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GLOBEFORM RANKING SHOEMAKER MILE (G1) 8 fur Turf, Santa Anita May 25

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 |
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| From right to left (most recent first) | | | | | |
| 0 | 2 | FORMIDABLE MAN | 117 | 117 - 116p - 113p | McCarthy / Prat |
| 2 | 6 | MI HERMANO RAMON <i>GF 111+ in Jan '25</i> <i>GF 113 in Dec '24</i> | (113) 111+ / 105 | 103 - 105 - 108+ | Glatt / Jaramillo |
| 4 | 5 | ALMENDARES | 111 | 109 - 108 - 111 | D'Amato / Fresu |
| 7 | 3 | KING OF GOSFORD | 110 | 107+ 0 - 110 | D'Amato / Kimura |
| 7 | 7 | SEAL TEAM <i>GF 108 also in Feb '25</i> <i>GF 108 also in Nov '24</i> | 108 | 108 - 94 - 104 | Mandella / Rosario |
| 9 | 4 | GENIUS JIMMY | 106 | 106 - 102 - 103 | McCarthy / J J Hernandez |
| 12 | 9 | TWIRLING POINT <i>GF 103 also in Sep '25</i> | 103 | 103 - 101 - 102 | Wright / R Gonzalez |
| 16p | 8 | CALL ME CORY | 99p | 99p - ?p - ?p | Hanson / Smith |
| 0 | 1 | EL POTENTE | 115 | 113 - 115 - 104 | Blacker / SCRATCHED |

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.*

Most recent winners of the Shoemaker Mile

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| 2025 | KING OF GOSFORD | GF 110 | Phil d'Amato | Flavien Prat |
| 2024 | JOHANNES | GF 112p | Tim Yakteen | Umberto Rispoli |
| 2023 | EXAULTED | GF 116 | Peter Eurton | Juan J Hernandez |
| 2022 | COUNT AGAIN | GF 117 | Phil D'Amato | Irad Ortiz Jr |
| 2021 | SMOOTH LIKE STRAIT | GF 115 | Michael McCarthy | Umberto Rispoli |
| 2020 | RAGING BULL | GF 117 | Chad Brown | Joel Rosario |

Average winning Globeform: 114.5

GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

FORMIDABLE MAN is set for his first start back since a big run in the Breeders' Cup Mile at Del Mar last November, when he produced a career best **Globeform 117** to run second 1 1/2 lengths behind Notable Speech, who is one of the best milers in Europe; he was a most impressive winner of the Lockinge Stakes on May 16 and is now a short priced favorite for the prestigious Queen Anne Stakes at Royal Ascot in June. Formidable Man could to give Notable Speech a fight but he was a strong runner-up, beating another classy European, The Lion In Winter, by a head for the place. We can't expect him to run up to the same level here; although the Shoemaker is a Grade One it is also his starting point to a new campaign. Perhaps he is close to 100% fit but it's seems more realistic to think that he's not but his best probably won't be needed. Formidable Man can afford to be a bit below his Breeders' Cup form and still win the Shoemaker Mile, a race he ran fourth in 12 months ago - beaten by **KING OF GOSFORD**, **MI HERMANO RAMON** and Cabo Spirit. Formidable Man did nothing but improve after that run though, winning the Eddie Read Stakes (from **ALMENDARES**) and the Del Mar Mile on his way to the BC Mile. His three best performances have thus all been at Del Mar and that course is quite different to Santa Anita - so there's *one* reason to be a bit careful with this favorite. Formidable Man took the Kilroe Mile here last year but no more than GF 110 was needed to win that day (he beat Zio Joe by half a length conceding 4lbs).

On the plus side there's the fact that the son of City of Light has run really well three times after breaks in the past. The layoff may not be an issue, running at Santa Anita may be, but his class will probably prove to be too much for his rivals. His preferred running style is to be placed just behind the pace and be unleashed with a late kick through the final furlong.

ALMENDARES is incredibly consistent and he makes appeal as the second choice in this race, despite the fact that he has never won at Santa Anita (he is 0-2-2 from 6 starts here). He has run solid races in defeat over this course though, and he was close to his career best rating when second to Johannes in the City of Hope Mile last year, beaten 1 1/4 lengths while in receipt of 4lbs. Almendares ran to **Globeform 111** three times in 2025/26; winning the Wickerr Stakes at Del Mar, taking fifth under top weight in the Seabiscuit at the same venue, and more recently third in the Pegasus World Cup Turf at Gulfstream Park, where he came from off the pace to check in 1 1/4 lengths behind Test Score. **ASTRONOMER** was just a head behind him in that contest. Almendares ran close to his best also in the Del Mar Mile (second to Formidable Man) and his last five runs were worth Globeform 111, 109, 109, 111 and 111. Well drawn for a ground saving trip in a race where the pace will probably be honest, he has a good chance of hitting the board.

MI HERMANO RAMON has run respectably in his two races in 2026 without coming close to his best form. He was beaten 3 lengths by the winner when fifth to Final Boss in the Kilroe Mile at Santa Anita in March (when **EL POTENTE** ran second) and 4 1/2 lengths last of six behind Gran Oriente in a 9-furlong allowance race at the same venue in April. It's worth noting that he was sidelined from late June to early March though and he has back class good enough to make him a Trifecta contender here. His best form was in 2024, however (**Globeform 113**) and it's best to assess his chances based on what he did in 2025, when he ran to GF 111+ to finish fourth, 2 1/4 lengths behind Spirit of St Louis, in the 9-furlong Pegasus World Cup Turf at Gulfstream Park and to GF 109 when runner-up in the Shoemaker Mile; beaten a neck by **KING OF GOSFORD**. Mi Hermano Ramon has been at his most effective when coming from off the pace and he was close to the pace in this event 12 months ago; and again when fourth to Brilliant Berti in the Wise Dan Stakes over 8.5 furlongs at Churchill Downs a month later. It would not be a big surprise to see him in the first three today but he makes only limited appeal.

KING OF GOSFORD improved to **Globeform 110** when winning last year's Shoemaker Mile. Exiting a second to Cabo Spirit in the American Stakes a month earlier, he took the Shoemaker with a game off the pace finish, beating **MI HERMANO RAMON** by a neck. Cabo Spirit was third, beaten a nose by the runner-up. King of Gosford was off for three months afterwards, and he ran like something was amiss when way last in the six-runner Del Mar Mile in August, won by **FORMIDABLE MAN**. Another layoff followed, this time right up to April this year, when King of Gosford ran well (despite pulling) to get fourth in the American Stakes over a mile, beaten by **ALMENDARES**, **GENIUS JIMMY** and **SEAL TEAM**. >>>

CALL ME CORY, who seems short as a 6-1 shot on a morning line set before it was known that El Potente will defect, may be a horse with a significant impact on this race. Drawn wide, this front runner is not in an ideal spot; but if he is sent from the start (which is likely) and clears the field he will be the pace factor. A late developing son of Uncle Mo, Call Me Cory is taking a big step up in class just over a month after having gone gate to wire in a 9-furlong allowance heat here at Santa Anita, but this Mark Glatt trainee could actually be a surprise package in the Shoemaker. It's hard to imagine him winning - after all he is rated way below the best - but he is virtually certain to improve again, he is in top form, and there was lot to like about his win last time out. He made all and won by 1 1/2 lengths under a hand ride over this course five weeks ago, then galloped out incredibly strongly after passing the wire. Runner-up City Exile won a similar event on his next start but the third placed horse, Mythical Reel, was third as the favorite for an allowance race on Friday. Catch the Breeze (who was sixth Call Me Cory's race) finished sixth in that contest. In other words, we have had mixed messages regarding the value of Call Me Cory's form. This Ryan Hanson trainee may well be capable much better than his current rating and he might hit the board.

CONCLUSION: This race would be much more interesting with El Potente in the field. As it stands, it has just one horse worthy of a Grade One win; **Formidable Man**. He can win without producing his best form, and the consistent Almendares may be the one to round out the exacta. There's not much between him, Mi Hermano Ramon and King of Gosford, but **recent form makes Almendares the obvious B-horse**. Although not top class, the mile turf division on the West Coast forms a competitive group. They tend to take turns in beating each other. A fresh face is badly need and perhaps Call Me Cory can be the one - though he needs to improve a lot.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

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| A | 2 FORMIDABLE MAN | WON |
| B | 5 ALMENDARES | 2nd EXACTA RETURN: 7.10 |
| C | 8 CALL ME CORY | |

Formidable Man 2nd / Breeders' Cup Mile: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NS7WEheiFRE>

Formidable Man / Del Mar Mile: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Y3Lz6W2JJs>

Formidable Man / Kilroe Mile: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=va22vvcW6Y4>
2nd Almendares

Almendares / American Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4jjZLV0-XpM>
2nd Genius Jimmy 3rd Seal Team 4th King of Gosford

King of Gosford / Shoemaker Mile '25: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4SOIBzfZG3U>
2nd Mi Hermano Ramon 4th Formidable Man

Call Me Cory / Santa Anita Allowance: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yeOJ5ON1dtQ>

Call Me Cory / Santa Anita Maiden: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LAG1yfQ4K3k>

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Possible runners

CHIEF WALLABEE
CHIP HONCHO
COMMANDMENT
EMERGING MARKET
GOLDEN TEMPO
GROWTH EQUITY
OCELLI
OTTINHO
POTENTE
POWERSHIFT
RENEGADE
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