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## GLOBEFORM RANKING
## SARATOGA DERBY (G1) 9.5 fur Turf Saturday August 8, 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 |
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| | | | | From right to left (most recent first) | |
| 0 | 6 | GLACIUS WON @ 9.6-1 | 110 | 110 - 106p - 102p | Palmer / L Saez |
| ~~0?~~ | ~~5~~ | ~~PACIFIC AVENUE~~ | ~~110?~~ | ~~105 - 110? - 98~~ | ~~C Appleby~~ SCRATCHED |
| 2p | 10 | WEST END KID 2nd | 108p | 108p - 102p - 100p | Walden / Prat |
| 2p | 3 | REMEMBER MAMBA 3rd | 108p | 107 - 108p - 104p | DeVaux / J L Ortiz |
| 2 | 4 | TITLE ROLE 4th | 108 | 108 - 107 - 102 | Crisford / Velazquez |
| ~~5p~~ | ~~9~~ | ~~BOTTAS~~<br>~~*Also ent. Hall of Fame S, Fri.*~~ | ~~105p~~ | ~~105p - 102 - 94~~ | ~~Clement~~ / SCRATCHED |
| 10p | 7 | THE BIG CON | 100p | 100p - ?p | Clement / Gaffalione |
| 10 | 8 | McCREADY | 100 | 100 - 96 - 90p | Robertson / Santana Jr |
| 10 | 2 | HEEERE'S JOHNNY | 100 | 100 - ? - 93 - 97 | Handal / D Davis |
| 12p | 1 | GLAVINE<br>*Also ent. Hall of Fame S, Fri.* | 98p | 98 - 98p - 98p | Morley / Carmouche |

**9-1 WINNER | 35-1 EXACTA | 117-1 TRIFECTA | 320-1 SUPERFECTA**

***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 Saratoga Derby

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| 2025 | WORLD BEATER | GF 111p | Riley Mott | Junior Alvarado |
| 2024 | CARSON'S RUN | GF 107p | Christophe Clement | Dylan Davis |
| 2023 | PROGRAM TRADING | GF 111 | Chad Brown | Flavien Prat |
| 2022 | NATIONS PRIDE | GF 116 | Charlie Appleby | William Buick |
| 2021 | STATE OF REST | GF 112p | Joseph O'Brien | John Velazquez |
| 2020 | DOMESTIC SPENDING | GF 110 | Chad Brown | Irad Ortiz Jr |

Average winning Globeform: 111.1

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# GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

**GLACIUS**, who was just 4 lengths behind this year's top Euro 3yo Bow Echo on his second start as a juvenile; when he went on to be third in the Autumn Stakes at Newmarket; has been showing continued progression in two starts this term. He comes here with strong claims. The Hugo Palmer trainee was beaten 1 1/4 lengths behind Hankelow at Newmarket, and Hankelow has this year been third in the Poule d'Essai des Pouliches (French 2,000 Guineas). Glacius resurfaced in the 10-furlong Hampton Court Stakes at Royal Ascot (*some* place to make a seasonal debut), where he stayed on from off the pace to check kin third, one length behind Generic, who had run second to French Derby and Eclipse Stakes winner Constitution River in a Derby prep at Chester in the spring. Glacius improved to GF 106p with this run and he moved up to **Globeform 110** when filling the same place behind Sallaal and Persica in the Gala Stakes over 10 furlongs at Sandown Park in early July. Once more coming from the back, he did his best work inside the final furlong and lost by 2 lengths while taking on older horses for the first time. Sallaal was exiting an impressive handicap win at Epsom, and Persica went on to win a good Listed race at Newbury on his next start. Furthermore, Boiling Point, who was one place behind Glacius at Sandown, was narrowly beaten as runner-up in a very strong allowance race at Goodwood last week.

The one concern for this contender is the distance, as he would be more at home over 10 furlongs (quite possibly further) around a US course, but he did show tactical speed in the Autumn Stakes last year and he raced a bit freely when making his seasonal debut at Royal Ascot. Glacius isn't slow and it's good that his connections have booked Luis Saez for this race; he knows this course well. There are some pace factors signed on and, given good fractions, this son of Too Darn Hot has a winning chance. He met better horses than these when recording his career best rating last time out. The winner of that race, Sallaal, won the Rose Of Lancaster Stakes at Haydock Park in England today.

Glacius's sire was a top class miler and his dam, Predwan, is a sister to Epsom Oaks Stakes winner Quality. Predawn has also produced Rose Branch (who won a handicap over 8.5 furlongs for Hugo Palmer as a 3yo) and the Chad Brown trained filly Al Jafara (8.5-furlong allowance winner at Keeneland last year and third in the Plenty of Grace Stakes over a mile at Aqueduct this season).

**PACIFIC AVENUE** is co top ranked based on his run in the Irish 2,000 Guineas but his **Globeform 110** there comes with a "?" attached; indicating that it may be unreliable form. He suffered from a slow start when seventh, albeit beaten just 1 1/2 lengths, behind Title Role in the Belmont Derby, where he returned GF 105. His Irish 2,000 Guineas performance sticks out on his CV. Perhaps he is solidly capable of **Globeform 110**, the figure he returned in that race, but none of his eight previous performances back that up. Going off at 40-1 in the one-mile classic at the Curragh in May, he missed the break, ended up racing too freely while stuck wide without cover, yet managed to get third behind the high class duo Gstaad and Distant Storm. They had run second and third to the brilliant miler Bow Echo in the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket three weeks earlier, and Gstaad (who won the B Cup Juvenile Turf last year) has since been second to Bow Echo both in the St. James's Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot and the Sussex Stakes at Goodwood. Pacific Avenue was 4 lengths behind Gstaad in Ireland, where his barnmate Distant Storm beat him by a length for second place. After the race trainer Charlie Appleby mentioned the Belmont Derby as a possible target for Distant Storm (a G1 winner in 2025) but it was Pacific Avenue shipped over for the race and he returns this week, when he will be racing in blinkers for the first time. After coming up short against the best in England as a juvenile, this son of Dubawi won a minor stakes in Qatar in December, and he was second, beaten a length by **TITLE ROLE**, in the Jumeirah 2,000 Guineas at Meydan in Dubai in February. So where did the improvement at the Curragh come from? The collective form of horses around him that day is solid enough and Pacific Avenue deserves to be respected. His slow start in the Belmont Derby was not a complete surprise; he did the same at the Curragh and he broke tardily also when Title Role beat him in Dubai.

**TITLE ROLE** improved slightly on his best European form when beating **WEST END KID** by a nose in the 9-furlong Belmont Derby at saratoga on July 4, when **REMEMBER MABMA** was beaten just a neck in third place, **BOTTAS** ran fifth and **PACIFIC AVENUE** ended up in seventh place. The first seven home finished within 1 1/2 lengths. It was an exciting race but it was not top class. Racing a bit freely, Title Role was in the first two all the way, and he completed the distance in a very game manner. Winning by a nose is lucky of course, and deciding which one to prefer as they meet again is not easy. The added distance is probably the factor we should pay most attention to. All of Title Role's previous runs were at up to a mile and stretching out to 9.5 furlongs might suit those he just got the better of over nine a bit better. >>>

>>> He won the German 2,000 Guineas over a mile at Cologne in May. A warm favorite, the son of Too Darn Hot came from just off the pace to outstay his rivals for a game 1 1/4-length win over Shayem. This runner-up has won both of his starts since, taking a Listed event at Newmarket and a G3 at Goodwood, where he beat Talk Of New York (who was third behind Bow Echo and Gstaad in the St. James's Palace at Royal Ascot in June). Shayem is now being pointed at stakes at either Kentucky Downs or Colonial Downs.

**WEST END KID** may be the one we should take out of the Belmont Derby, as he was strong inside the last half-furlong and arguably an unlucky loser. Beaten by **TITLE ROLE** in a tight photo finish, the son of Twirling Candy improved to **Globeform 108p** in the process. **REMEMBER MAMBA** was a neck behind him in third place. West End Kid's previous runs made it unclear whether he would be happy stretching out to 9 furlongs though he was ridden prominently and he stayed the distance really well. His connections could not have had any stamina doubts but they now make an interesting change; removing the blinkers. He also gets a rider change, from Tyler Gaffalione (who has had the mount for his last four runs) to Flavien Prat. Gaffalione will be on longshot The Big Con. A month prior to the Belmont Derby, West End Kid beat Blackmail by 1 1/4 lengths to take the Pennine Ridge Stakes at Saratoga. Racing prominently in the 8.5-furlong contest, he was in full control coming down the lane and ran to GF 102p. Blackmail, who was exiting a win in the Woodhaven Stakes at Aqueduct, checked in eighth in the Belmont Derby. Last year's Pilgrim Stakes winner **BOTTAS** was third beaten 1 3/4 lengths in the Pennine Ridge (spotting West End Kid 4lbs) but found himself three places behind him in the Belmont Derby. West End Kid is on an upward curve, his wide post is not what anyone would have chosen but he makes a lot of appeal nevertheless. His dam, To a Friend, who was 0-for-6, is out of Vanishing, a three time allowance winner effective over a mile on turf and synthetics. Vanishing is best know as the dam of Starting Over, a G2 winning turf performer who stayed 12 furlongs.

**REMEMBER MAMBA** was fancied for the Belmont Derby in this office; and he went off as the 3-2 favorite. Unbelievably short odds, given the open looking nature of the 9-furlong contest. He came with a good challenge from just off the pace and went down by a neck only, narrowly beaten to **TITLE ROLE** and **WEST END KID**. The son of Kitten's Joy had been immature in earlier races but he ran dead straight in the Belmont Derby. Still the impression was that he is a horse capable of improving again. Having run to **Globeform 108p** when second in the American Turf at Churchill Downs, he returned GF 107 behind Title Role. Jose Ortiz explained before the event that he intended chance his tactics and he did; placing his mount closer to the action. Did it work out as he had hoped? Did the colt relish the step up in distance? Hard to say - and it will be interesting to see how he's ridden here. If he stays the trip he has a good chance.

Erratic at the finish, Remember Mamba ran second in the 8.5-furlong American Turf Stakes at Churchill Downs in early May, beaten 2 1/4 lengths by Stark Contrast, who looks the best 3yo turf runner in the US right now. Stark Contrast was second to Gstaad in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf last year. Remember Mamba came from off the pace at Churchill Downs and the way he finished suggested that further would suit. He beat Honey Dutch by 1 1/2 lengths for second, with Alypland (who has impressed with two stakes wins since) further behind in fourth place. A May foal, Remember Mamba looked potentially top class as he came from well off the pace to win the 8.5-furlong Transylvania Stakes at Keeneland in April. Defying inexperience, he swept by horses coming down the lane and won quite snugly, beating Honey Dutch by half a length, with Vasy and Street Beast close up in third and fourth.

**CONCLUSION:** Glacius ran such a good race over 10 furlongs at the stiff Sandown Park course; and the worry is whether this might be a bit too short for him. Still, in finishing a game third closely surrounded by a trio of accomplished older horses, he produced form that makes him the clear selection here. Remember Mamba and West End Kid both galloped out in front of the trip favored winner Title Role shortly after passing the winning post in the Belmont Derby, and they get another sixteenth to work with here. That could make a big difference. Pacific Avenue gets blinkers, in hope of a better start, and he must also be considered. This preview goes out prior to morning lines and it will be interesting to see what ML odds Glacius gets.

## GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

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|---|---|---|
| **A** | **6 GLACIUS WON 9.6-1** | **36-1 Exacta** |
| **B** | 10 WEST END KID **2nd** 3 REMEMBER MAMBA **3rd** | **117-1 Trifecta** |
| **C** | 4 TITLE ROLE **4th** | **320-1 Superfecta** |

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**Glacius 3rd / Gala Stakes**: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ub7a63hSKlw

**Glacius 3rd / Hampton Court Stakes**: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ok5vvtosqVs

**Title Role / Belmont Derby**: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lA2edmURmfY&t=2s
2nd West End Kid 3rd Remember Mamba 5th Bottas 7th Pacific Avenue

**Title Role / German 2,000 Guineas**: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MH216i2gBrg

**Remember Mamba 2nd / American Turf Stakes:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B66f5oIriZU&t=3s

**Remember Mamba / Transylvania Stakes:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bv4fel9batA

**Pacific Avenue 3rd / Irish 2,000 Guineas:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f3gjnM8g3-w

**West End Kid / Pennine Ridge Stakes**: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KTKG2szedUI
2nd Blackmail 3rd Bottas

**Bottas / Pilgrim Stakes**: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rbAjvt5uW1Q

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