

Globeform's Race of The Week

Saturday December 21, 2024

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GLOBEFORM RANKING

FORT LAUDERDALE STAKES (G2), 9 fur Turf, Gulfstream Park Dec 26

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

Rank	No.	Name of horse	GF	GF most recent runs	Trainer / Jockey
From right to left (most recent first)					
0p	4	MAJOR DUDE	114p	112+ 97 - 114p	Pletcher / I Ortiz Jr
3	5	WIN FOR THE MONEY	116	108 - 116 - 108	M Casse / D Davis
6	1	CASH EQUITY	108	104+ 108 - 108	Joseph Jr / Zayas
6	7	SIEGE OF BOSTON <i>GF 108 in Mar '24</i>	108	100 - 101 - 106	Toner / Ruis
3 / 7	9	EMMANUEL <i>GF 112 in June '24</i> <i>GF 113 in Mar '24</i>	113 / 109	98 - 103 - 109	Maker / Castellano
9p	6	LORENZ	107p	107p - 101p - ?	Joseph Jr / Van Dyke
9	2	GRAND SONATA	110	107 - 110 - 0	Pletcher / Gaffalione
8 / 12	3	SARATOGA FLASH <i>GF 106 in Mar '24</i> <i>GF 108 in Sep '23</i>	108 / 102	102 - 99 - 89	Joseph Jr / M Husbands
10	8	FORT WASHINGTON	109	105 - 106 - 109	McGaughey / Velazquez

Most recent winners of the Ft. Lauderdale

2023	MAIN EVENT	GF 110	George Weaver	Javier Castellano
2022	CITY MAN	GF 117	Christophe Clement	Joel Rosario
2021	DOSWELL	GF 112	Barclay Tagg	Junior Alvarado
2020	LARGENT	GF 115	Todd Pletcher	Paco Lopez
2019	INSTILLED REGARD	GF 111	Chad Brown	Irad Ortiz Jr

Average winning Globeform 113

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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

MAJOR DUDE has a good chance of a third graded stakes win here. Having won the Kitten's Joy at Gulfstream Park and the Penn Mile at Penn National as a 3yo, he has improved this season; showing smart form with allowance wins at Saratoga in July and at Keeneland on his most recent outing, when he was a smooth 2-length winner from Masteroffoxhounds over 8.5 furlongs ten weeks a go. Given a nice ride sitting just off the pace, Major Dude came through inside the final furlong for a decisive win in that event, performing to GF 112+, only two pounds below his career best, achieved over 9 furlongs at Saratoga.

He improved to **Globeform 114p** when winning a stakes quality allowance race at the Spa. The Todd Pletcher trainee was much the best when beating nine rivals with ease. He enjoyed a dream trip (though was pulling early on), saving ground by the rail just behind the pace, and he got a nice opening to deliver his challenge inside the final furlong. It was an impressive run. He beat the back-to-form Harlan Estate by 2 lengths, with **Cash Equity** closing in for third, just a head behind the runner-up. The official margin was a bit of a surprise, as it looked bigger than two lengths on the replays, and race caller Frank Miramahdi called it "three and a half lengths" when they flashed past the post. Similar cases have been noticed a few times this year, and it's strange how these official margins can be so different to how it appears to the naked eye. Either way, Major Dude was value for more than two lengths, that's for sure, and this win made Pletcher throw him in at deep end next time out; against the best milers around in the Fourstardave Stakes, also at Saratoga. Major Dude went off at 11-1 in the Grade One but he came home more like a 50-1 shot; passing the winning post in second last, over ten lengths behind Carl Spackler, who beat eventual Breeders' Cup Mile winner More Than Looks. The pace was slow, Major Dude failed to settle, pulled fiercely through the first five furlongs, then was tapped for toe as the pace quickened and finally eased down at the business end of the contest. It was a day to forget. A two month break led to his aforementioned win at Keeneland and the break leading up to the Ft. Lauderdale is just a bit longer.

There's not much pace signed on, something that can be a worry, but Major Dude rated well at Keeneland, looking more mature and composed, so his running style should fit well here. He is the clear selection. >>

Another Globeform Special Santa Anita Opening Weekend



December 26-27-28
10 stakes races covered
Service starts Saturday Dec. 21

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

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WIN FOR THE MONEY caused an upset when capturing the Woodbine Mile in Toronto in September. Coming with a resolute run from off the pace, he got up to win the Breeders' Cup prep by 1 1/2 lengths from Filo di Arianna, who was coming off a win in the King Edward Stakes, with the French raider Big Rocks (who has been really dull in Europe this year) a neck further adrift in third place. As it turned out, this year's edition of the Woodbine Mile wasn't very good, but Win for the Money ran a good race, improving to **Globeform 116** and rewarding his supporters with 13-1 payoff. It's a fair bet that those who held tickets with his number had seen his win in the 8.5-furlong Mr Steele Stakes at Gulfstream Park in May. Win for the Money was visually impressive in that event, taking it by almost seven lengths after racing prominently. He pulled right away from his seven rivals coming down the lane. Allowance winner Eldon's Prince filled second. Improving to GF 114p with that win, the 5yo son of Mohaymen went for the Wise Dan at Churchill Downs next (below par fourth), before running second to Tut's Return over a mile at Ellis Park six weeks prior to his 'Breeders' Cup Win & You're in' success at Woodbine. His Breeders' Cup experience was not so good though. Win for the Money was never a factor as he ran last in the BC Mile, beaten 7 1/4 lengths behind More Than Looks. Interestingly, his Globeform rating was the same as when he went down by 1 1/2 lengths to Tut's Revenge at Ellis Park.

Can Win for the Money bounce back to his best in the Ft. Lauderdale? It's possible but even if he does he will have to concede 5lbs to Major Dude, who is capable of Globeform 114. If Major Dude runs to that mark, then Win for the Money will need Globeform 119 to match strides with him. Is that likely? Probably not. >>

Thanksgiving week results

12 races played, profits in 8

535-1 Trifecta Mi Hermano Ramon - Redistricting - Astronomer

52-1 Exacta Miles Ahead (16-1) - Montalcino

51-1 Exacta Kehoe Bea - Pounce (34-1)

43-1 Exacta Mi Hermano Ramon (11-1) - Redistricting **13-1 Exacta** Truly Quality - Balnikhov

13-1 Double Kehoe Beach - Rattle N Roll

7 winners / 58% strike rate

11-1 Mi Hermano Ramon, **6-1** Unconquerable Keen, **9-2** Rattle N Roll

8-5 Truly Quality, **Evs** Kehoe Beach, **9-10** Clock Tower, **4-6** Good Cheer

\$100 on our 12 selections returned \$3317 (+176% ROI)

Breeders' Cup & Thanksgiving Week combined: 15 winners

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CASH EQUITY has not been to the winners' circle since June 2023 but he has actually been both game and consistent, with eight top three finishes from 13 starts since that allowance win at Santa Anita more than 18 months ago - and he was unlucky not to make that nine when fourth in the River City at Churchill Downs last time out. Drawn in stall nine, he ended up stuck wide throughout, seeing far too much daylight and racing freely in what was a slowly run affair. He did well to finish fourth, though without having had a physically hard race. He is a horse who likes to come from off the pace and lack off early speed could conspire against him also this time. On the plus side; he is drawn on the inside now, so getting cover won't be a problem. Prior to the River City, Cash Equity ran well to be third to Major Dude at Saratoga, second twice behind gate to wire winner Goliad at Kentucky Downs and a respectable seventh to top class miler Carl Spackler in the Keeneland Turf Mile. It's hard to imagine Cash Equity winning this but he is a Trifecta candidate. **SIEGE OF BOSTON** has had a break following a below par effort when last of five behind Andthelwinneris in the Knickerbocker Stakes at Aqueduct in October. His two most recent runs have been a few lengths below what he is capable of; he produced his career best, **Globeform 108**, when half a length behind **EMMANUEL** in the Canadian Turf at Gulfstream Park in March and ran close to that level again when runner-up to subsequent Sycamore Stakes winner Highway Robber at Ellis Park in August. Emmanuel has been a disappointment in three starts for the Mike Maker team after they bought him for \$500,000 from the Pletcher barn. His best form would make him a player but will we ever see his best form again?

GRAND SONATA (cutting back in distance after good runs over further) and **SARATOGA FLASH** (coming off a win when his 15% rider took 7lbs off; can't do so this time) are possible Trifecta horses, but the likely longshot **LORENZ** is just as interesting. Coming off two smart looking wins, this lightly raced 6yo appears to be on an upward curve and he may improve again. He was value for more than the bare margins on both occasions; first when finishing fast from off the pace to nail Awesome Bourbon on the wire in a one-mile allowance heat at Gulfstream Park, then by employing the same tactics and overcoming a pedestrian pace to close in for an energetic 1 1/2-length win over Fuerteventura in the 9-furlong Remington Green Stakes at Remington Park in late September, returning **Globeform 107p**. Recent form counts for a lot at the tail end of the season and he's got it. He also has a 13-for-16 top three record and he is 2-for-2 over this distance. And, not to forget, he Lorenz not seem to be in need of a particular pace scenario. Don't let him trip you up.

CONCLUSION: Major Dude has a lot going for him here. It will be interesting to see what price he is when the stalls open. Anything over 5-2 can be seen as decent value and it's possible that we will get better, even for a Pletcher horse. Saffie Joseph's stakes runners have been overbet at this meet and he has three in this race, while Win for the Money's combination of having a GP stakes win, a G1 win and a run at the Breeders' Cup in his PPs, will appeal to many players.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	4 MAJOR DUDE
B	5 WIN FOR THE MONEY
C	1 CASH EQUITY, 6 LORENZ

Major Dude / Keeneland allowance: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sV0LgCDOGLo>

Major Dude / Saratoga allowance (race 9): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EsmPGDveQeE&t=12594s>

Win for the Money / Woodbine Mile: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cfplhdcBhm8>

Lorez / Remington Green Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zOZr92K38-w>