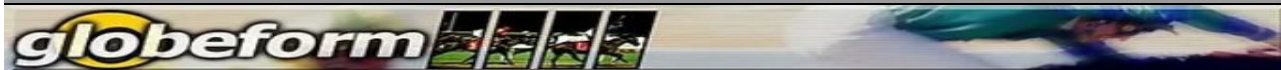


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GLOBEFORM RANKING

JOHN A. NERUD STAKES (G3), 6 fur dirt, Aqueduct, May 10

Horses ranked in pounds (0.45kg). 1 length = 3 pounds over this distance

Rank	No.	Name of horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs	Trainer / Jockey
From right to left (most recent first)					
0	3	WHATCHATALKINABOUT	110	110 - 100 - 100	Ward / I Ortiz Jr
(-7) 0	5	ANARCHIST <i>GF 117 in July '23</i>	(117) 110	110 - 95 - 0	O'Neill / Rosario
2 / 4	4	SURVEILLANCE <i>GF 114 in Aug '24</i>	112	110 - 99 - 112	L Rice / Carmouche
6	1	FULL MOON MADNESS	110	92 - 110 - 98	Nevin / Franco
10p	2	SILVER SLUGGER	100p	100p - 89p - ?p	Avila / Alvarado
?	6	O'CONNOR SUNSET	?	?	Jones / Acosta

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 Nerud

2024	MULLIKIN	GF 115p	Rodolphe Brisset	Flavien Prat
2023	THREE TECHNIQUE	GF 116	Jason Cook	Javier Castellano
2022	LIFE IS GOOD	GF 128+	Todd Pletcher	Flavien Prat
2021	MIND CONTROL	GF 117	Todd Pletcher	John Velazquez
2019	PROMISES FULFILLED	GF 125	Dale Romans	Luis Saez

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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

WHATCHATALKINABOUT showed significant improvement when winning a 6-furlong allowance race at Aqueduct in January. Racing up with the pace all the way, he drew off for an impressive 8-length win, clocking a good time as he outclassed Aggelos the Great (who franked the form by winning next time out). Watchatalkingabout completed the distance in 1:09.48 while carrying 121lbs. Top Gunner took a similar contest on the same day, shouldering 123lbs as he beat **SURVEILLANCE** in 1:09.64. Time-wise, these two performances were just about equal and Watchatalkinabout is clearly a smart sprinter. He is also a 4yo with an interrupted career that has yielded no more than 6 runs to date - and he has been off for the best part of four months since that easy win. Factors to make one a bit wary, and here's another; he was swishing his tail quite sharply when being asked for a bit extra at the finish when winning in January. He is probably a bit of a tricky horse but his win was strong and such 'characters' often go well fresh, so we can guess that Wesley Ward has planned to go for the Nerud with no prep run. If Watchatalkinabout, who gets Irad Ortiz on board for this contest, runs back to Globeform 110 he will be right there with a winning chance on Saturday. If he finds a bit more improvement, well then he will be hard to beat.

ANARCHIST was one of the better sprinters in California back in 2023, when he produced a career best Globeform 117 to take second in a very close three-way finish to the Bing Crosby Stakes, run over 6 furlongs at Del Mar. It was won by the local fan favorite The Chosen Vron (19 wins incl. the 2024 Bing Crosby), who beat Anarchist by a head, while the 2021 Bing Crosby winner Dr Schivel was another head back in third place. A reproduction of that form, and Anarchist runs out an easy winner of this race - but it's unlikely to happen; although he had run to GF 112 when second to champion sprinter Elite Power in the True North earlier that year, he has not been able to make much of an impact since; until last time out that is. He came back to decent form in the Count Fleet Sprint Handicap at Oaklawn Park in April. His third placed effort there was worth **GF 110**, a rating that makes him the joint top ranked runner in the Nerud. Anarchist ran hard all the way in that 6-furlong event, putting pressure on the heavy favorite Booth, who kept on to win the race while Anarchist paid the price close home and lost second to Ryvit, who came from off the pace to secure an Asmussen exacta. Anarchist was beaten only 3/4 length and a head - he looked really well in the preliminaries and there was a lot like about the way he kept fighting to the line. Should he be the A-selection in this race? Even without expecting some of his back class to shine through the answer may be yes, but Booth and Anarchist set a demanding pace, going 21.8 and 44.6, and there must be a danger of a bounce with this horse; well worth taking into consideration. That he has been second best 7 times and won just 3 times should not be held against him; Anarchist has been ambitiously campaigned. >>>

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MACHO MUSIC may be a tough contender and **morning line 12-1 is far too big a price about this fast improving colt**. Like Gate to Wire, he could be a horse that doesn't care much for further than seven panels, but he was visually impressive when winning at Tampa Bay Downs in late March, powering home by 'half the stretch' from P Four and Cajun Venom. Macho Music's time was almost 2 seconds better than the time recorded by Win N Your In in the fillies' divisions (she won by 7 lengths) and he did not beat cheap claimers in this race. P Four was exiting a 5 1/4-length maiden win and Cajun Venom won an allowance race by almost three lengths next time out. This is one of those case where we need to ask ourselves "how moderate can the horses he beat actually be?". Even when assessing his runner-up to Globeform 70 only, Macho Music comes out on Globeform 110. If we compare him to Win N Your In using their times, well, then he comes out with an even higher ratings. Either way, he has clearly turned a corner in recent weeks and the way he was ridden out, and kept going, indicates that a mile is within his compass. His dam won 4 of her 7 races, including a stakes event over 7 furlongs; but she was also third in an 8.5-furlong allowance heat at Keeneland as a juvenile, so could not have been all about speed. [Download the full preview](#)

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SURVEILLANCE was favored by the weights when beating the odds-on favorite Just Beat the Odds by a neck after making all in a 6-furlong allowance race at Aqueduct in April. Handling the sloppy track well, he produced a game performance that day. Just Beat the Odds may no be a well known name but he is a sprinter we are likely to see in stakes races quite soon; he had won his two preceding races by 5 1/2 lengths and 6 lengths (beating next out winners on both occasions). Surveillance and Just Beat the Odds beat just three others, however, and Surveillance did not need to run up to his absolute best (he returned GF 108). He performed to **Globeform 114** to beat Outlaw Kid by 3 1/2 lengths in the Troy Stakes at Saratoga last summer; a race switched from turf to dirt, something that did not suit his runner-up. Surveillance is best judged on his second in the Tom Fool Stakes over 6 furlongs at Aqueduct in early March; beaten 1 1/4 lengths, he split **FULL MOON MADNESS** and Top Gunner in that contest, running to **Globeform 112** in the process. Surveillance was spotting Full Moon Madness 6lbs and they meet at level weights in the Nerud. This weight shift means that Surveillance has a good chance of turning the tables on Full Moon Madness. One problem with both of these contenders is that they are somewhat inconsistent and unreliable. Full Moon Madness was just as good in the Gravesend back in December, only to run below form when third in the Toboggan in February and again when finishing last in the Carter Stakes five weeks ago.

Top Gunner, who was third in the Tom Fool, beat Surveillance with ease in January, and he won a Keeneland allowance race on his subsequent outing; the best sprinters in this New York based division are closely matched on ratings, but they are also a bit in and out it. >>>

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SILVER SLUGGER is a fascinating contender, coming off three straight wins at Tampa Bay, where he has been winning for fun against vastly inferior rivals. With 6 wins from 8 starts, a relentless rise in terms of quality performances, he looks to be out of his depth in the Nerud, but who's to say for sure that he is? No horse can beat more than what's being put in front of him and he had plenty more up his sleeve when beating Bar Down Express by 8 lengths over 6.5 furlongs in April. Silver Slugger ran to **Globeform 100p** but he could well be capable of much better. His runner-up had won and finished second in \$10,000 claimers on his two preceding starts, so no, the race was not of stakes quality. Bar Downs Express has been entered to run at Monmouth Park on Saturday, and it's recommended to keep an eye on how he gets on there before deciding what to do with Silver Slugger (he runs in R2 at 2.41 ET).

CONCLUSION: Watchatalkinabout, with potential to improve, gets a narrow vote over the battle hardened Anarchist. It seems to be anybody's guess whether Full Moon Madness and Surveillance turn up and the chances that they will both run up to form don't seem all that big, something that turns even a six-runner into an interesting affair for Trifecta players seeking a bit of value.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	3 WHATCHATALKINABOUT
B	5 ANARCHIST
C	4 SURVEILLANCE

Anarchist 2nd / Count Fleet Handicap: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Km6FkAqjsB0>

Full Moon Madness & Surveillance / Tom Fool Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGLjHe3mo5A>

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