GLOBEFORM'S BREEDERS' CUP SERVICE

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GLOBEFORM RATINGS

BREEDERS' CUP MILE (G1) | 8 fur Turf Keeneland Oct.31 2026

Horses ranked in pounds (0.45kg). 1 length = 2 pounds over this distance

Rank	No	Name of horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs From right to left (most recent first)	Trainer
0	8	**NOTABLE SPEECH**	124	124 - 124 - 112	C Appleby / Buick
3	1	**DETERMINISTIC**	121	121 - 120 - 116	Clement / Karmouche
6p	9	**RHETORICAL** *GF 118 also in May '26 (Kee)*	118p	118p - 115 - 113+	Walden / J L Ortiz
7	2	**LAKE FOREST**	117	113+ 117 - 111	Haggas / Fallon
7 / 10+	11	**FORMIDABLE MAN** *GF 117 BC Mile '25 (DMR)*	117 / 114+	104 - 114 - 114+	M McCarthy / Velazquez
8 / 11	14	**PUERTO RICO** *Euro 3yo ** *GF 117 in Oct '25*	117 / 114	114 - 111 - 0	A P O'Brien / Moore
8 / 11	12	**TRUE LOVE** *Euro 3yo filly ** *GF 114 in May '26*	114 / 111	111 - 107 - 108	A O'Brien / Lordan
(7) 9	10	**LUGAL** *GF 117 in Sep '24*	(117) 115	0 - 112 - 115	Sugiyama / Murphy
9	7	**QIRAT**	115	115 - 113 - 113	Beckett / Keane
10p	5	**ASK IKIGOMI** *Japanese 3yo **	115p	115p - ?p - ?p	Fujiwara / Sakai
11	4	**CABO SPIRIT**	113	113 - 109 - 111	Papaprodromou / Smith
12	13	**BRILLIANT BERTI**	112	111 - 111 - 107	DeVaux / Hernandez Jr
14	3	**FACTEUR CHEVAL** *GF 110 in Feb '26* *GF 119 in Oct '24*	(119) 110	109 - 101 - 103	M Casse / M Franco
~~8~~	6	~~**ZULU KINGDOM**~~ ~~*GF 116 in Apr '26*~~	~~116~~	~~110 - 115 - 106~~	~~C Brown~~
		Vina Arana an unlikely runner			
11	15	**VINA ARANA** *mare 3lbs alw.* **AE**		110 - 101 - 108	Sisterson / Beschizza

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.*

** 3yo; 3lbs weight allowance*
GF weight-for-age 3yo vs older 1 mile early Nov: US trained 3lbs | Euro / Japan trained 4lbs

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Most recent winners of the Breeders' Cup Mile

2025	**NOTABLE SPEECH**	**GF 120+**	Charlie Appleby	William Buick
2024	**MORE THAN LOOKS**	**GF 122p**	Cherie DeVaux	Jose L Ortiz
2023	**MASTER OF THE SEAS**	**GF 120+**	Charlie Appleby	William Buick
2022	**MODERN GAMES**	**GF 120+**	Charlie Appleby	William Buick
2021	**SPACE RULES**	**GF 118**	Charlie Appleby	William Buick
2020	**ORDER OF AUSTRALIA**	**GF 118**	Aidan O'Brien	Christophe Soumillon
2019	**UNI**	**GF 119**	Chad Brown	Joel Rosario
2018	**EXPERT EYE**	**GF 118p**	Sir Michael Stoute	Frankie Dettori
2017	**WORLD APPROVAL**	**GF 119**	Mark Casse	John Velazquez
2016	**TOURIST**	**GF 118**	William Mott	Joel Rosario
2015	**TEPIN**	**GF 117**	Mark Casse	Julien Leparoux

Average winning Globeform: 119

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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

NOTABLE SPEECH, third in the BC Mile in 2024 and an impressive winner of this championship event twelve months ago, has maintained his high level of form as a 5yo this year and he is the one to beat as he goes for back-to-back wins. He took the same route to the Breeders' Cup as in '25 by winning the Woodbine Mile in Toronto in September, when he quickened past the pace setting **DETERMINISTIC** to beat him readily by 1 1/4 lengths. Judged on that performance not many will fancy Deterministic to get any closer to Charlie Appleby's star; but the way the race developed it actually played into the hands of the favorite. Deterministic went to the lead but he slowed things down, rather than ensure a bit of a stamina test, and that suited Notable Speech very well. Able to rate just off the pace, he has a blistering turn of foot and he used that weapon to win yet another G1 contest. Deterministic, who has won top level races over 9 and 9.5 furlongs, might have stood a better chance if his rider had opted for quicker fractions. Then again, perhaps Notable Speech would have been a clear cut winner regardless.

He produced his trademark finishing kick to beat **FORMIDABLE MAN** by 1 1/2 lengths at Del Mar last year. The son of Dubawi returned GF 120+ on the big day and his two most recent wins have been assessed to **Globeform 124** - if he can reach that level for a third time on the bounce he will almost certainly become back-to-back winner of the Breeders' Cup Mile. This race has seen repeat winners in Wise Dan, Lure, Da Hoss and Miesque over the years and the mighty filly Goldikova won it in three consecutive seasons.

Right back to his best 3yo form, the 6yo ran to **Globeform 124** also when gaining an impressive win in the Lockinge Stakes over the straight mile at Newbury in May, and he achieved the same rating as he outclassed the field also in the 7-furlong City of York Stakes at York in August. A relatively new G1 in the European racing calendar, the City of York had some very good sprinters going for it. Notable Speech took a drop in distance and some felt me might be vulnerable, but that he was not. He raced close to the pace and quickened right away inside the final furlong to win by 2 3/4 lengths over ground described as good to soft. He had previously done his best on good and good to firm. His York runner-up **LAKE FOREST** was second also in the 2025 edition, and the placed horses in the Lockinge Stakes - More Thunder and Zeus Olympios - also took strong G1 form into the battle. In between these high class winning performances, Notable Speech disappointed at Ascot, where he was beaten also in '24 and '25, but the theory that he does not like that course may not be correct; he didn't look right in the paddock that day. He certainly did at York, and again at Woodbine. The one point some may put forward as an argument to go against Notable Speech is that he was only fourth, beaten by **ZULU KINGDOM**, One Stripe and **RHETORICA**L, in the Maker's Mark Mile here at Keeneland back in April; but anyone who has seen that race knows that he beaten by terrible traffic problems on that occasion - not by superior rivals.

DETERMINISTIC has to find at least 1 1/4 lengths if he is going to reverse the Woodbine Mile form with Notable Speech. He was beaten quite easily in Toronto but - as explained in Notable Speech's essay - perhaps his connections got the tactics wrong that day. In dictating at a moderate pace, Deterministic set the race up to suit Notable Speech all too well. The Miguel Clement trainee still produced his career best form, something that may tell us he has further improvement in him. The bookmakers have Notable Speech as short as 6-4 for the Breeders' Cup Mile and early lines published in the US make him an 8-5 chance. Take a look at where Deterministic figures on these lists; he can be backed at **9-1** with bookmakers and US line makers predict **8-1**. This doesn't quite add up, does it? He may have lost the prep but Deterministic is a seriously good, and incredibly consistent, runner. It's hard to believe that US horse players will ignore him to that extent. We have seen horses losing the prep then win the big one many times; and the Breeders' Cup Mile can easily become a contest where the margins are small; with post positions, pace and luck in running playing a big part.

Deterministic owns a unique 'double / double' as he has won the last two editions of both the Manhattan Stakes and the Fourstardave Stakes at Saratoga. He's not quite another Wise Dan, at least not quite yet, but he took a six-race win streak to the Woodbine Mile and the way he won the one-mile Fourstardave in August suggested that we had not seen the best for this horse. True to his resume, he was right behind the leader Mi Bago in the Fourstardave, and it was evident that he would be hard to beat. Quickening off the turn he soon had things under control and won easily by 1 1/2 lengths from Mi Bago, with Zulu Kingdom 3/4 length further back in third. Those two had run a dead heat in the Kelso Stakes five weeks earlier, and going back to April we find that Zulu Kingdom was the one who took full advantage when Notable Speech lost due to traffic problems in the Maker's Mark Mile at Keeneland.

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RHETORICAL, recommended as a good 25-1 future bet for the Breeders' Cup Mile two weeks before his easy win in the Coolmore Turf Mile at Keeneland in early October, goes into the big race with a winning chance. He lost his partner Irad Ortiz Jr when the top jockey broke an ankle in a freakish accident on October 22, and his brother Jose takes over. Rhetorical was a below par fourth to **DETERMINISTIC** in the Fourstardave Stakes at Saratoga back in August. A near two-month break followed and he bounced back in fine style in the Coolmore Turf Mile. He led every step of the way and got away with setting a moderate pace - which obviously was a big advantage - but he did look strong at the finish and it would have taken a very good horse to deny him that day. **LAKE FOREST**, who was compromised by the pace scenario, closed in from the back and passed the winning post 2 1/4 lengths behind William Walden's star. Having run to that rating also when winning at Churchill Downs in May, he recorded **Globeform 118p** in the final prep.

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Do we want to bet against Notable Speech and - most likely - other Europeans, plus Deterministic in the Breeders' Cup Mile? Perhaps not but when Rhetorical is available at **25-1** it makes a lot of sense add him to our portfolio. Not far behind Deterministic on ratings, this horse should be closer to 10-1. If Notable Speech turns up with his A-game, well, then all others are in trouble; though we should never be afraid of one horse, especially when we are looking at having a future bet. Rhetorical has one clear advantage as he goes for a second crack at the Breeders' Cup Mile. This time it's at Keeneland, where the William Walden trainee won a Grade 1 over a mile last year. He is one of the best US trained contenders for this race and the home team has done better than many seem to recall in the Breeders' Cup Mile.

Rhetorical improved again when taking the Turf Classic over 9 furlongs at Churchill Downs in May, making all to win easily by 3 1/4 lengths from Make Me King over what is not his optimum trip. This son of Not This Time is a natural miler - so that he was able to run to **Globeform 118** over further augured really well for the rest of the season. Things did not pan out as expected though. He disappointed - though still ran well - when fourth behind **DETERMINISTIC** both in the Manhattan Stakes and the Fourstardave Stakes at Saratoga, but these were clearly off-days for Rhetorical. He got upset in the stalls before the Manhattan and he hit a flat spot relegating him to last at halfway in the Fourstardave, staged on August 8.

He has been given a break since that event and is now on a good training schedule at Churchill Downs. His most likely target before the Breeders' Cup is the Coolmore Turf Mile at Keeneland on October 4. He won that event 12 months ago, beating Program Trading readily by 3/4 length. A month later he was part of the Breeders' Cup Mile field at Del Mar, where be was beaten 2 1/4 lengths in fourth behind **NOTABLE SPEECH**. With high class milers filling the first five places it was a strong renewal of the championship race; and Rhetorical's performance could be marked up for two reasons; Del Mar is nowhere near Keeneland and Churchill Downs in nature, and he was committed too early that day.

Rhetorical earned GF 116p at Del Mar and his career best, **Globeform 118**, happened in the Turf Classic at Churchill Downs. That figure may not be his ceiling and, with what can safely be called home court advantage, Rhetorical is well worth a bet at 25-1. Euro invaders are always tough in the turf races but it's a myth that their record is far superior in the Breeders' Cup Mile. The score between Euros and US based horses stands at 10 - 10 for the past 20 editions of this race. In backing Rhetorical at 25-1 we get a tremendous price about a horse with proven course and distance form; a horses basically running out of his home stall and - perhaps more important - a horse we *know* will be pointed to the Breeders' Cup. Plans are still very much in a state of flux for potential contenders in England and France.

LAKE FOREST, representing the highly successful Newmarket trainer William Haggas, was compromised by the slow pace when beaten 2 1/4 lengths by **RHETORICAL** in the Coolmore Turf Mile at Keeneland in early October. Staying on from the back of the field, he beat Belmont Derby winner Title Role by a neck for the place, without getting a chance to show what he is truly capable of. He returned GF 113+ in this BC Mile prep and, given stronger early fractions, he can be expected to run better in the big event.

The 5yo son of No Nay Never came back to his best when second to **NOTABLE SPEECH** in the City of York Stakes over a straight 7-furlong trip at York in August. He had no chance with the 2 3/4-length winner, >>>

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>>> who went on to beat **DETERMINISTIC** easily in the Woodbine Mile next time out, but Lake Forest had some very good horses behind him that day. The fourth placed Ten Bob Tony had won the Queen Anne Stakes at Royal Ascot in June and he took second behind Erdenali in the Prix du Moulin on his subsequent outing. Zavateri, who was fifth at York, was a top 2yo last year and he franked the form by winning the Summer Mile at Goodwood next time out. Lake Forest had previously been a good fifth to Europe's best sprinter Almeraq in the 6-furlong Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Stakes at Royal Ascot and won the 7-furlong Lennox Stakes at Goodwood. He captured the valuable Golden Eagles Stakes over 7.5 furlongs in Australia back in 2024, and stretching out to a mile around two turns is not a problem. He looks a Trifecta contender.

TRUE LOVE improved to **Globeform 114** when winning the 1,000 Guineas over a straight mile at Newmarket in May, running a very game race to win the classic by 1 3/4 lengths from Evolutionist, with Venetian Lace third and a below par Precise back in seventh place. Precise gained revenge on her stable companion when beating True Love for an O'Brien exacta in the Irish 1,000 Guineas, and again when they ran first and third in the Coronation Stakes at Royal Ascot. True Love went on to be a good second in the Prix Jean Prat, half a length behind Thesecretadversary and a head in front of Nighttime. Nighttime was once more in opposition when True Love ran in the 7-furlong Prix de la Foret at Longchamp in October; and True Love beat her by a head in an incredibly close finish, where **PUERTO RICO** was another head behind in third. The Foret has been a good prep for the BC Mile over the years, but this year's renewal was a bit sub-standard. True Love comes here on the back of a gritty win, the mile will suit her but a turning track may not be ideal - as she is a big, long striding filly. Her win at Longchamp was worth GF 111.

PUERTO RICO finally regained some of his good juvenile form when running a close third in the 7-furlong Prix de la Foret at Longchamp, returning GF 114 as he lost by only two heads behind **TRUE LOVE** and Nighttime. He performed to **Globeform 117** in his best races last year, and it's quite possible that he can get back to that level. Some of his trainer Aidan O'Brien's horses were troubled by an infection at the time when Puerto Rico ran sixth, 4 1/2 lengths behind **NOTABLE SPEECH**, in the City of York Stakes over 7 furlongs in August. An impressive winner of the prestigious Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere and the Criterium International in France last year, he is a bit of a joker in the pack here. It's hard to see him taking the step right up to having a winning chance, especially from post 14; but Puerto Rico could hit the board.

QIRAT, a shock 150-1 winner of the Sussex Stakes at Goodwood last year, has become more consistent of late and he is exiting a game win in the Prix Daniel Wildenstein over a mile at Longchamp, where he proved 2 1/2 lengths to good for the useful yardstick Quddwah (who was coming off a good win in England). Qirat is a possible Trifecta filler; he was well down the field in the BC Mile last year but a turning track probably does suit this gelding.

LUGAL, who was a G1 winner over 6 furlongs in Japan back in 2024, was not far off the same level when second, beaten a neck by the locally trained 28-1 shot Native Approach, in the Al Quoz Sprint at Meydan in Dubai in March, performing to **Globeform 115** (he was capable of GF 117 two years ago). He ran a respectable race when finishing eighth in the Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Stakes at Royal Ascot (a neck behind **COMANCHE BRAVE** who was seventh) but failed to fire when unplaced in the Sprinters Stakes back home in September. He pressed the pace and gave the winner all he wanted when running so well at Meydan, and ratings suggest that Lugal is one who *might* sneak into the Trifecta; but all of his good form has been over 6 and 7 furlongs.

ASK IKIGOME, a Japanese 3yo with just three runs under his belt, is hard to assess. He improved to a provisional **Globeform 115p** when beaten just a nose by Rodeo Drive in the prestigious NHK Mile at Tokyo racecourse in May, and he needs to improve a fair bit on that form to have a winning chance here; but he ran a winning race and he had won well on both of his preceding starts so there's no way of know how good this son of top class sprinter Lord Kanaloa will turn out to be. Rodeo Drive was coming off a second in a G2 event and he has since run third in a G3 event. Rodeo Drive and Ask Ikigome both came from well off the pace in the 18-runner field and a strong pace seems to be what this colt needs to be seen to full effect. Ikigomi is the only horse in this field who may jump up and make significant improvement; so please *do* include him is those Tri / Super plans. >>>

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FACTEUR CHEVAL was a high class performer back in 2024, when he ran to **Globeform 119** to get second behind top miler Charyn in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot, but he has been unable to build on that performance since. Rather unconventionally campaigned he has been in some tough battle, both on turf and dirt, and a class relief in a pair of G3 events at San Siro did not result in a return to winning form. Favorite for both the 9-furlong Premio Presidenta Della Repubblica and the 10-furlong Gran Premio Di Milano, he ran third and second in those races. Next out German G3 winner Best Lightning beat him by 1 1/2 lengths when taking the Repubblica, while Woodchuck was 1 3/4 lengths too good in the Premio Di Milano. Woodchuck ran second in a G3 in France a month later. Facteur Cheval was sent to the Min Millions at Kentucky Downs, where he finished sixth; and then moved to Mark Casse, who won a decent allowance race with the 7yo at Keeneland in October. It was a good performance but much better will be needed here.

CONCLUSION: Early subscribers able to get on with the bookmakers were advised to back Rhetorical in the futures at 25-1, which is a great price, and also to back Deterministic at 9-1. The latter is still available at such odds and he is **8-1 on the morning lin**e. That is way, way too big and makes him an absolute must value bet. Drawn by the rail he should get perfect, ground saving trip. It's very tempting to make him the selection and - for a change - I am going to let the price affect this decision. Notable Speech is one of my favorite horses and he has done me many a favor, right back to a big priced win in the 2,000 Guineas as a 3yo; and he has been as good as ever in his last two races. So there's no way we can make our bets without having him on our side - but Deterministic does have a chance of getting his revenge. It may not be a sort of a '2-1 chance' but it is definitely more likely than an '8-1 chance' that he turns the Woodbine form around. Players getting involved in the horizontals should use all three; as Rhetorical was also very strong in his prep and he holds home court advantage.

Lake Forest will get a better pace setup here than in the Coolmore Mile and he is one to use underneath in the Trifectas; while the lightly raced Japanese raider Ask Ikigomi, Aidan O'Briens's duo True Love and Puerto Rico, plus Qirat are others to consider. This may all sound a bit complicated and not particularly cost effective - but there is a way we can keep the Trifecta simple and affordable; by compiling a plan purely based on the Woodbine Mile form. In other words; playing it with Notable Speech / Determinsitic to fill either 1st and 2nd place or 1st and 3rd place.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	**1 DETERMINISTIC 5-1 WINNER 9-1 BOOKMAKERS**	
B	8 NOTABLE SPEECH **2nd**	**Exacta 13.65 - 1**
C	2 LAKE FOREST **3rd**, 5 ASK IKIGOMI, 9 RHETORICAL	**Trifecta 61-1**

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Notable Speech / Woodbine Mile: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_lZ1fK46PpQ
2nd Deterministic

Notable Speech / City of York Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UTFjgVqsYdM
2nd Lake Forest

Notable Speech / Lockinge S: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=baAzuCnrFQw&t=107s

Notable Speech / Breeders' Cup Mile '25: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NS7WEheiFRE
2nd Formidable Man 4th Rhetorical

Notable Speech / Woodbine Mile '25: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-UXECiVdrpU

Notable Speech 2nd / Prix Jacques le Marois '25: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ADMXZFnlN6E

Notable Speech 3rd / Breeders' Cup Mile '24: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uK6WmdfYBSo&t=68s

Notable Speech / 2,000 Guineas '24: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yfCSuuXTXGA

Deterministic / Fourstardave Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GNuezVRFG7M
3rd Zulu Kingdom

Deterministic / Manhattan Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8y_7aoaPjcA&t=2s

Deterministic / Manhattan Stakes '25: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Op3uakqNnIQ

Deterministic / Fourstardave Stakes '25: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sl7HR37Hu4Q&t=1s

Rhetorical / Coolmore Turf Mile: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y9ebKDFclzg
2nd Lake Forest

Rhetorical / Turf Classic, Churchill: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9wa_bijiccI

Rhetorical 4th / Breeders' Cup Mile '25: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NS7WEheiFRE&t=19s

Rhetorical / Coolmore Turf Mile '25: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JS78kfCPjxE

Zulu Kingdom / Kelso Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XULPBY_OH00

Zulu Kingdom / Maker's Mark Mile: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=41Hw9UCPhG4
3rd Rhetorical 4th Notable Speech

Lake Forest / Lennox Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xkVKpGGKz1E

True Love / Prix de la Foret: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VOW_k0cIUIE
3rd Puerto Rico

True Love / 1,000 Guineas: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WUymLE73Oak

Ask Ikigomi 2nd / NHK Mile: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KoSOVorJlC8

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