World Cup at Meydan, where he checked in 7 lengths behind subsequent Stephen Foster winner Magnitude. Hit Show won the Dubai World Cup in 2025, but his autumn form back home was actually better. He produced two high class performances over 9 furlongs in October / November; first by beating Rattle N Roll by a length to win the Fayette Stakes at Keeneland and then by taking second behind Magnitude in the Clark Stakes at Churchill Downs, where he lost by just half a length and returned a career best **Globeform 119**. His win in the '25 Dubai World Cup showed that 10 furlongs is not a problem; he ran well enough (with some trouble) in the Blame Stakes to indicate that he may have retained his ability aged six; and this Brad Cox trainee must be respected.

ORIGINAL SIN improved to **Globeform 108** when racing prominently all the way to win the 9-furlong Blame Stakes at Churchill Downs in May. Keeping on gamely he won by half a length from Who Dey, an eight-time winner who has two minor stakes wins on his CV. **HIT SHOW**, conceding 2lbs and hindered by traffic issues, was third, beaten 1 1/2 lengths. Original Sin, who was a May 13 foal and has been a late developing sort, owns 4 wins from 8 runs and he may improve again; but making an impact on this race will be much harder and stretching out to 10 furlongs also poses a new challenge.

FORGED STEEL is an intriguing contender. No more than a decent allowance horse up to having a crack at Hollywood Gold Cup at Santa Anita in May, he improved significantly to win that 10-furlong event by 9 1/2 lengths. Flavien Prat, who takes the mount again, sent him straight to the lead and Forged Steel looked better the further he went. It was a sub-standard G2, no doubt; but he earned a provisional **Globeform 112** as he left Malarchuk and Mc Vay well behind. Malarchuk was coming off a second to Vodka Vodka in a minor event at Sunland Park, while Mc Vale had won a Santa Anita allowance race on his preceding start. We have seen shippers outclass locals in stakes races at Santa Anita over the past couple of seasons and perhaps this performance looked better than it actually was. It sticks out bigtime on his resume. Note that Gewurztraminer, the horse he beat by a length in allowance company two starts back, has been beaten twice in similar events since. >>>

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STARS AND STRIPES has never been better than last time out, when he came with a determined run from just off the pace to win the 9.5-furlong Ben Ali Stakes at Keeneland. Outstaying his barnmate Batten Down to win the April 18 event by half a length, he ran much like a horse who won't mind an even stiffer test of stamina. He gets that here but he also gets a much stiffer class test. Taking **Globeform 110** to the battle, he must have a good chance of hitting the board.

TIZTASTIC, who won the Louisiana Derby in February 2025 (beating Chunk of Gold by 2 1/2 lengths), came back to that level of form when given a similar off-the-pace ride in allowance company over 9 furlongs at Churchill Downs in May. Finishing strongly, he went willingly by rivals coming down the lane and got up for a convincing 1 1/4-length win from Gould's Gold, with Welaka 7 1/4 lengths further back in third place. That margin probably did flatter the top two though; as Welaka finished last of nine on his next start. Gould's Gold, who made the frame in a pair of G3 events early in the season, ran third in a good allowance race at Churchill Downs on Sunday. Like Stars and Stripes and Original Sin, Tiztastic is exiting a game win, but they all have the profile of potential Trifecta fillers, rather than win contenders.

CONCLUSION: Antiquarian's two outings this season have been strong performances; he stays this trip and he has run well here at Saratoga in the past. Unless the Met Mile effort took a lot out of him and causes a bounce, he will be hard to beat. Phileas Fogg looks a logical B-horse. He does not have the same credentials as Hit Show, and he is rated below that rival, but Phileas Fogg is coming off a smooth, confidence boosting win and he's probably fresh and ready for a another big run at the Spa. **8-1 is too big** and that sort of odds would make him the value bet in this contest. What may favor Hit Show over Phileas Fogg, is that there's quite a bit of pace signed on - and strong early fractions will definitely suit him well. Taking the view that 10 furlongs will be too far for Original Sin, we can drop him and thus end up with Forged Steel, Tiztastic and Stars and Stripes as our other Trifecta fillers.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	7 ANTIQUARIAN
B	6 PHILEAS FOGG, 8 HIT SHOW
C	2 FORGED STEEL, 5 TIZTASTIC, 9 STARS AND STRIPES

Antiquarian / Westchester Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zE5pvrV3zxM>

Antiquarian 4th / Metropolitan Mile: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t_y5w6bW45M

Antiquarian / Jockey Club Gold Cup '25: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NnBx8AJJz2A&t=3s>
DQ (3rd) Phileas Fogg

Hit Show 2nd / Clark Stakes '25: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HDobR-CPmWA>

Hit Show / Fayette Stakes '25: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MHLptmgtOt8>

Phileas Fogg / Suburban Stakes '25: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xDWyEVV3p9s&t=7s>
2nd Antiquarian

Phileas Fogg 2nd / Woodward Stakes '25: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eAxZxs3Xu1A&t=3s>

Stars and Stripes / Ben Ali Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zpi6QGxRkK8>

Original Sin / Blame Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tNrf-prTH2M>
3rd Hit Show

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TOO BIG, TOO SHORT ON THE MORNING LINES

SARATOGA SATURDAY July 4

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R7 | BELMONT OAKS | KENSINGTON LANE | 10-1 | TOO BIG | WON AT 23-1

This filly was 2 1/4 lengths behind Abashiri in Ireland; she is 2nd top rated and should not be 10-1 for this race. Kensington Lane has been aimed at a US campaign ever since before she won a G3 in good style in early May. The impression was that she wasn't 100% when fifth in the Irish 1,000 Guineas at the Curragh three weeks later. 10-1 is too big and there's every chance that she will be totally overlooked and go off at even bigger odds. **Top price with bookmakers is 22-1.** Take it if you can. Tremendous Each-Way value.

R8 | SUBURBAN STAKES | PHILEAS FOGG | 8-1 | TOO BIG | WON AT 8-1 | 14-1 BOOKMAKERS

Antiquarian was the best horse when Phileas Fogg just managed to hold him off in this race last year. Antiquarian is even better this year and looks tough; but Phileas Fogg is exiting an easy win and he loves Saratoga. 8-1 seems too big about the 2025 winner of the Suburban. Even in a race where he may face competitive speed.

R9 | SUBURBAN STAKES | HIT SHOW | 5-1 | TOO BIG | 2nd at 6-1 | EXACTA PAID 88-1

Talking of speed; if a speed duel develops on the front end then Hit Show will come right into it at the finish. His third when he made his comeback was much better than it looks on paper; he met serious traffic that day. Sitting at the top of the ranking (based on his best 2025 form) this horse should not be 5-1.

BELMONT DERBY | PACIFIC AVENUE | 6-1 | TOO BIG

His run in the Irish 2,000 Guineas, when he was third to a pair of established G1 colts, may have been a fluke. But 6-1 is still too big about this contender. Based on that run, his most recent, he is the top rated horse here.

BELMONT DERBY | TITLE ROLE | 5-1 | TOO BIG | WON AT 7-1 | PICK 3 PAID 1182-1

Title Role beat Pacific Avenue in Dubai, ran fifth in a good G3 in England, then won the German 2,000 Guineas. He is third ranked behind Pacific Avenue and Remember Mamba. His obvious plus points: Experienced & reliable. Europeans are always - just about - strong win contenders when they ship in for 3yo turf stakes; 5-1 is too big about this contender.

KENSINGTON LANE & PHILEAS FOGG DOUBLE: 292-1

PHILEAS FOGG & TITLE ROLE DOUBLE: 100-1 | PICK 3 PAID 1182-1