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GLOBEFORM RANKING SANTA ANA STAKES (G3)

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	KATHYNMARISSA	108	108 - 105p - 103p	R Dutrow / Dettori
4	3	MRS. ASTOR	106	103 - 106 - 103	Thomas / Rispoli
5p	1	LADY CLAYPOOLE	101p	101p - 92p - 90+	Baltas / Pereira
7	2	MAHINA	99	99 - 99- 92	Gallagher / Berrios
8	4	OMAHA GIRL	100	83 - 96 - 100	Papaprodromou / G Franco
9 / 12	6	SAKURA BLOSSOM <i>GF 99 in July '24</i>	99 / 96	96 - 0 - 92	Powell / J Hernandez
10	5	STARRY HEAVENS	98	93 - 98 - 96	D'Amato / Fresu
10	7	BIG HUG <i>Also ent. Turf Paradise R8 Sat.</i>	98	90 - 94+ 98	Brinkerhoff / Ayuso

Most recent winners of the Santa Ana

2024	LINDA'S GIFT	GF 108	Richard Mandella	Tiago Pereira
2023	BALLET DANCING	GF 107	Simon Callaghan	Flavien Prat
2022	QUEEN GODDESS	GF 114	Michael McCarthy	Victor Espinoza
2021	GOING TO VEGAS	GF 114	Richard Baltas	Umberto Rispoli
2019	ELYSEA'S WORLD	GF 111	Richard Baltas	Drayden Van Dyke

Average winning Globeform: 110.8

GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

KATHYNMARISSA is even money on the morning line and clearly the one to beat, as she takes the best form to the table and is proven over 10 furlongs. She produced her career best, **Globeform 108**, when runner-up to the high class filly She Feels Pretty in the 10-furlong American Oaks at Santa Anita in December, a run that came after a 15-week break going back to her nice win at Kentucky Downs last September. She comes off the bench also here and the lack of a recent outing probably isn't something to worry about. A lack of pace could be though, as the way she performed in the American Oaks (game 2 1/2-length second with a strong run from off the pace) showed us what sort of scenario brings out the best in this daughter of American Pharoah. She was almost as good in the 10.5-furlong Dueling Grounds Oaks at Kentucky Downs. Given a patient ride by Dettori, she came from off the pace to register a comfortable 2 1/2-length win over Ways of Mischief, improving to GF 105p in the process. Dettori sticks with her of course and it's hard to oppose this combination, even in what could be a slowly-run affair.

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MRS. ASTOR beat **MAHINA** by a nose when taking the Robert Frankel Stakes over 9 furlongs (a bit too short for her liking) at Santa Anita in December. It was another fine run by the mare, and she will appreciate stepping back up in distance. She's probably best suited by 11 and 12 furlongs and this race might not get much of a pace, meaning that Mrs. Astor will find it hard to close in from the back. She was fortunate to win the 11-furlong Red Carpet Stakes at Del Mar in November. The heavy favorite, Forever After All, was badly checked on the turn; otherwise she would have won that race. Forever After All has franked that form since. Mrs. Astor, 5-2 on the morning line, seems to be the one people will latch onto if they want to oppose the favorite Kathynmarissa.

LADY CLAYPOOLE is very interesting - and she is the reason this race has been included in the service this week. Coming off two smart looking allowance wins, she is **20-1** on the morning line. That is way too big and let's hope most people underestimate her as much as the oddsmaker seems to do. At that sort of price, well even at about half that price, she simply must be backed. Lady Claypoole has turned a corner in her most recent races. She was a comfortable one-length winner over Strutting in a 9-furlong contest in December, running to GF 92p, and followed up with quite an explosive performance over the same trip in January, when she improved to **Globeform 101p**. On both occasions she was held up (and pulling) at the back, then delivered with a smooth run coming down the home stretch. She swept by horses with ease once more when she won by 1 1/2 lengths from **SAKURA BLOSSOM**. That's a deceptive margin. Lady Claypoole won under a hand ride and she must have had at least another length up her sleeve. The Richard Baltas trainee galloped out really well after her wins - and note that she closed efficiently from the back in races without a hot early pace. 10 furlongs was her dam's best distance in England, Lady Claypoole runs like a horse who would love to stretch out, and she must have a good chance. Baltas won the Santa Ana in 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2021 (the race was not run in 2020).

MAHINA has improved to return **Globeform 99** in both of her two most recent races, a narrow defeat against **MRS. ASTOR** in the 9-furlong Robert Frankel and a game runner-up effort when splitting multiple stakes winners Rashmi and Liguria (who won the Buena Vista next time out) in the 8-furlong Megahertz. Mahina ran below that level when well beaten in fourth behind **MRS. ASTOR** in the slowly run Red Carpet, run over 11 furlongs, and she may be best suited by the shorter distances.

CONCLUSION: Kathynmarissa will almost certainly be too short a price for a straight win bet, but playing exactas with her and Lady Claypoole makes a lot of sense, as do trifectas focusing on these two; Kathynmarissa to win with Lady Claypoole in 2nd or 3rd is the obvious way to go; but a Tri with Lady Claypoole on top is also tempting. The in-form Mahina is the first one to add to the top three in these plays but this feels like an event where 'anything' could be third, depending on the pace. Lady Claypoole is a must bet at big odds.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	8 KATHYNMARISSA
B	1 LADY CLAYPOOLE
C	3 MRS. ASTOR

Kathynmarissa 2nd / American Oaks: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QQvJHIJi2BM>

Kathynmarissa / Dueling Grounds Oaks: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bFepdsWJBko>

Lady Claypoole / Santa Anita allowance: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GT0q5nK2joM>
2nd Sakura Blossom

Mrs Astor & Mahina / Robert Frankel S: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Chp9-OA67Wk>

Mrs Astor / Red Carpet Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BLnQ099--al>