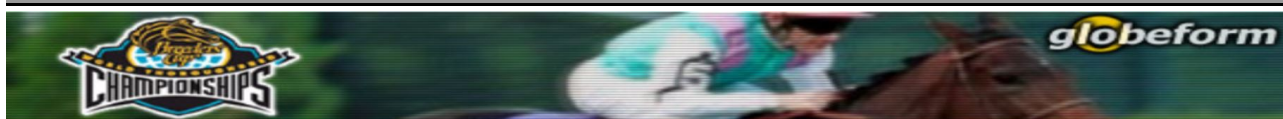


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Globeform value bet: Bring Theband Home 12-1 / Turf Sprint

BRING THEBAND HOME, trained by Mark Casse, is the best turf sprinter in North America at the minute and 12-1 is completely wrong about this horse for the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint. Having been a late developing sort, he does not have a high profile name but his recent form has been very impressive, and it's been no fluke; Bring Theband Home surprised quite a few when powering home by over four lengths in the Harvey Park Stakes at Saratoga in July, and he confirmed the form with a similar performance in Troy Stakes the following month. Both of these races were over 5.5 furlongs but this 5yo son of Into Mischief has blistering speed and 5 furlongs at Del Mar should suit him just as well. It might even be his optimum trip.

He won the Harvey Pack by outclassing Works for Me, who took second from Outlaw Kid, a course record holder at Aqueduct. Mischievous Angel followed next, ahead of Witty. To deal with the latter first; Witty was coming off a strong win in the Jim McKay Turf Sprint at Pimlico in May, and he went on to win the Van Clief Stakes impressively at Colonial Downs in August. Works for Me, who ran second in the Harvey Pack, was exiting a good allowance win at Saratoga, while Mischievous Angel is also a useful yardstick.

The Troy Stakes form also stands up to inspection. Bring Theband Home took this event readily by 1 1/2 lengths from Twenty Six Black, who he was spotting 2lbs. Determined Kingdom checked in third, Alogon ran third and Senbei came home in fourth place. Twenty Six Black won the Disco Partner Stakes next time out, beating Bold Journey and Outlaw Kid, the horse who ran third to Bring Theband Home in the Harvey Pack. Determined Kingdom is a solid turf sprinter with stakes wins in the book, as is Senbei, winner of the Ashley Cole Stakes at Aqueduct on his preceding start (when Bold Journey ran second and the luckless Twenty Six Black had to settle for fourth).

Bring Theband Home improved to Globeform 118 in the Harvey Pack and he returned GF 117 in the Troy Stakes. This puts him ahead of all other males in this division based on performances this season, though the mare Ag Bullet, who was third at the Breeders' Cup last year, is good enough to beat him given the 3lbs sex allowance. Still, it is worth noting that she was not at her absolute best when winning at Kentucky Downs on Saturday and that Bring Theband Home could well improve. The European sprinters are not a strong group this year, so there's not *that* much to fear from that part of the world. 12-1 really does look a good price about Bring Theband Home, who is expected to get his final prep for the Breeders' Cup in the Nearctic Stakes at Woodbine on October 4.

Bring Theband Home / Troy Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rRuJbfzXyYg>

Bring Theband Home / Harvey Pack Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ya9igNA4vTI>