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GLOBEFORM RANKING

THE VOSBURGH STAKES (G3) 7 fur dirt, Belmont Stakes, Thursday Oct. 1, 2026

Horses ranked in pounds (0.45kg). 1 length = 2.5 pounds over this distance

Rank	No.	Name of horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs	Trainer / Jockey
From right to left (most recent first)					
0 / 2	9	CRAZY MASON 2nd	116 / 114	112 - 102 - 114	Sacco / M Franco
3	8	SENIOR OFFICER 3rd	113	113 - 108 - 105	B Cox / Prat
3	1	T KRAFT 1st	113	113 - 109 - 95	W Mott / Alvarado
5	4	BUTTAH 4th Superfecta 677-1	111	111 - 107p - ?p	Kantarmaci / Castellano
5	5	MOONLIGHT	111	108 - 111 - 100	Miller / J L Ortiz
5	3	DOC SULLIVAN GF 111 in Nov 25	111	110 - 108+ 0	Green / Santana Jr
7	7	EL GRANDE O	109	109 - 93 - 106	Kantarmaci / Fresu
9	2	CONTRARY THINKING	107	107 - 103 - 105	Green / D Davis
10	6	BRING THE SMOKE	106	0 - 104 - 106	Beckman / Zayas

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 Vosburgh

2025	PATRIOT SPIRIT	GF 117	Michael Campbell	Javier Castellano
2024	MUFASA	GF 126	Ignacio Correias	Irad Ortiz Jr
2023	CODY'S WISH	GF 123+	William Mott	Junior Alvarado
2022	ELITE POWER	GF 125p	William Mott	Jose Lezcano
2021	FOLLOWING SEA	GF 120p	Todd Pletcher	Joel Rosario
2020	FIRENZE FIRE	GF 123	Kelly Breen	Jose Lezcano

Average winning Globeform: 122.3



GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

CRAZY MASON ran second in this event at Aqueduct last year, when he closed in from the back to reach the wire 1 1/2 lengths behind the speedy winner Patriot Spirit, who was coming off an impressive win in the Reigh County Stakes at Colonial Downs. Conceding weight all round, Crazy Mason beat Scotland by half a length for the place, while **DOC SULLIVAN** checked in fourth. Having produced **Globeform 116** both when landing the 7-furlong Carter Stakes at Aqueduct (beating Quint's Brew by a neck) and when third to top class sprinter Book'em Danno in the Forego Stakes, run over the same trip, he returned GF 114+ in the 2025 edition of the Vosburgh. Gregory Sacco's gray sprinter has a good chance of going one better this time. He was beaten by two of today's rivals in the Forego last time out and it was not quite as good a performance as his runner-up effort in the race last year. It was a performance coming off a two-month break however, and it was a performance suggesting that he will move forward here. Crazy Mason was some ten lengths off the pace going down the back stretch and heading for the turn, and he finished by far the best of all to get fourth, beaten only 3/4 length by our 9-2 winner Hymn. **T KRAFT** and **SENIOR OFFICER** ran a dead heat for second while Crazy Mason was only a head behind them in fourth. He would have got second in another couple of strides. So why should Crazy Mason turn the tables? Firstly, because he is a better horse; having run to **Globeform 116** twice and backed it up by returning GF 114 twice; most notably when he was third behind T O Elvis and Disruptor in the Churchill Downs Stakes in May - arguably the strongest sprint race staged this year. Secondly, because he is likely to have come on for the run in the Forego; and thirdly because Belmont Park will be more of a friend to him than to the others. The stretch run here is 79 feet longer than at Saratoga and it is 68 feet longer than at Aqueduct, where he produced one of his career best performances. Ideally drawn on on the outside, Crazy Mason will be very dangerous in this race. The pace should be good to strong, setting things up well for his running style.

SENIOR OFFICER and **T KRAFT** both improved to **Globeform 113** as they ran a dead heat for second 3/4 length behind the speedy winner Hymn in the 7-furlong Forego Stakes at Saratoga in late August, when **CRAZY MASON** finished strongly from the back to be fourth, just a head behind them. T Kraft and Senior Officer were both ridden just off the pace and they completed the race in game, rather than threatening, fashion. T Kraft was exiting a fourth placed finish in the 6-furlong Vanderbilt Stakes, beaten by next out winner Built, Hymn and Damon's Mound; while Senior Officer went into the Forego off three allowance wins, the second by a nose over **CONTRARY THINKING**, who captured a similar race two starts later.

BUTTAH is also coming off a career best, having improved to **Globeform 111** when beating **DOC SULLIVAN** readily by 1 1/2 lengths in the 7-furlong John Morrissey Stakes (for NY bred) in early August. Back from a two-month break since winning a stakes quality allowance race over 6.5 furlongs, Buttah raced more prominently in the Morrissey and he proved that 7 furlongs suits him well. A progressive 4yo, he could improve again and hit the board.

MOONLIGHT, previously with Chris Block, has produced two good performances for Peter Miller at Del Mar; taking third behind Listenupshance in the 6-furlong Bing Crosby Stakes in July, and then second in the Pat O'Brien Stakes over a furlong further in August, when Iron Man Cal beat him by half a length. Miller decided to cut Moonlight back in distance and it's worked quite well; he stayed on from off the pace in these races and Belmont Park should suit him better than Del Mar, where the home straight is short. >>>

The average Globeform rating produced by winners of the Vosburgh the past six seasons is 122.3 but this Breeders' Cup prep has been slipping in quality. Eight horses went for the Vosburgh last year and their average best Globeform rating was just 112.8. This year we have a nine-runner field with an even lower average rating of 110.7. It's highly unlikely that we'll see a serious contender for the Breeders' Cup Sprint.

CONCLUSION: Using the Forego Stakes as the key to solving this sprint, it makes sense to focus on the trio that came close to Hymn in that event; T Kraft, Senior Officer and Crazy Mason. Crazy Mason makes most appeal. Unless the pace is moderate to slow - which seems unlikely - he will have a big chance. With him on top, the Forego rivals become obvious B-horses, ahead on Buttah (a possible improver) and Moonlight, who - like Crazy Mason - will come rolling late. If the pace sets up ideally for our selection it will also suit Moonlight; so throwing a few bucks on a value 'pace angle' Exacta on those two is not a bad idea.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	9 CRAZY MASON 2nd, beaten a nose	
B	1 T KRAFT Won, 8 SENIOR OFFICER 3rd	Exacta 36-1 Trifecta 94-1
C	4 BUTTAH 4th, 5 MOONLIGHT	Superfecta 677-1

>> Race replay: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cQkTqGiJmuk> <<

T Kraft, Senior Officer, Crazy Mason / Forego S: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dLNsQVS2304>

Crazy Mason / Carter Stakes '25: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uPrC2ER9EtY>

Crazy Mason 2nd / Vosburgh Stakes '25: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5XLY-ppGGDQ>

Crazy Mason 3rd / Forego Stakes '25: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PAi0FSxlu5w>

Senior Officer / Saratoga Alw (R9 / 4:44): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kzcfi1gMEK4&t=17296s>
2nd Tip Top Thomas 4th Bring the Smoke

Senior Officer Sar Alw (R2 / 1:10): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Axq3aqiXIJQ&t=6411s>

Senior Officer / Keeneland Allowance (R2 / 2:19): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-fQjiUPd7UI&t=7243s>
2nd Bring the Smoke



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