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GLOBEFORM RANKING

THE KELSO STAKES (G3) 8 fur Inner Turf, Sunday July 5

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	MY BOY PRINCE	117	110 - 117 - 116	M Casse / D Davis
1	1	ZULU KINGDOM	116	105 - 116 - 110	Brown / Prat
1 / 7+	9	COSMIC YEAR <i>GF 112 in May '25 Irish 2,000 Guineas (straight mile)</i>	112 / 106+	106+ 102 - 104	Brown / M Franco
3	10	TIZ DASHING	114	107 - 108 - 114	Tagg / Castellano
3	8	MI BAGO	112	112 - 97 - 98 - 109	M Casse / J L Ortiz
5p / 8	4	NEAT <i>GF 110p in Kelso '25</i>	110p / 107	107 - 0 - 102	Atras / R Gutierrez
8	11	CAPITOL HILL	105	105 - 102 - 94p	W Mott / Alvarado
11	2	MAYCOCKS BAY	106	106 - 101 - 103	Stidham / Rosario
12	5	PASS THE HAT	105	105 - 105 - 100	W Mott / Velazquez
13	7	ITSALLCOMINTOGETHA <i>GF 100 also in Mar '25</i>	100	96 - 100 - 100	Bartkowski / J Rodriguez
		Main Track Only entries			
	12	CASTLE CHAOS			Kantarmaci / TBA
	13	KINETIC			Kantarmaci / M Franco
	14	DR. KRAFT			Kantarmaci / S Gonzalez

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 Kelso

2025	THINK BIG	GF 114+	Jose L Ortiz	Michael Stidham
2024	CARL SPACKLER	GF 116p	Chad Brown	Tyler Gaffalione
2023	CASA CREED	GF 119	William Mott	Luis Saez
2022	CITY MAN	GF 113	Christophe Clement	Joel Rosario
2021	RINALDI	GF 112	H James Bond	Luis Saez
2019	MR HAVERCAMP	GF 114	Catherine Day Phillips	Junior Alvarado

Run as the Forbidden Apple Stakes up to 2024

Average winning Globeform: 114.6

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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

MY BOY PRINCE, one of two interesting runners for owner Gary Barber and trainer Mark Casse, stretches back out to a mile after having produced some fine performances in sprint races. Casse fields a front running miler in Mi Bago, while at the same time letting the closing sprinter My Boy Prince take his chance. He has also set the pace when running over over further. The 5yo son of Cairo Prince was below par when fifth to Reef Runner in the Jaipur Stakes over 5.5 furlongs at Saratoga in early June, but his preceding runs were much better. He followed up a win in the Turf Dash at Tampa Bay Downs with an even stronger performance when capturing the Shakertown Stakes over 5.5 furlongs at Keeneland in April. My Boy Prince came from with a strong run from just off the pace to beat Yellow Card by 1 1/4 lengths, improving to GF 116 in the process. The two met again in the Twin Spires Turf Sprint at Churchill Downs a month later; this race was also over 5.5 furlongs but one significant difference was the weight shift. My Boy Prince was now burdened with 4lbs more than Yellow Card, who gained his revenge. He won by a neck from Litigation, while My Boy Prince was beaten half a length in fourth place. He was the one who put up the best performance, moving up to **Globeform 117**. His subsequent run in the Jaipur was worth GF 110, and that was also the rating My Boy Prince returned when he ran second to the top class miler Notable Speech in the Woodbine Mile last September. Setting the pace, My Boy Prince was beaten 1 3/4 lengths by the next out Breeders' Cup Mile winner, with Gas Me Up 1 3/4 lengths behind him in third place. Gas Me Up was coming off a win in the King Edward Stakes at Woodbine and he went on to win the Joe Hernandez Stakes at Santa Anita. My Boy Prince has had an unusual career and he has proved to be very versatile, with good form over a wide variety of distances; as a 3yo he was also second in the King's Plate, run of Tapeta at Woodbine. The question we face this weekend; can he run up to his best, or at least close to his best, over a mile? Given that his best form has come over 5.5 furlongs it seems reasonable to say no to this - but we know that he stays a mile, and what we don't know is this; was his marked improvement this spring a product of cutting back in distance or could it be that he has simply become a better, stronger, horse who can run up to GF 116-117 also over this distance? If that's the case he can win the Kelso Stakes.

ZULU KINGDOM, who won the Manila Stakes and the Hall of Fame Stakes negotiating this inner course mile last year, made an excellent start to his 4yo campaign when winning the prestigious Maker's Mark Mile at Keeneland in April, only to disappoint when long odds-on to follow up in the Poker Stakes at Saratoga in June, when he was a dull third behind **PASS THE HAT** and **CAPITOL HILL**. Something must have been amiss that day. His Maker's Mark success, albeit made an easier task when Notable Speech had a nightmare trip, was high class form and so much better than his run in the Poker. Breaking for post one (as he will do also here), he led every step of the way and kept on gamely to hold on by 3/4 length from the late charging One Stripe, who was a good second also in the Pegasus World Cup Turf at Gulfstream Park and went on to be second to Deterministic in the Manhattan Stakes at Saratoga next time out. Rhetorical, who was third in the Maker's Mark, won the Turf Classic at Churchill Downs three weeks later and he ran fourth in the Manhattan. Zulu Kingdom improved to **Globeform 116** at Keeneland. He was way below that figure in the Poker but let's draw a line through that result. With G1 winning form over a mile, two stakes wins over the trip around this tight course, and a good draw he might be the one they all have to beat.

COSMIC YEAR is an interesting runner. A very promising horse early on in 2025, when he won the King Charles II Stakes over 7 furlongs at Newmarket before running second to the top class miler Field Of Gold in the Irish 2,000 Guineas, he failed to build on those performances in three subsequent runs in Europe and he is now with Chad Brown, who gave the colt his US debut in the 8.5-furlong Cliff Hanger Stakes at Monmouth Park in May. Odds-on to win the race Cosmic Year was beaten a neck by **NEAT**, who is in opposition once more in the Kelso. They were both a bit erratic on the day. Neat showed an awkward head carriage and seemed to idle once he hit the front, while Cosmic Year wasted energy by pulling through the first half of the race. He ran on well enough at the finish but failing to catch Neat falls short of his best as a 3yo, when he produced **Globeform 112** in the straight-mile Irish 2,000 Guineas. The well bred Kingman colt ran to GF 106+ at Monmouth; he probably needed the run after a long break, and there's every chance that he can jump back up to his best in this race. 6-1 morning seems fair about this horse. His dam, Passage Of Time, won the Criterium de Saint-Cloud over 10 furlongs as a juvenile and the Musidora Stakes over 10.5 furlongs at three. From a very good Juddmonte family, she is also the dam of Time Test, an English G2 winner who ran second to World Approval in the 8-furlong Fourstardave Stakes. A son of Dubawi, he was just as good over 10.5 furlongs.

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TIZ DASHING sits high on the ranking thanks to one good performance that stands above the rest on his record; the impressive win in the Canadian Turf Stakes at Gulfstream Park. He ran to **Globeform 114** on that occasion but has been back down to his previous level in two runs since; when last of seven in the Maker's Mark Mile at Keeneland and when eighth of nine in the Manhattan Stakes at Saratoga. He is clearly talented but also somewhat unpredictable. He was unlucky not win the 8.5-furlong Tropical Park Derby at Gulfstream Park last December, then came up with a strong performance to make amends in the Canadian Turf over the same course and distance in February. Waited with a few lengths off the early pace, the son of Tiz the Law delivered an impressive kick coming down the lane; shooting clear to win by 3 3/4 lengths from Battle of Normandy, who was a head better than the third placed Beach Gold. Battle of Normandy, winner of the River City Stakes in 2024 but sidelined through most of 2025, was exiting a third placing behind **MI BAGO** in a strong allowance race in January, and he ran second to Integration in the Fort Marcy at Aqueduct on his next start. Beating Battle of Normandy and Beach Gold might not seem like an overly exciting result and it's not but Tiz Dashing crushed them and it would have taken a good horse to deny him on the day. If he can regain that sort of form he has a good chance of hitting the board. A 10-1 shot on the morning line, he may well go off at even bigger odds and he is well worth including in Trifecta plans.

MI BAGO is coming off his career best effort, a strong front-running win in the Kingston Stakes over 8.5 furlongs around the inner course at Saratoga, and he should not be underrated here. Yes, his 4 1/2-length win was gained in a race restricted to New York bred horses, and Spirit of St. Louis, who ran second, has lost his form - but how badly could he have run? He is a G1 winner after all. Mi Bago's performance had 'Kelso Stakes next' written all over it. He will be taking a step up in class, but cutting back to a mile is an advantage and that this is on the inner course most definitely favors him. Having run to GF 109 when winning a stakes quality allowance race over a mile on his seasonal debut at Gulfstream Park in January, Mi Bago improved to **Globeform 112** in the Kingston. That level gives him a chance and **12-1 morning line is too big** about this son of Vekoma. He looks a value bet but the health warning is obvious; there's more speed signed on and it seems unlikely that he will be loose on the lead this time.

**MI BAGO (8-1) RAN A DEAD-HEAT WITH TOP SELECTION ZULU KINGDOM
EXACTAS PAID 12-1 AND 16-1**

NEAT returned to winning form in the Cliff Hanger Stakes at Monmouth Park in late May. Bouncing back from a day to forget when running last in the Henry Clark at Laurel, he beat **COSMIC YEAR** by a neck despite idling and carrying his head high and sideways at the finish. He may be a tricky horse. The Cliff Hanger win was worth GF 107, not far off his career best; **Globeform 110p**, earned when he ran fourth 2 1/4 lengths behind Think Big in the Kelso Stakes last year. Neat suffered from considerable interference then, and he would have been closer with a clean trip. Winner of the Hall of Fame Stakes over a mile on Saratoga's inner course back in 2024, when he was also third to Brilliant Berti in the Gun Runner Stakes at Kentucky Downs, he fits quite well into this race and a top three finish is not impossible.

CRUISE THE NILE ran as if something was a miss when he let the team down as a hot 2/5 favorite in the Dinner Party Stakes at Laurel Park in May. Looking rather 'flat' he had little to offer at the finish and faded to finish third of the five runners, beaten 1 3/4 lengths behind Fort Washington (who was only seventh in the Wise Dan at Churchill Downs last week). That run was not Cruise the Nile's true form and it's interesting that Graham Motion brings him back in the Kelso Stakes, arguably a much tougher race. Cruise the Nile won the 8-furlong Henry Clark Stakes at Laurel Park in April. It was his fourth straight win, and it was much easier than how it looks on paper. Going off as the 5-4 favorite, the progressive son of Cairo Prince won snugly as he beat Horsepower by a neck, with Bartlett 2 lengths further adrift in third place. It's not often 5-4 is a good price but in this case it was. Horsepower, a G3-placed stakes winner, and Bartlett, who has six wins to his name, are useful performers but not up to his class. Cruise the Nile came from off the pace and he won without being fully extended, returning GF 108+ on the day. He had improved to **Globeform 111** on his previous start. That happened in a strong allowance heat over 8.5 furlongs at Gulfstream Park, where he led every step of the way and beat the late charging Burnham Square by 2 1/4 lengths. Burnham Square has since won the Elkhorn Stakes at Keeneland and the Louisville Stakes at Churchill Downs. Cruise the Nile has been off the board just the once from six starts, he is open to further improvement and he is yet another Trifecta contender in the Kelso. >>>

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CONCLUSION: Five or six of the eleven runners are prominent types and we may see solid pace, and the winner will probably be a horse that stays further than this mile. It will also need to be a horse avoiding any trouble in running. That's not always easy from the rail post but if Zulu Kingdom can get as good a break as he did in the Maker's Mark Mile he's set for a ground saving trip. That he won the 8.5-furlong American Turf Stakes over the more demanding course at Churchill Downs is also a plus. He may be the 5-2 favorite and thus not a 'creative' selection but he looks the most likely winner. Though only just; this is quite an open looking contest with a handful of serious win contenders. My Boy Prince has the form to give beat all, if he is as good over this distance as he has been in sprints. His barnmate Mi Bago will be very dangerous if he gets loose in front, while Cosmic Year's good European form makes him one to consider if he can rediscover such form. From a female line best known for having produced high class horses over 10 furlongs, he may be the one to benefit if we see a hot pace; but how will he handle the inner course? His best form has come over straight courses. Neat beat Cosmic Year last time; so can we drop him? Probably not. Then we have Tiz Dashing, good enough to make an impact on his day but impossible to predict. Exiting two unplaced (but not disgraced) efforts he's likely to go off at a massive price but don't be shocked if he makes the frame.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	1 ZULU KINGDOM WON; DEAD HEAT
B	3 MY BOY PRINCE, 8 MI BAGO WON; DEAD HEAT, 9 COSMIC YEAR
C	4 NEAT, 6 CRUISE THE NILE, 10 TIZ DASHING

My Boy Prince 4th / Twin Spires Turf Sprint: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JkujKoYXhll>

My Boy Prince / Shakertown Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SNH4cGN4AnM>

My Boy Prince 2nd / Woodbine Mile '25: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-UXECiVdrpU>

Zulu Kingdom / Maker's Mark Mile: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NWLRljXyaz0>

Zulu Kingdom 4th (1st) / Hall of Fame S. '25: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mvtiQ-FXPel&t=4s>

Zulu Kingdom / Manila Stakes '25: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QSQ4iyIBzTA>

Zulu Kingdom / American Turf S. '25: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U8mLouNjVvY>

Cosmic Year 2nd / Irish 2,000 Guineas '25: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hVspaolF2hk>

Tiz Dashing / Canadian Turf Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IBEyMU-wzMY>

Mi Bago / Kingston Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eG5V-gKmtPY>

Neat / Cliff Hanger Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EVlvzYdXC4>
2nd Cosmic Year

TOO BIG, TOO SHORT ON THE MORNING LINES SARATOGA SUNDAY

KELSO STAKES | MI BAGO | 12-1 | TOO BIG | WON

It may have been against New York bred but make no mistake, Mi Bago's Kingston Stakes performance was very strong. He has never been better than he was that day, and it was around this inner course. 1 mile will suit him even better. Mi Bago can easily end up in a speed duel but what if he does get a clear lead? He's well worth a wager at big odds.



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