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GLOBEFORM RANKING

FLOWER BOWL STAKES (G2) 10 fur Turf, Belmont Park, Thursday Oct 1, 2026

Horses ranked in pounds (0.45kg). 1 length = 1.5 to 2lbs over this distance (depending on pace and going)

Rank	No.	Name of horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs	Trainer / Jockey
From right to left (most recent first)					
0 / 2	4	GEZORA	118 / 116	101 - 0 - 116	W Mott / Alvarado
4p	9	KATHYNMARISSA	114p	113+ 110+ 114p	Brown / J L Ortiz
4 / 8	10	CATHEDRAL GF 114 B Cup FM Turf '25	114 / 110	101 - 102 - 110	Brown / Prat
8 / 14	6	FIONN GF 110 also in July '25	110 / 104	85 - 104 - 110	B Cox / M Franco
9	3	SUNLIT UPLANDS	109	109 - 109 - 100p	Williams / R Ryan
12	2	STORM MIAMI	106	104 - 106 - 106	Green / Velazquez
12	1	EVERSHED	106	106 - 97 - 87	Delacour / D Davis
13p	11	SILVOLOGY	105p	97 - 105p - ?	McGaughey / Fresu
11 / 24	7	OPULENT RESTRAINT GF 107 in Jul & Oct '25	107 / 94	0 - 94 - 0	W Mott / Castellano
15	8	FAVORITE MEMORY	103	0 - 103 - 100	DeVaux / Carmouche
16	5	ESNA	104	104 - 103 - 0	Meehan / Spencer

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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 Flower Bowl

2025	BELLEZZA	(Aug 30)	GF 113	Miguel Clement	Jamie Rodriguez
2024	IDEA GENERATION	(Aug 31)	GF 110	Chad Brown	Florent Geroux
2023	PARNAC	(Sep 02)	GF 106	Christophe Clement	Dylan Davis
2022	VIRGINIA JOY	(Sep 03)	GF 114	Chad Brown	Irada Ortiz Jr
2021	WAR LIKE GODDESS	(Sep 04)	GF 118	William Mott	Julien Leparoux
2020	CIVIL UNION	(Oct 10)	GF 110	Shug McGaughey	Joel Rosario

Average winning Globeform: 111.6

Run over 11 fur. Saratoga 2021, 22, 23, 24, 25

Run over 10 fur. Belmont in October pre 2021

GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

KATHYNMARISSA led a Chad Brown 1-2-3 when winning the Diana Stakes, staged over 9 furlongs on yielding ground at Saratoga in July, and she has enjoyed break since. Like this event, the Diana was contested around an inner course, and the daughter of American Pharoah has a good chance of another big win this week. Coming from off the pace, she was a game half-length winner of the Diana, followed home by Matriarch and Jenny Wiley Stakes winner Segesta and New York Stakes winner Portfolio Duration. **CATHEDRAL** finished fourth and last week's Forever Together Stakes winner Dynamic Pricing (also trained by Brown) checked in fifth. Kathynmarissa ran to practically her career best to beat these rivals and she keeps on giving the impression that she has more improvement to come.

She was beaten 1 1/2 lengths when third to the front-running Portfolio Duration in the New York Stakes over 9.5 furlongs on the outer course at Saratoga in early June, but that race developed very much to suit the winner best of all and Kathynmarissa was spotting her 2lbs. Kathynmarissa's best run to date happened when she was an impressive winner of the Modesty Stakes at Churchill Downs in May. Going up against Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf winner **GEZORA**, she was 8-1 on the morning line for the 9-furlong test, but went off as a well backed 3-1 second favorite. She didn't let her supporters down - though they did get a 'nervy watch'. Kathynmarissa won despite things going wrong from the outset, and she won in the manner of a horse ready to step up again. The plan was to set the pace or be very close to it, but she broke poorly and ended up at the back. Jose Ortiz kept his cool and let her get gradually into the race. Kathynmarissa came with a great run down the home stretch and improved to **Globeform 114p** as she won easily by 1 1/4 lengths from Gezora, who was a neck in front of Proctor Street. Interestingly, Kathynmarissa has been held up in her two races since (though not as far back) and it seems that the Modesty run showed her connections how she should be ridden. Waiting tactics were also employed when she was runner-up to She Feels Pretty in the 10-furlong American Oaks as a 3yo (while in the care of Richard Dutrow). Unless Gezora comes back to form Kathynmarissa looks a safe bet in the Flower Bowl.

GEZORA is now 5lbs better off compared to their clash in the 9-furlong Modesty Stakes, where she was second 1 1/4 lengths behind Kathynmarissa. But for what she has done since, Gezora would be the selection as they renew rivalry at level weights - but she seems to have become very frustrating. Her next run was really bad, while her second was also well below what she has been capable of. She was moved from Chad Brown to Bill Mott after being beaten as the odds-on favorite on her seasonal debut in the Modesty.

Her first outing for Mott was a last placed effort in the New York Stakes at Saratoga in early June and two months after that flop she was only sixth of eight well behind Survie in the Glens Falls Stakes at the same venue; returning GF 101. Not only is that a long way below her 3yo peaks, it also fell embarrassingly far below her form in the Modesty, where she ran to GF 116. That Gezora, a small an unassuming horse, ran her best race this season straight off the bench, then ran poorly, may tell us that the problem is of a mental nature; perhaps she has simply had enough of this game. One would not have guessed that when seeing her runs in 2025.

The daughter of Almazour captured the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf at Del Mar last year, when she was also a classic winner in France. She performed to **Globeform 118p** to beat She Feels Pretty by half a length over 11 furlongs at Del Mar, the same mark she had returned when winning the Prix de Diane (French Oaks). Gezora's run prior to the Breeders' Cup was in the 12-furlong Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp, where she had a bad draw, ended up too far back in the field from the outset and was unplaced, 10 3/4 lengths behind her top class stable companion Daryz on very soft ground. The race was dominated by horses prominent or ridden just off the pace, and Gezora's run was best forgotten. She performed a lot better than the result might suggest, and she did not have a hard race. The decision to send her to the Breeders' Cup was an easy one.

She had been impressive when capturing the Prix de Diane over 10.5 furlongs at Chantilly in June. Gezora was much the best as she quickened past rivals inside the final furlong, beating Bedtime Story by a length, with Cenkora third. As many as seven subsequent stakes winners came out of that classic. Given a traditional French Arc prep, i.e. a break right through the summer, Gezora was exiting a near three-month rest when running in the Prix Vermeille in September, where she was a good runner-up to the high class filly Aventure (who ran second in the Prix de l'Arc in 2024). That run set Gezora up for the Arc, and next for the successful trip to Del Mar, where she made her last start for French champion trainer Francis-Henri Graffard.

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CATHEDRAL was beaten 4 1/2 lengths when fourth to **KATHYNMARISSA** in the 9-furlong Diana Stakes at Saratoga in July, and she has since joined Chad Brown from Amo Racing's principal UK trainer Kevin Philippart de Foy, based in Newmarket. The 4yo daughter of Too Darn Hot was rather dull at Saratoga, in what was her fourth - and least inspiring - appearance this year.

She produced her best performance to date when fourth in the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf at Del Mar last November. Stepping up to 11 furlongs for the first time (after having raced over 8 and 9 furlongs in Europe) the filly kept on well from a trip just off the pace to check in 1 3/4 lengths behind **GEZORA**, who won from She Feels Pretty and Diamond Rain. It was not the best edition we have seen, but the 2025 BC F&M Turf had a very competitive field. Outrunning her 90-1 odds, Cathedral improved to **Globeform 114** with this result. She has not been quite up to that level since, but she returned GF 110 with a game second in the 9-furlong Dahlia Stakes at Newmarket in early May, when Jancis beat her by 1 3/4 lengths. The two met again in the Duke Of Cambridge Stakes over a mile at Royal Ascot in June. Jancis ran second to multiple G1 winner Blue Bolt, while Cathedral was only seventh, beaten 6 1/2 lengths. She was up with the pace for a long time but faded at the finish.

Cathedral is a bit hard to place in the Flower Bowl picture. Representing a barn with an excellent record with newly acquired runners, she needs to bounce back while going back up in distance. A return to her Del Mar form would give her a chance, while a reproduction of her best effort this year would make her a Trifecta contender; and this trip may well prove to be exactly what she wants. There is speed and stamina in her family. The dam War And Peace is an unraced half-sister to Prix de l'Arc winner Bluestocking (who was at her best over 12 furlongs) as well as G1 winning miler Qirat - while Cathedral's best siblings are the useful 6-furlong winners Tolstoy and Firebird. >>>

Best Globeform winners at Saratoga



Kensington Lane **23-1** Mi Bago **9-1** Glacius **9-1**

Phileas Fogg **8-1** Title Role **7-1**

Crossover Capital **9-2** Survie **9-2** Hymn **9-2**

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FIONN was one of the best 3yo fillies operating on the lawn last year, when she won the Belmont Oaks over 9 furlongs at Saratoga in July, the Dueling Grounds Oaks over 10.5 furlongs at Kentucky Downs in September and the Jockey Club Oaks over 11 furlongs on the inner course at Aqueduct in November. Three high class staying performances over three very different courses; sophomores don't come much more versatile than this. Fionn did not need to be at her best when winning at Kentucky Downs but that she was successful also at the undulating venue speaks volumes; not much fazes this daughter of Twirling Candy. She produced **Globeform 110** when beating Nitrogen by a nose at Saratoga, and repeated the rating as she won by half a length from Laurelin at Aqueduct. Nitrogen's name is well known, she is now the top female runner in the land - and she was in good form when meeting Fionn; six weeks after being pipped by her she won the Alabama Stakes at Saratoga. Laurelin was also strong rival; a winner of the Saratoga Oaks she was 5-for-6 when meeting Fionn at Aqueduct. Fionn has raced twice without regaining winning form this year. She was a one paced sixth to Speed Shopper when making her seasonal debut in the Christophe Clement Stakes over 12 furlongs at Gulfstream Park in January. Returning GF 104 it was a respectable effort after the winter break, but a new layoff followed and we did not see her again until mid-August, when she finished last in an allowance race over a mile at Saratoga. Run on the inner course it was obviously much too sharp a trip for her but checking in 7 1/2 lengths behind Table Flirt was still disappointing.

SUNLIT UPLANDS ran right up to her best European form when beaten just a neck by And One More Time in the Ballston Spa Stakes over 8.5 furlongs at Saratoga in August, when the winner had to survive a stewards' inquiry after an objection for having caused interference at the finish. Sunlit Uplands, who raced in the first three throughout, may have been an unlucky loser that day and she's an interesting contender in the Flower Bowl, where she will be stretching out to 10 furlongs for the first time. She was not asked to go further than a mile in Europe, so on paper this move looks somewhat experimental. Perhaps that's what it is but note that the Ballston Spa was also on an inner course, that Sunlit Uplands has shown good form on soft ground - which may be what we get here - and, perhaps more significantly, that she's from a family with stamina. Her unraced dam Illico has also produced an 11.5-furlong winner by G1 winning miler Belardo, and Illico is herself a half-sister to horses with good form between 12 and 14 furlongs in Europe. Well drawn for a ground saving trip, Sunlit Uplands should not be overlooked; despite the fact that she steps up both in class and distance. She has not been collecting air miles since the Ballston Spa, but trained at Belmont Park - a move telling us that going for this race was the plan all along. >>>

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>>> A late developing filly, Sunlit Uplands began to show improvement in the spring. After running fourth in a G3 over 7 furlongs (straight) at Lingfield Park, she moved up to GF 100 to get second in Premio Royal Mares over a mile at San Siro in June, then took another big step up when winning the Holstein-Rennen over the same distance at Hamburg in July. Running out an easy 3-length winner, she returned **Globeform 109**, a rating she confirmed in the Ballston Spa. Confidently ridden by Marco Ghiani, she was close to the pace and traveling well all the way before taking the lead two furlongs out and quickly opened up to win the race with authority. Ghiani pushed her out to the line but Sunlit Uplands galloped out strongly and there was evidently more left in the tank. Her runner-up, the French trained favorite Fortuna Diamond, was 3-for-3 going into the event, having won a Listed race at Longchamp a month earlier, and she franked the form further by running a good third to Hassaleh in a G3 at Deauville next time out.

Sunlit Uplands is owned by her previous trainer Rae Guest and his wife Rachel Flynn. Guest retired last year. He always did well with fillies in a successful career; readers with long memories might recall his Stateside success with Aldbourne, who won the Breeders' Cup Handicap at Atlantic City before running second in the Noble Damsel at Belmont Park and in the E P Taylor Stakes at Woodbine back in 1990.

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CONCLUSION: Having gone with Gezora when she ran badly in the Glens Falls last time out it feels rather fickle to fear her now. It's actually a bit surprising to see her in this field. Is it a good sign? Is it a trainer decision or is it an owner decision? Is it a confident move or is it a case of 'everything to gain, nothing to lose'? One thing to note is that **OPULENT RESTRAINT** looks like a pacemaker for Gezora, whose best form has been over further than 10 furlongs. How much such a plan will affect the race depends on where habitual front-runner **STORM MIAMI** runs Saturday; in this race or in the All Along Stakes at Laurel Park. If she's out then Opulent Restraint may become loose on the lead, ignored by the rest and not have much of an effect on the fractions for the main body of the field. Either way, Gezora is hard to fancy. Take her out of the consideration and Kathynmarissa is in a race that's hers to lose. 8-5 morning line is short enough though, and the best way to play the race is probably to have her on top in a Trifecta plan where we use Sunlit Uplands as 2nd or 3rd with the C-horses mixed in. The fourth horse to add to this plan is Waya Stakes winner **EVERSHED**, a 12-1 shot with a nice improving profile. She needs more again to figure here but trying to get a G2-placing and add further value to her catalog page is not at all an unrealistic plan.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	9 KATHYNMARISSA
B	3 SUNLIT UPLANDS
C	1 EVERSHED, 4 GEZORA, 6 FIONN, 10 CATHEDRAL

Kathynmarissa / Diana Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sciyVSrtGyg>
4th Cathedral

Kathynmarissa / Modesty Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Blxc2Hf2ao&t=3s>
2nd Gezora

Gezora / Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ql5dgJO73BM>

Gezora 2nd / Prix Vermeille: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=je4Ru-clil>

Gezora / Prix de Diane: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aevvajeIPEY>

Sunlit Uplands 2nd / Ballston Spa Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vwj2Yd07vd4>

Sunlit Uplands / Holstein-Rennen: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ebb3LP3crq0>

Fionn / Jockey Club Oaks '25: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3fB3yJ7ZT9g&t=1s>

Fionn / Dueling Grounds Oaks '25: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ba2x8KvygoQ>

Fionn / Belmont Oaks '25: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A7zuYiJ2Syg>

