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GLOBEFORM RANKING

THE COMMONWEALTH TURF (G3) 8.5 fur Turf, Churchill Downs, Sat. Nov. 22

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	TROUBLESHOOTING	109	107+ 109 - 98	Foley / Gaffalione
0	6	MANSETTI	104	102 - 102 - 104	K Attard / P Moran
0	1	CALIFORNIA BURRITO	104	0 - 86++ 104	Drury / Hernandez Jr
1p	8	CHAPMAN'S PEAK	103p	103p - ?p - ?p	Cox / I Ortiz Jr
2	7	GIOCOSO	107	107 - 107 - 103	Desormeaux / J L Ortiz
2p	10	SIMULATE <i>GF 102p in July '24</i>	102p	96 - 93 - 101+	W Mott / Leparoux
4p	3	MONTADOR	100p	100p - 98p - ?p	Stidham / L Saez
4	9	FLYING MOHAWK	100	0 - 100 - 97p	Beckman / Ramos
5p	11	PLENSA	101p	95 - 101p - 95	Arnold II / Geroux
5	4	ANEGADA	101	101 - 0 - 99	Maker / Machado
9	5	OUTRUNNER	95	95 - 95 - 93	Duarte Jr / Torres

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 Commonwealth Turf

2024	LAGYNOS	GF 105	Steve Asmussen	Flavien Prat
2023	GIGANTE <i>Run on dirt</i>	GF 110	Steve Asmussen	Luan Machado
2022	TRADEMARK <i>Run on dirt</i>	GF ?	Victoria Oliver	Martin Garcia
2019	MR DUMAS	GF 106	John Alexander Ortiz	Joseph Rocco Jr
2018	HOT SPRINGS	GF 108	Steve Asmussen	Ricardo Santana Jr

Average winning Globeform: 107.2

GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

TROUBLESHOOTING, who improved to **Globeform 109** as he came with a strong run from off the pace to win the 6.5-furlong Franklin Simpson Stakes at Kentucky Downs in early September, had no problems with stepping up to a mile in the Bryan Station Stakes at Keeneland in late October (though only GF 107+ was needed in that event), and he is now set to try 8.5 furlongs at Churchill Downs . If he stays the trip he has a winning chance. Gaffalione gave him a confident ride at Keeneland; putting him right up with the pace and giving him a trip telling us there was no doubt about the colt getting the mile. Six and a half furlongs at Kentucky Downs requires a bit of stamina, so it was no big surprise to see Troubles shooting pull it off. He was in command early in the straight and ran on well to win by a neck from the late charging Tenacious Leader, with **GIOCOSO** 1 ½ lengths further adrift in third, **SIMULATE** in tenth (beaten 5 ½ lengths) and **PLENSA** just behind him in eleventh place. Troubles shooting is joint top ranked but he may need better still to take the Commonwealth Turf. The added distance is one factor but also note that Giocoso, who was only 1 ¾ lengths behind him at Keeneland, is now 4lbs better off at the weights. Giocoso was off to a slow start and pulled hard through the first half of the race, still and he stayed on late to be 1 1/2 lengths behind the runner-up Tenacious Leader did. The latter was exiting a narrow allowance win against **MONTADOR** over the same course three weeks prior, having not raced since finishing sixth in the Breeders' Futurity last year, when he was also second in the With Anticipation Stakes on turf. These are interesting form lines but Troubles shooting seems to be on an upward curve; he beat a good field at Keeneland, and it's quite possible that he will find further improvement and he is a win contender.

MANSETTI ran to **Globeform 104** when making virtually all to win the King's Plate over 10 furlongs on the Polytrack at Woodbine in August, running on well to come home 2 1/2 lengths in front of the luckless Tom's Magic, who came from a long way back to get second, 2 lengths in front of Notorious Gangster, who had run second in the Plate Trial on his previous start. Tom's Magic was coming off a win in the Tale of The Cat Stakes at Monmouth and he won the Breeders' Stake on his next outing (beating Borealis Trail by a head). Mansetti went on to run second both in the 9.5-furlong Prince Of Wales Stakes (half a length behind Runaway Again) and in the 9-furlong Ontario Derby (2 lengths behind Borealis Trail). Getting 118lbs, Mansetti is well in at the weights here but the King's Plate did go very much his way and his form has levelled out since; this will be his first run on turf.

CALIFORNIA BURRITO is another intriguing contender, as he comes back from a break going all the way back to the Pat Day Mile on Kentucky Derby day. Going off at just under 7-1, he tired badly and came home second last, beaten 33 ¼ lengths – and something must have been amiss. He was well below form also when seventh to Final Gambit, who beat **FLYING MOHAWK**, in the Jeff Ruby Steaks on his previous start; but California Burrito ran to **Globeform 104** when winning the Battaglia Memorial over 8.5 furlongs at Turfway Park back in February, and that level makes him a good fit here. Trainer Thomas Drury does well with layoff runners but his 'first time on turf' stats are not good; and it's hard to know what to do with this horse. On ratings, he can win, but it does feel unlikely; perhaps he is one to throw into the smaller Trifectas.

CHAPMAN'S PEAK, a well bred son of Quality Road trained by Brad Cox, steps up in class after a maiden win at Kentucky Downs and an allowance win at Keeneland, where he impressed over 9.5 furlongs in October. He came from off the pace when beating next-out winner Blast Furnace (who is entered Sunday) by a length racing over 10.5 furlongs at Kentucky Downs, but was sent straight to the lead at Keeneland. He raced with great zest in front and had far too much left for his rivals coming down the lane. Irad Ortiz never had to be hard on him and the colt won easily under a hand ride, beating Warlander by 2 1/4 lengths and improving to **Globeform 103p**. Warlander was coming off a game runner-up effort behind Barricade in allowance company at Kentucky Downs. Chapman's Peak won with a bit in hand and he galloped out strongly, suggesting there's more to come from this son of Dickinson; she was a smart turf performer who won the Jenny Wiley Stakes, Hillsborough Stakes and Suwanee River Stakes, and also ran third in the Just a Game Stakes. Chapman's Peak cuts back in distance here but he has good tactical speed, he is one of the highest ranked runners in the field, and he is open to improvement. This is not an easy race but 9-2 morning line looks too big about this contender - who is favored by the weights and looks the logical selection. >>>

PLENSA beat **GIOCOSO** by a length while in receipt of 6lbs when they filled the exacta in the Gun Runner Stakes over a mile at Kentucky Downs in September, and this time the weight difference is 3lbs, giving Giocoso a chance of revenge. Whereas Giocoso had been fourth to Zulu Kingdom in the American Turf Stakes on Kentucky Derby day and won the Secretariat Stakes at Colonial Downs in early August, the Gun Runner form represented improvement for Plensa, who was coming off a third placed finish behind **SIMULATE** in a good allowance heat at Saratoga in July. Whether it was the unique course at Kentucky Downs that suited him better or he actually was on an upward curve is hard to say; Plensa was nowhere near the same level of form when finishing second last behind **TROUBLESHOOTING** in the Bryan Station at Keeneland two months later.

GIOCOSO has been more consistent. He improved to **Globeform 107** when beating **SIMULATE** by a length in the one-mile Secretariat Stakes and ran to the same mark in the Bryan Station. His Secretariat run was a game performance, but let's not forget how that race panned out. Giocoso enjoyed an absolutely perfect trip saving ground just behind the pace, while Simulate had a troubled start, ended up too far back and was given a poor ride; he quickened well coming out of the home turn but it was too late and he had to settle for second. It's always dangerous to become attached to horses that have given us a nice win, but I'm still tempted to back Simulate again. He was a nice 16-1 value selection in this office when he beat Thirteen Colonies and Plensa with ease at Saratoga in the summer, but has been costly to follow in his three subsequent races. One can make excuses though – hopefully 'explanations' is the right word; he was the best horse in the Secretariat, he was unsuited by Kentucky Downs when seventh in the Gun Runner, and he was given a poor ride way off the pace once more when tenth in the Bryan Station at Keeneland. It seems strange that he has not been ridden like he was at Saratoga, where he was close to the early speed throughout. It's not been a case of bad jockeys either; he has been partnered by Alvarado and Irad Ortiz Jr. Julien Leparoux gets the mount this time, and Simulate should not be written off. He is 5lbs better off with Giocoso compared to when they met at Colonial Downs and he is 12-1 on the morning line. That sort of odds makes him a bet.

MONTADOR, beaten a head by subsequent Bryan Station runner-up Tenacious Leader over 8.5 furlongs at Keeneland in early October, improved to **Globeform 100p** when coming from just off the pace to win an allowance race over 9 furlongs at Churchill Downs a month later quite tidily, and he has the profile of an improving horse. A son of Kentucky Derby winner Nyquist out of Glens Falls Stakes winner Lady Montdore, he is proven over this trip, he has a good draw and he has a nice weight. He came home 2 lengths in front of the stakes placed rival Maximum Promise last time out, with 4yo Fort Thomas a close third. Fort Thomas had been beaten 5 lengths when fifth to **CHAPMAN'S PEAK** in October. Like Chapman's Peak, who is in the same ownership, Montador can improve again and he should not be overlooked.

ANEGADA, who was fourth behind **GIOCOSO**, **SIMULATE** and Antisocial in the Secretariat Stakes, gave that form a mild boost when winning the 9-furlong Hawthorne Derby in Chicago in October (beating Maui Strong by half a length). In between those two runs he was virtually pulled up (after showing early speed) in the Gun Runner Stakes at Kentucky Downs. He came from well off the pace to beat Maui Strong, something that's never easy to do at Hawthorne, so perhaps we should not underestimate this Mike Maker trainee; though hitting the board is probably the best his connections can hope for.

FLYING MOHAWK is a very interesting runner. He has not raced since the Kentucky Derby, when the blinkers came off and 'the wheels came off' over a sloppy track against some of the best three-year-olds we have seen in recent years. He was never a factor and beat just one of his 19 rivals. It was understandable that his connections decided to take a shot – he had shown good, progressive form – but it was probably the wrong spot for him, in more ways than one. Flying Mohawk impressed when winning a maiden over 8.5 furlongs / turf at Churchill Downs in October '24, and he improved again to win an allowance race over the same distance on the lawn at Fair Grounds in late January. That win set him up for the Jeff Ruby Steaks over 9 furlongs on the all-weather track at Turfway Park in March. He was a game second in that event, though beaten as much as 3 ½ lengths by Final Gambit, who went on to take fourth in the Kentucky Derby. Flying Mohawk is talented enough to take his chance the Commonwealth Turf. Getting blinkers back on, and returning to turf, over a distance that we know suits him, he could hit the board. That he has won straight off the bench before, and that his trainer often wins with layoff runners, are also positive factors. >>>

CONCLUSION: Chapman's Peak looked like a horse going places when he won at Keeneland and he is the A-horse in this field, which is evenly matched on ratings and has a some unknown factors in the mix. Given that he stays further than this trip, he will probably be sent again - something that may make things hard for other front runners like Mansetti and California Burrito. Troublesooting and Giocososo are evenly matched, both coming off two good runs, and they are the most likely threats, while Simulate is an interesting longshot (once again); let's see how he is ridden this time. Drawn wide it may not be easy to work out a nice, prominent trip, but holding him up at the back has not worked at all in recent starts. Montador fits the bill as the one who can improve past more seasoned performers. The Trifecta play (hardly original) is to compile a plan with Chapman's Peak on top and Troublesooting / Giocososo as 2nd / 3rd with others; use as many as possible mixed in.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	8 CHAPMAN'S PEAK	2nd	
B	2 TROUBLESHOOTING, 7 GIOCOSO	Won	21-1 Exacta
C	3 MONTADOR, 10 SIMULATE		

Troublesooting / Bryan Station Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=umDM35gerXM>
3rd Giocososo 10th Simulate 11th Plensa

Troublesooting / Franklin Simpson Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_eS8fmGf8yE

Chapman's Peak / Keeneland Alw (R7 / 2:30): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HQtkEc9pD6A&t=7152s>

Giocososo / Secretariat Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z8wQOoDGZmM&t=5s>
2nd Simulate

Simulate / Saratoga Allowance (R9 4:43): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CF-fiTEiYj0&t=17232s>

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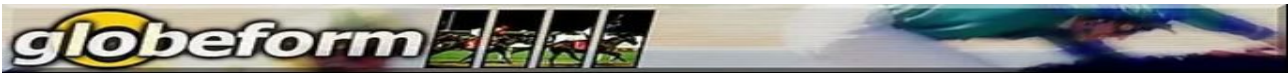
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Desvio 34-1, Balantina 21-1, Daryz 16-1, Wolfie's Dynaghost 12-1, Gezora 10-1,
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