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GLOBEFORM RANKING

THE MALIBU STAKES (G1), 7 fur dirt, Santa Anita Dec 28

Horses ranked in pounds (0.45kg). 1 length = 2.5 pounds over this distance

Rank	No.	Name of horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs	Trainer / Jockey
From right to left (most recent first)					
0p	9	BARNES	122p	122p - 102 - 115	Baffert / J L Ortiz
5	10	GOAL ORIENTED	115	94 - 112 - 115	Baffert / J Rosario
5	3	MADAKET ROAD	115	106 - 115 - 108	Baffert / I Ortiz Jr
12p	4	SPEEDY WILSON	108p	108p - 99 - ?	D'Amato / Ayuso
12	1	MODUS BESTIA	108	108 - 102p - ?	Baltas / Maldonado
13p	6	BERLIN WALL	107p	107p - 100+ 103p	Knapp / Pereira
16	5	MIDLAND MONEY GF 104 in Aug '25	104	102 - 103 - 101	Beffert / J Hernandez
17p	8	CORNUCOPIAN	103p	93 - 92+ 103p	Baffert / Prat
22	7	SMOOTH CRUISEIN	98	96 - 97 - 98	Headley / Frey
30	2	SPENARD	90	85 - 87 - 90	McFarlane / T Baze

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Most recent winners of the Malibu

2024	RAGING TORRENT	GF 116	Doug O'Neill	Frankie Dettori
2023	SPEED BOAT BEACH	GF 123	Bob Baffert	Flavien Prat
2022	TAIBA	GF 122+	Bob Baffert	Mike Smith
2021	FLIGHTLINE	GF 140p	John Sadler	Flavien Prat
2020	CHARLATAN	GF 122p	Bob Baffert	Mike Smith
2019	OMAHA BEACH	GF 121p	Richard Mandella	Mike Smith

Average winning Globeform: 124 (120.8 without Flightline)

Best Globeform winners in recent weeks

68-1 Call Sign Seven... 34-1 Desvio... 21-1 Balantina... 12-1 Wolfie's Dynaghost

GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

BARNES was impressive when he won the Perryville Stakes over 7 furlongs at Keeneland in October, and if he replicates that form he will win the Malibu. Confidently ridden by Jose Ortiz, he was always near the speed, took charge before exiting the bend and powered away for an easy 8 1/4-length win, making Captain Cook and Owen Almighty look like ordinary run of the mill horses as they filled second and third. They were not at their best of course, but how badly could they have run? Captain Cook was coming off a nose second to top class sprinter Patch Adams in the Jerkens Memorial at Saratoga - and Owen Almighty had won the Tampa Bay Derby and run fifth in the Kentucky Derby in the spring. Barnes crushed them, and he improved to **Globeform 122p** in the process. His previous run, in the Gallant Bob at Parx - was way below that level, but he returned GF 115 when third in the aforementioned Jerkens Memorial, run over 7 furlongs at the Spa in August. This is a bit of a specialist's distance; be it on dirt or turf; and it clearly suits Barnes well.

MADAKET ROAD last raced when below par in fifth place behind Patch Adams in the 7-furlong Jerkens Memorial at Saratoga in August, when he was 3 1/2 lengths behind the third placed **BARNES** at level weights. Barnes has to give him 2lbs in the Malibu, but that may not be enough to help Madaket Road to revenge. He has one strong piece of form that stands out on his CV and it was achieved over a muddy track in the Woody Stephens, also covering seven panels at Saratoga. Beaten 2 1/4 lengths by Patch Adams in that event, Madaket Road returned **Globeform 115**. There will be rain at Santa Anita between the time of writing and the Malibu; if wet conditions stretch all the way to race day then Madaket Road's chances increase. He is a Trifecta contender also on a fast track.

GOAL ORIENTED cuts back to sprinting after having raced against some of the best three-year-olds over further. He is also trying to bounce back from a dull showing in the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile, so there are questions to be answered - but he still appeals as the most sensible second choice. As a late foal, this son of Not This Time made a winning debut over 6 furlongs in early April, followed by a gate to wire allowance win over 8.5 furlongs in May, the a crack at the Preakness Stakes. He was part of the scrimmaging at the top of the lane at Pimlico, hardly ideal for a colt with so little experience, and finished fourth, 6 3/4 lengths behind Journalism. A two-month break led him to the Haskell Stakes over 9 furlongs at Monmouth Park in July. We saw a much improved Goal Oriented there; he raced in the first three throughout and battled on for third, beaten only half a length and a neck behind Journalism and Gosger (the first two home also in the Preakness). The Baffert trainee improved to **Globeform 115** with this run and he wasn't too far off the same level when third also in the Pennsylvania Derby over the same distance in September. Goal Oriented is not a sprinter - not yet anyway - but he has good tactical speed and, like Barnes, he is well drawn on the outside. He is in with a chance.

MODUS BESTIA is coming off three good, all very speedy, performances. Progressing well since a summer break, he broke his maiden over 6.5 furlongs at Del Mar in September and he followed up in a good allowance race over 6 furlongs over the same course in November. He beat previous G3 winner Comedy Town by 1 1/4 lengths, with Lawless World a length further back in third, and improved to **Globeform 108**. Modus Bestia made all in his maiden win and he was part of the speed also in the allowance race. He looks more like a pure sprinter than one that will enjoy 7 furlongs and his inside draw is not ideal.

SPEEDY WILSON's recent (and best) form ties in with Modus Bestia's, as he also had Comedy Town in second when winning last time out, but this colt is different; he came from well off the pace over 7 furlongs at Del Mar four weeks ago, and delivered a strong finish to score by 1 1/2 lengths. Lawless World, who was third in Modus Bestia's race, checked in fourth. A winner of two 7-furlong stakes events against fellow Cal bred, Speedy Wilson performed to **Globeform 108p** last time out. Another step up and this Phil D'Amato trainee is a Trifecta candidate.

BERLIN WALL, as big as **20-1 on the morning line**, is another who could prove good enough to get into the top three. With just four runs under his belt he improved markedly last time out, winning a 6.5-furlong allowance race comfortably by 7 3/4 lengths at Santa Anita in November. Like on his previous start (an unlucky second in similar company) he was still showing signs of greenness but when the penny dropped he picked up in fine style to draw off for an impressive win. In slamming the useful yardstick Kerry Gold and Strongerthanbefore (who runs on Monday), he ran to **Globeform 107p**, a mark that makes him interesting. He won't get away with being immature again in this field but on the hand; he is open to further improvement and should be included in Trifecta plans. >>>

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**Malibu Stakes, La Brea, Mathis Mile, American Oaks, Laffit Pincay Jr. S.,
San Gabriel S., Robert Frankel S., Hernandez S., Blue Norther plus one**

CORNUCOPIAN, pegged in as the second favorite on the morning line, has been more about hype and expectations than performances so far; actually he has been *all* about hype. It will be interesting to see what odds he does starts at. He was impressive when winning by almost six lengths on his debut over 6 furlongs at Oaklawn Park back in February, but flopped as the odds-on favorite in the Arkansas Derby in March, and again when even shorter in the betting for a mile allowance race at Aqueduct in April. We have not seen him in action since. Zero Sugar, who was his runner-up at Oaklawn, won next time out but he has had just one run after that; taking second to Brotha Kenny in the Zia Park Derby. Cornucopian, a \$1.1 million son of Into Mischief, may be the real deal but nothing he has done on race days suggests that he is. Still, playing a Trifecta without him in the mix would probably be unwise. His debut *was* strong.

MIDLAND MONEY, the fifth Baffert runner, is set to be ridden by Juan Hernandez but this time he appears to be on the least likely of Bob's team. Midland Money's form has leveled of around the 100-mark in three starts since he ran to **Globeform 104** on his 3yo debut over 6 furlongs at Santa Anita in August. Having come up short when well beaten in sixth behind Patch Adams in the Jerkens Memorial, and then beaten twice as the favorite in easier spots, it's hard to agree that this colt should be 7-2 on the morning line. Shorter than Goal Oriented and Madaket Road, who are both 5-1. Note that Bartholdy, who beat Midland Money by 1 1/4 lengths four weeks ago, runs in the Laffit Pincay Jr Stakes (R6).

CONCLUSION: With five horses, half the field, representing Bob Baffert, this is a race where most players will have at least one on the odds board. That may not a bad idea but whatever the betting says; Barnes is the horse to beat in this year's Malibu. He has plenty going for him and makes sense as a clear selection. His barnmate Goal Oriented, who combines tactical speed with stamina, gets a narrow vote as the B-horse, though that role could easily go to others. One thing to bear in mind when considering Trifecta / Superfecta plans, is how well the ratings of the lesser known Berlin Wall, Speedy Wilson and Modus Bestia stack up against Baffert's 'supporting trio'. A Baffert exacta seems very likely but it might just stop there.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	9 BARNES
B	10 GOAL ORIENTED
C	3 MADAKET ROAD, 4 SPEEDY WILSON, 6 BERLIN WALL, 8 CORNUCOPIAN

Barnes / Perryville Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ipcF9-Vtuck>

Goal Oriented 3rd / Haskell Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=prqcNOwU7C4&t=131s>

Goal Oriented 3rd / Pennsylvania Derby: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LogHkwTd388>

Madaket Road 2nd / Woody Stephens Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rYOn3w8XFt4>

Speedy Wilson / Del Mar Allowance: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o35wqAUZqEY>

Berlin Wall / Del Mar Allowance: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=556dXhUspZc>

Modus Bestia / Del Mar Allowance: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oLKW25DOsDE>

Modus Bestia / Del Mar Maiden: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CD6UlzdyHEk&t=41s>

Cornucopian / Oaklawn Park maiden: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8A81cAtQzRw>

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GLOBEFORM RANKING

LAFFIT PINCAY JR. STAKES (G2) 8.5 fur dirt, Santa Anita Dec 28 (ex-San Antonio S.)

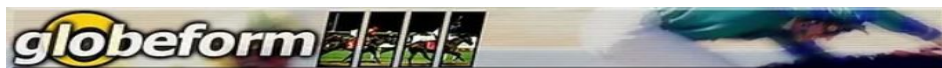
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0	1	NYSOS	122	122 - 121p - 121p	Baffert / Prat
4	3	NEVADA BEACH	116	110 - 104 - 116	Baffert / J Hernandez
9p	2	VODKA VODKA	109p	109p - ?p - ?	Aggie / Desormeaux
10	7	BARTHOLDY	108	108 - 103 - 99	Eurton / Baze
10	6	INDISPENSABLE	108	95 - 108 - 97	Sadler / Rosario
12	5	BRITISH ISLES	106	106 - 105 - 90	Baltas / Herrera
15	4	CORNISHMAN	105	? - 92 - 105	McFarlane / Gonzalez

Most recent winners of the Pincay Jr / San Antonio

2024	J B STRIKES BACK	GF 110p	Doug O'Neill	Antonio Fresu
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: 115.3



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HARLAN'S HOLIDAY STAKES (G3) 8.5 fur dirt, 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	2	SKIPPYLONGSTOCKING GF 117 March '25 1st GF 117 Apr & Aug '24 GF 117 in Aug '23 GF 117 in Harlan's Holiday '22	117	0 - 98- 116	Joseph Jr / Gaffalione
3	5	POSTER 2nd 10-1 Exacta	106	103 - 97 - 106	Harty / Prat
6	1	HOLD MY BOURBON	107	100 - 107 - 93	Joseph Jr / I Ortiz Jr
11	7	CON COMPANIA	101	100 - 96 - 101	Dibona / Vasquez
13	6	RACING DRIVER	96	93 - 0 - 96	Delgado / Zayas
14	3	CATALYTIC	98	0 - 0 - 91 - 98	Sano / Castellano
14	4	CLASSIC OF COURSE	95	90 - 94 - 92 - 95	Biancone / Alvarado

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Most recent winners of the Harlan's Holiday

2024	ROCKET CAN	GF 115	William Mott	Junior Alvarado
2023	O'CONNOR	GF 115	Saffie Joseph Jr	Tyler Gaffalione
2022	SKIPPYLONGSTOCKING	GF 117	Saffie Joseph Jr	Irada Ortiz Jr
2021	FEARLESS	GF 118p	Todd Pletcher	Luis Saez
2020	TAX	GF 117	Danny Gargan	Luis Saez

Average winning Globeform: 116.4

GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

SKIPPYLONGSTOCKING returns to action after a 17-week break since the Charles Town Classic in August, when he ran too bad to be true and was eased right down to be distant last. Something must have been amiss with him. The son of Exaggerator was off the work tabs for 11 weeks afterwards and he has had six works since November 7. His run prior to the Charles Town Classic was also well below his true form, though at least it was in hot company; he was seventh of nine behind Sierra Leone in the Whitney Stakes at Saratoga. The edition of the Harlan's Holiday represents a huge class drop and Skippylongstocking does not need to be anywhere near his best to win it. He enjoyed an excellent first half of the year. His most recent success came when he stretched successfully out to 10 furlongs to capture the Hollywood Gold Cup at Santa Anita in late May. Ridden positively against over-matched rivals, he kept on finding when coming under pressure and prevailed by three parts of a length from Midnight Mammoth, who won the Cougar Stakes in '24 and was coming off a wide margin allowance win. The two were well clear and ratings showed that Skippylongstocking wasn't far off his previous best. He has run to **Globeform 117** a few times, most recently when winning the Challenger Stakes (for a third time) over 8.5 furlongs at Tampa Bay Downs in March, after having been a good third in the Pegasus World Cup over 9 furlongs at Gulfstream Park in January. He was 6 1/2 lengths behind his top class barnmate White Abarrio that day but lost second by just a neck to Locked, who powered home by a wide margin in the Santa Anita Handicap five weeks later. He landed the Harlan's Holiday three years ago and he can repeat the feat this weekend. **Morning line 3-1 is way too big**, this horse should be more like 7-5.

POSTER won the 9-furlong Remsen Stakes at Aqueduct as a juvenile last year, improving to GF 104 as he took the race by a neck from maiden winners Aviator Gui and Tux. It was not a particularly good renewal of the Remsen, but the son of Munnings moved up to **Globeform 106** when making his 3yo debut in the Sam F Davis Stakes over 8.5 furlongs at Tampa Bay Downs in February. That wasn't enough to win the Derby prep but it got him third place behind the race-fit John Hancock, who beat next out Tampa Bay Derby winner Owen Almighty by half a length. Poster was beaten 2 3/4 lengths. He was spotting the top two 4lbs. A dull fourth in the Jeff Ruby Steaks at Turfway Park in March followed, then a long break up to early November, when he resurfaced with a win against older horses in a turf allowance race over a mile at Churchill Downs. Racing in the first three all the way, he beat Judge Davis by half a length. It was satisfactory comeback with form not too far off his previous best, and he should move forward here.

HOLD MY BOURBON, a barnmate to Skippylongstocking, is coming off two decent efforts and he might hit the board. He was a game off-the-pace fifth in the Parx Sprint over 6.5 furlongs in September, beaten 1 3/4 lengths behind Buccherino and running to **Globeform 107**. A month later he filled the same place behind Generous Tipper in a stakes quality allowance heat over 8.5 furlongs at Churchill Downs. Catching Freedom and Capital Idea, who were second and third in that event, filled the exacta (in reverse order) in a similar race four weeks later.

CONCLUSION: If Skippylongstocking goes off at anywhere near his **3-1 morning line** he is a must bet, and the Trifecta plan can be with Poster getting 2nd or 3rd combined with all. **85-1 Trifecta hit with 10 lines**

Sitting between the Suwannee River and the Fort Lauderdale, this race is also interesting as the middle leg of a **Pick 3** well worth going for. **Skippylongstocking** has to be the single, while the Suwannee River is not so easy. We can use five in that leg; with A-horse Public Defender (**massive at 12-1** on the morning line) the main play supported by B-horses Movin' On Up, **Crevalle d'Oro** and Sirona, plus C-horse Aussie Girl. The Fort Lauderdale is a race where we can use two; **Wolfie's Dynaghost** and Chasing the Crown, whose **8-1 morning line** looks like a mistake (he was a heavy favorite in the River City Stakes). This creates a Pick 3 plan of 10 lines.

Pick 3 | Crevalle d'Oro - Skippylongstocking - Wolfie's Dynaghost paid 121-1

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	2 SKIPPYLONGSTOCKING WON 2.4-1	
B	5 POSTER 2nd	10-1 Exacta hit with just one line
C	1 HOLD MY BOURBON	