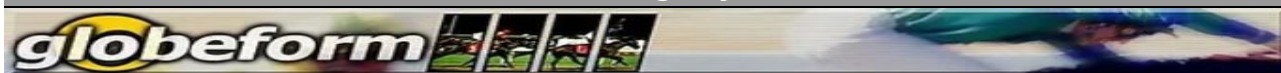


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GLOBEFORM RANKING

THE ORCHID STAKES (G3) 12 fur Turf, Gulfstream Park March 29

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	4	SACAYA <i>GF 108 in France, July '24</i>	108	0 - 0 - 102 - 108	Clement / Rosario
0	3	QUEEN REGENT	105	103+ 105 - 103	Walsh / Gaffalione
2p	6	BEACH BOMB	109p	109p - 109p - 106	Motion / L Saez
2	2	LA MEHANA	109	109 - 109 - 109	Clement / I Ortiz Jr
5	1	SILVOLOGY	100	100 - ?p - ?p	McGaughey / Davis
7	7	INFINITE DIAMOND	98	90 - 98 - 0	Biancone / Lopez
19	5	MY BRAZILIAN GIRL	86	78 - 86 - ?	Mitchell / Maragh

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 Orchid

2024	McKULICK	GF 114	Chad Brown	Irad Ortiz Jr
2023	AMAZING GRACE	GF 111	Christophe Clement	Joel Rosario
2022	MEAN MARY	112p	Graham Motion	Luis Saez
2021	WAR LIKE GODDESS	108p	William Mott	Junior Alvarado
2020	FAMILY WAY	111p	Brendan Walsh	Tyler Gaffalione

Average winning Globeform: 111.2

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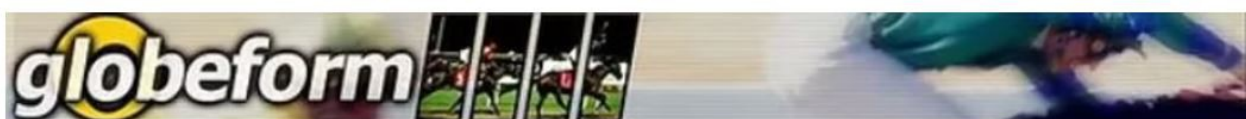
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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

SACAYA tops the ranking based on her win in the 10.5-furlong Prix de la Pepiniere at Chantilly last July, when she made all for a convincing 1 3/4-length win from Andre Fabre's short priced favorite Ardent, who was coming off a fourth placed finish in the more valuable Prix Corrida. Racing over a yielding turf course, Sacaya enjoyed a soft lead that day, performing to **Globeform 108**, and she went to the head of affairs once more when stepped markedly up in class in the 10-furlong Prix Gontaut-Biron at Deauville a month later. Racing a bit freely in front, she had no answer when the big guns attacked at the finish and ended up last of the five runners beaten less than two lengths; it wasn't a bad effort - the winner Al Hakeem ran fourth in the 2023 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and another G1 performer, Feed The Flame, was fourth, half a length in front of Sacaya. If Sacaya, (bought for \$211,000 at the Arqana December Sale) had come straight off of those two runs she would probably be a selection here, but she ran very poorly on both of her last two starts in 2024, something that does not instill confidence. On the other hand, Christophe Clement was himself at Arqana when she was bought and it's unlikely that he would recommend such an investment if there might be a problem. As a daughter of The Grey Gatsby out of dam from a family that has produced good stayers, Sacaya seems sure to be effective over 12 furlongs at US tracks.

The reason Sacaya is ranked above Queen Regent is that she has a higher Globeform rating. When two horse end up with the same 'rank figure' then the horse with the highest actual rating gets preference. If two horses have the same rank figure and the same Globeform rating then the horse with the best recent form gets preference.

QUEEN REGENT is a fascinating contender in this 12-furlong event. She was beaten 1 3/4 lengths by the winner, **BEACH BOMB**, when fourth in the Very One Stakes here at Gulfstream Park four weeks ago, when the third placed **LA MEHANA** was a neck in front of her. Queen Regent is now 4lbs better off with Beach Bomb and 1lb better with La Mehana. If we look back on the La Prevoyante Stakes, run over 12 furlongs in November, we see that La Mehana was third and Queen Regent was fifth, with 3/4 length between them. Compared to that meeting, Queen Regent is 3lbs better off at the weights this time. So it seems that Queen Regent has a good chance of turning the tables on these rivals. Stepping back up in distance will be to her liking and - although this is a small field - her connections can hope for a better pace than in the Very One. Queen Regent was compromised by the pace scenario last time, and she was pulling hard for much of the race, wasting energy. She stayed on at the finish, like she had done also in the La Prevoyante, won by Forever After All. She is a bit difficult to get a handle on though, the main parts of her performances indicate that this is the distance she really wants and she galloped out well after the Very One - but in the La Prevoyante she looked a bit tired inside the last 50 yards. Confusing observations indeed. >>>



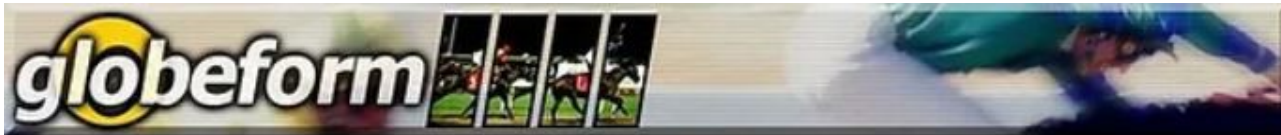
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*LADY CLAYPOOLE is very interesting - and she is the reason this race has been included in the service this week. Coming off two smart looking allowance wins, she is 20-1 on the morning line. That is way too big and let's hope most people underestimate 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.***

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BEACH BOMB is the likely favorite and, as she gave us a nice \$9.40 payoff four weeks ago, it is a bit hard to go against this mare. She was very game when taking the Very One Stakes by a length from Immensitude, with **LA MEHANA** third and **QUEEN REGENT** fourth. As mentioned above, the latter - who was beaten 1 3/4 lengths - is much better off at the weights here (4lbs equals almost three lengths in a truly-run race over 12 fur.). Beach Bomb did have things going very much her way; she set slow fractions going 24.17 - 50.48 - 1.16.05 and 1.39.25 for the first mile and won the race in 2.14.03. Comparing races run five weeks apart is hardly accurate science but it is interesting to look at the fractions for the La Prevoyante and the Very One. The La Prevoyante, where Queen Regent produced her best Globeform rating to date, had a much better pace; 23.57 - 48.34 - 1:13.18 and 1:38.58. The first half of that event was 2.8 sec quicker (about 14 lengths). The course was officially good to firm on both days. Two more pieces of this puzzle to consider are that Beach Bomb did race too freely (likely wasting some energy) and that she can very well improve - while her rivals all seem to be somewhat exposed and not all that likely to step up on previous form. Beach Bomb ran respectably when eighth at 55-1 in the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf at Del Mar last November. Breaking from stall 10 in the twelve-runner event, she was too keen and not settled when racing in mid division through the first half and a bit of the race, then crept a bit closer going around the home turn, only to be tapped for speed when the pace quickened at the top of the lane. She ran on again close home though, showing a willing attitude to check in no more than 3 1/2 lengths behind Moira, who beat fellow G1 winners Cinderella's Dream and Didia. IAt Del Mar it seemed like a stronger pace would have suited Beach Bomb better (that was also the impression when she won big in South Africa). She beat a next-out G1 winner when taking the G1 Cartier Paddock Stakes over 9 furlongs from off a slow pace in South Africa, where she was also second against the boys in the 10-furlong Cape Derby. Both the winner and the third in that classic won at G1 level next time out so the form was solid enough.

CONCLUSION: Beach Bomb cruised around on the lead to take the Very One by setting a slow pace - but her run at the Breeders' Cup and her best performances in South Africa suggested that she would like to be coming from off the pace in strongly-run events. What this means is that she is flexible and adaptable. Queen Regent and Sacaya are the ones if we focus on ratings alone but there's more to racing than ratings; Queen Regent does not seem to be a 'winning type' and Sacaya is coming off a break since disappointing fall efforts. La Mehana has developed incredible consistency, producing her best Globeform rating three times on the trot, and she will probably give her supporters a good run for their money again. So where should we end up? Sensibly with Beach Bomb, for two reasons; she had plenty of energy after the Very One and she can improve. What we don't know is how she will be ridden; that will depend on what her rivals do as the stalls open. With Infinite Diamond and My Brazilian Girl out of their depth and Silvology also needing to improve to figure, this race invites us to a low budget Tri & Super Plan using just four horses.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	6 BEACH BOMB
B	2 LA MEHANA, 3 QUEEN REGENT
C	4 SACAYA

Beach Bomb / The Very One Stakes (R10 / 23:40): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RhIB8ONesDc&t=1261s>
3rd La Mehana 4th Queen Regent

Beach Bomb 8th / B Cup Filly & Mare Turf: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xHgVFLSxGek>

Beach Bomb / Cartier Paddock Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E59FO_dIJgo

Sacaya / Prix de la Pepiniere: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mNQYmPjj4I>

Sacaya 5th of 5 / Prix Gontaut-Biron (strong G3): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cylc_YL2AMQ