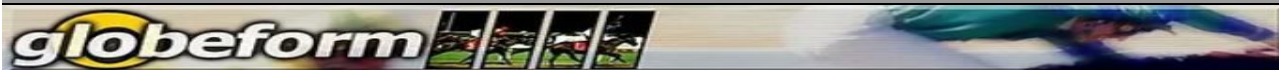


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GLOBEFORM RANKING

CANADIAN TURF STAKES (G3) 8.5 fur Turf, Gulfstream Park, March 1

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	3	FORT WASHINGTON	114	111+ 114 - 105	McGaughey / Alvarado
2 / 6	4	MAJOR DUDE <i>GF 114 in July '24</i>	114 / 109+	109+ 110 - 112+	Pletcher / I Ortiz Jr
2	6	PAROS	110	93 - 108 - 110	Maker / Zayas
3 / 6	10	ATONE <i>GF 109 in Jan '24</i> <i>GF 118 in Jan '23</i>	109 / 106	106 - 94 - 100	Maker / Dettori
4	1	IRISH ACES	110	110 - 108 - 107	Walsh / Gaffalione
5	2	AXTHELM	107	104+ 102 - 92 - 107	Joseph Jr / E Gonzalez
5	7	STANLEY HOUSE	106	106 - 96 - 103	DePaulo / Velazquez
6	5	SILENT HEART	108	108 - 103 - 102	B Lynch / L Saez
5 / 15	8	SKYRO	107 / 97	96 - 93 - 97	Drexter / Rosario
12p // 14	9	OMNI KING <i>GF 98p in Nov '23</i>	98p / 96	? - 96 - ?+	B Kelly / Davis

Most recent winners of the Canadian Turf

2024	EMMANUEL	GF 113	Todd Pletcher	Irada Ortiz Jr
2023	EMMANUEL	GF 116	Todd Pletcher	Javier Castellano
2022	MIRA MISSION	GF 108	Ian Wilkes	Julien Leparoux
2021	VENEZUELAN HUG	GF 111	Danny Gargan	Junior Alvarado
2020	SOMBEYAY	GF 107	Todd Pletcher	Flavien Prat

Average winning Globeform: 111

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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

FORT WASHINGTON ran a cracking race in the Pegasus World Cup Turf and he deserves a valuable win these days. Overcoming the widest post, he finished better than most to check in fifth, 2 1/4 lengths behind Spirit of St. Louis. The run was worth GF 111+, close to the Globeform 114 he returned when beaten just a neck by **MAJOR DUDE** in the Fort Lauderdale Stakes a month earlier. Fort Washington was spotting the winner 5lbs that day and he will be getting 2lbs from Major Dude (who as sixth in the Pegasus) in the Canadian Turf. It's likely that he will beat Major Dude again. The Fort Lauderdale and the Pegasus were both over 9 furlongs and, but Fort Washington has a good record also over 8.5 furlongs and he has been able to close into a moderate pace in the past - so he must have an excellent chance here. He was a bit unlucky in the Fort Lauderdale - galloping out best of all after passing the winning post, he seemed full of energy after that event - and his run in the Pegasus confirmed that he has improved in recent weeks.

MAJOR DUDE also ran well in the Pegasus World Cup Turf; his sixth place, 3 lengths behind Spirit of St. Louis was a touch better than it looks on paper. He was eased up a bit in the last 50 yards to the contest. He had been a brave and game in the Fort Lauderdale a month earlier, rallying between horses when a gap finally opened for him to win by a neck from **FORT WASHINGTON**. Given that Major Dude was receiving 5lbs from both his nearest pursuers, his rating earned in that race was not particularly high (GF 110). He ran his best race to date, producing **Globeform 114**, when winning a stakes quality allowance race at Saratoga last the summer. 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 got a nice opening to deliver his challenge inside the final furlong. It was an impressive run as beat the back-to-form Harlan Estate by 2 lengths. Major Dude also won an allowance heat at Keeneland in October, before a ten-week break leading up to the Fort Lauderdale. He is a relatively fresh horse.

PAROS was way below his best last time out, when beaten 9 1/4 lengths into sixth place behind Running Bee in the Tampa Bay Stakes on January 31. He faded almost as if something was amiss. Like so many before him, this is a turf runner who has improved after being recruited to Mike Maker's team, something that happened with a shrewd \$40,000 claim at Saratoga last summer. Paros has won three times for Maker and he is good enough for a race like this. The 5yo son of Cairo Prince produced a solid **Globeform 110** when beating **IRISH ACES** by three parts of a length over 8.5 furlongs at Keeneland in October. Paros confirmed that he was up to that level by taking the Prairie Bayou Stakes on Tapeta at Turfway Park two months later, setting a new track record when beating the Ontario Derby winner Dresden Row gamely by a head. He is experienced and versatile; he can be ridden close to the pace, something that will probably be an advantage, and he must be respected.

ATONE, also trained by Maker (who improved the Godolphin cast off markedly after him from Eoin Harty), came back to winning form with a game allowance win over a mile at Gulfstream Park in January. Having won the 2023 edition of the Pegasus World Cup Turf (when he ran to **Globeform 118**), Atone is no longer as good as he was then but he ran a nice race to beat Kalik by 3/4 length last time out. He was up with the pace all the way and very resolute at the finish. The level it took to win that race, GF 106, is not enough to win the Canadian Turf but Atone's best form in 2024, **Globeform 109** when fourth in the Pegasus Turf, gives him a shot - and there's every chance that he is rounding back into that sort of form. Dettori on board is a plus.

IRISH ACES was readily beaten by **PAROS** when they filled the exacta in an allowance race at Keeneland in October but he improved a length on that effort when taking third behind the even money winner Running Bee and Northern Invader in the Tampa Bay Stakes in early February. It may be expecting too much to hope for further improvement, but note the GF ratings returned in his four most recent outings; 109, 107, 108 and 110. Irish Aces is so consistent; he has hit the board in five of his last six starts, and he has a good record over this distance. In short; he is a very possible Trifecta candidate. >>>

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AXTHELM, going up in distance after running in sprint races over a variety of courses, is interesting in this field. At first glance it may seem that he is a horse to toss out but maybe not; he has closed in with interest behind the red hot Coppola in his two most recent starts; he was unplaced in both but not badly beaten. Perhaps trying a longer trip isn't such a bad idea? Looking further back in his PPs the one run that should be noted is his win over 6.5 furlongs at Kentucky Downs last September, when he made virtually all to beat Judge Davis (who was exiting a win) by half a length. 6.5 furlongs at Kentucky Downs is more like a short mile compared to the flat tracks, partly because there is a long runup and partly because of the track's testing nature. Nicely drawn in stall two, in between rivals without early speed, Axthelm could be sent to the lead here - and thus put himself in a good spot to hit the board. Don't underestimate his chances.

STANLEY HOUSE has never been better than last time out, when he was beaten 2 lengths in fifth place behind Smokin' T in a valuable mile handicap over Gulfstream's Tapeta course in January. This ex-Canadian has raced just the once on turf; 2nd in a 10-furlongs stakes race at Woodbine; there was a lot to like about his effort behind our 7-1 winner Smokin' T in a highly competitive field on Pegasus day. While the winner was favored by a lenient weight, Stanley House had to give him 2lbs that day. This race won't be any easier but he is clearly in good form.

CONCLUSION: This race is a bit like the Very One, in that it has an obvious A-ranked horse, Fort Washington, but is otherwise wide open. Taking the class dropping angle, and reasoning that if Fort Washington wins then Major Dude should not be far away, the latter becomes a B-horse (though he does have a tough weight assignment here). Irish Aces may have just as good a chance.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	3 FORT WASHINGTON
B	4 MAJOR DUDE
C	1 IRISH ACES, 6 PAROS

Fort Washington 5th & Major Dude 6th / Pegasus Turf: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=klgUMaM-gqA>

Major Dude & Fort Washington / Fort Lauderdale Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_N5N7Jrippk

Paros / Prairie Bayou Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8HhAPnt9Ino>

Irish Aces 3rd & Paros 6th / Tampa Bay Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4dSJ3xvqtOI&t=2s>