



Ramatuelle, BC Mile contender out of productive prep

Which are the best prep races for the Breeders' Cup Mile? The Woodbine Mile springs to mind, as that event has produced a number of BC Mile winners over the years, and Keeneland's Turf Mile and First Lady Stakes have also been good springboards to this championship event - but don't forget about the **Prix de la Foret**, a 7-furlong contest staged on Arc day at Longchamp. The Foret was used as a final prep by the mighty Goldikova when she won the Breeders' Cup Mile in 2009 (she was third at Longchamp before winning at Santa Anita). Twelve months later, she won the Prix de la Foret en-route to another win at the Breeders' Cup, this time at Churchill Downs. That was her third BC Mile win. She failed when going for a fourth in 2011, having to settle for third behind Court Vision. Also then, Goldikova used the Foret to get ready; she was beaten a head by top class sprinter Dream Ahead in Paris. Three years ago, when the Breeders' Cup was last staged at Del Mar, the BC Mile went to Space Blues. How did he prep for the big event? By winning the Prix de la Foret.

This time, another talented French filly coming off a win in the Prix de la Foret looks a serious player in the Breeders' Cup Mile. Her name is **RAMATUELLE**. A daughter of Justify, she produced **Globeform 119** - her best figure to date - when winning at Longchamp.

While Goldikova ran on very soft ground when winning the Foret in 2010, she performed every inch as well over a firm turf course at Churchill Downs just a month later. Is Ramatuelle as versatile? The ground was very soft yet again on this year's Arc day, and she skipped over it for a visually impressive win, beating last year's Foret winner, Kinross, easily by 3 lengths. He loves give in the ground too and he had won the Park Stakes at Doncaster three weeks earlier, beating Lead Artist by 2 lengths. Lead Artist advertised that form by taking the Darley Stakes at Newmarket on his next start, beating Liberty Lane, who had been a comfortable winner of the valuable Cambridgeshire Handicap two weeks prior. So, there you have it, the form lines seem to say that Ramatuelle's recent win was a top notch performance. On the question of how much the ground may have affected the result, it's interesting to note that Beauvatier (third) and Exxtra (fourth) had both performed well on soft or very soft ground previously. Ramatuelle and Kinross were not the only ones favoured by the conditions.

Ramatuelle is a light, sparely made filly, and such runners often excel in testing conditions. She was coming off a layoff going back to June, when she ran third to **PORTA FORTUNA** on good to firm at Royal Ascot. Ramatuelle was third also in the 1,000 Guineas, run on good ground at Newmarket in May, when she was committed a too early and caught close home to lose the classic by half a length. This filly does well on good and good to firm but she does markedly better on very soft. That was the ground description also when she ran her best race as a juvenile, finishing a close second to Europe's best 2yo sprinter, Vandeeek, in the prestigious Prix Morny at Deauville. The difference between Ramatuelle and Goldikova and Space Blues is that their European form was excellent also when they ran on good ground. That's not the case with Ramatuelle, which means that taking a short price about this filly is taking a chance on her ability to be as good on fast ground as she was over the testing, chopped up, Longchamp turf in one of the late races on a wet Arc day.

Prix de la Foret



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GLOBEFORM RATINGS WITH 57% WINNERS @ SANTA ANITA

Globeform ratings: 8 top rated winners from 14 races / 57%
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Globeform's Raceday payouts from betting plans

164-1 Trifecta: Master of The Seas - Mawj - Casa Creed

128-1 Trifecta: Inspiral - Warm Heart - Moira

65-1 double: Fierceness / Unquestionable / recommended 2x

32-1 Trifecta (straight): Cody's Wish - National Treasure - Skippylongstockings

16-1 winner: Fierceness (also recommended value bet two days out)

14-1 Pick 3 / Treble: Cody's Wish - Inspiral - Goodnight Olive

14-1 Exacta: Inspiral - Warm Heart

12-1 Exacta: Auguste Rodin - Up to The Mark

7-1 Exacta: Elite Power - Gunite

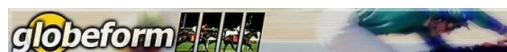
13-2 Winner: Master of The Seas (also 16-1 early value bet)

5-1 Double: Cody's Wish - Inspiral

4-1 Winner (bookmakers): White Abarrio (also 12-1 early value bet)

Each-Way Double: Up to The Mark **7-1** (2nd) & White Abarrio **4-1** (won)

Each-Way placed: Randomized **8-1**, Up to The Mark **7-1**, Gunite **7-1**



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