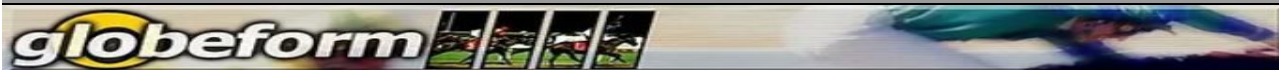


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GLOBEFORM RANKING

FLORIDA OAKS (G3) 8.5 fur Turf, Tampa Bay Downs, March 8

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)					
0p	9	NITROGEN	105p	101+ 105p - 99p	M Casse / J L Ortiz
2p	3	DELORAINE	101p	89 - 101p - ?p	Harty / Castanon
5p	6	LUSH LIPS	98p	98p - 86p - 0	Walsh / Gaffalione
11p	7	OPULENT RESTRAINT	94p	94p - 84p - ?p	C Brown / Prat
13p	10	PRETTY LAVISH	90p	90p - 80p	Motion / I Ortiz Jr
13	1	SMART UNION	90	90 - 89 - 84	Motion / Centeno
16	11	CELTIC MOTIF	87	82+ 87 - 87	Walsh / Dettori
18p	12	MIAVANA	85p	85p - ?p - 0	Maker / Rosario
19p	2	BRILLANTE	84p	84p - 84p - ?p	C Brown / Camacho
20p	8	SMUDGE	83p	83p - ?p - ?p	M Casse / Davis
22p	5	LOVE YOU ANYWAY	81p	81p	Arnold / Maragh
?	4	MISS RUMMIKUB	?	75 - ?+	Moreno-Barban / Beato

Most recent winners of the Florida Oaks

2024	WASKESIU	GF 99	William Mott	Junior Alvarado
2023	MISSION OF JOY	GF 97	Graham Motion	Antonio Gallardo
2022	DOLCE ZEL	GF 101p	Chad Brown	Irada Ortiz Jr
2021	DOMAIN EXPERTISE	GF 101	Chad Brown	Antonio Gallardo
2020	OUTBURST	GF 101	Eddie Kenneally	Javier Castellano

Average winning Globeform: 99.8

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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

NITROGEN signalled that she will be every bit as good this year as she was in the juvenile campaign, perhaps even better, when winning the Ginger Brew Stakes over a mile at Gulfstream Park in early January. Back after a two-month break since running such a good race at the Breeders' Cup, she finished strongly from what had looked an almost impossible position at the top the lane to get up for a cheeky half-length win over Love Cervere. Nitrogen ran to GF 101+ in the Ginger Brew, not far off her best rating in 2024. She was a good third after trying to make all in the Natalma Stakes at Woobine on her second start (3/4 length behind her barnmate And One More, with recent stakes winner Vixen third) and she improved again when coming from off the pace to fill the same place in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf Mile over a mile at Del Mar, where she was almost ten lengths down turning for home (not five to six, as PPs will have us believe). Nitrogen finished strongly that day, and was beaten only by the top class Irish filly Lake Victoria and May Day Ready, who had previously won stakes events at Kentucky Downs and Keeneland. Very good form and one can easily argue that Nitrogen ran better than margins of 1 1/2 lengths and 1 length indicated that day. She is the obvious favorite for the Florida Oaks, where a step up in distance is likely to suit her.

DELORAINÉ, who is much too big as a **15-1 shot** on the morning line, may go in a bit under the radar in this race, having been beaten 7 lengths when third in the Suncoast Stakes last time out; that was on dirt though, and we must focus on her preceding start, a comfortable win over a mile on the turf at Tampa in December. That was a classy performance and one that earned her **Globeform 101p**. With a 2lbs pull against Nitrogen, she is clearly a danger to all in this 8.5-furlong event. Moving effortlessly up going around the home bend, she could soon be called the winner in that allowance race, and she sailed away to win by 8 1/4 lengths under a hand ride. Rocio and I'mwishingonastar filled second and third and these two ran third and fourth to **SMART UNION**, who has formlines linking into some of the better 3yo turf fillies seen at Gulfstream Park this winter, and there can be little doubt that Deloraine is a much better horse than Smart Union. With a low draw and a prominent running style, this well bred daughter of Candy Ride has a good chance. Her sire was effective both on turf and dirt, while her dam Unbridled Elaine won the Breeders' Cup Distaff.

LUSH LIPS improved considerably on her 2yo form when making all for an impressive 2-length win in a stakes quality allowance heat over 8.5 furlongs at Gulfstream Park in January. She was pulling hard for most of the way (blinkers come off this time) but still had plenty left for the stretch run and she won with a bit in hand. Her runner-up Ramsey Pond advertised the form by taking second to Vixen (who has won again since) in the Sweetest Chant Stakes three weeks later. Lush Lips is probably open to improvement and, having run to Globeform 98p and set to receive 2lbs from Nitrogen, she must be respected.

OPULENT RESTRAINT made hard work of it when beating Rare Art by a nose in the Chelsey Flower Stakes over 8.5 furlongs at Aqueduct last October, and this will be her seasonal debut. Going off as the odds-on favorite, she wasn't as good as most people seemed to think at Aqueduct, where she also ran like a filly who did not quite stay the distance. She is bred to get further than a mile though, so perhaps it was a lack of fitness that made her tire in the closing stages. Either way, this filly does not seem to be another Chad Brown star, she will probably be overbet due to her connections, and she should be opposed; though she is of course a horse to use underneath in the Trifecta and Superfecta plans. Note that Rare Art runs in R8 at Gulfstream Park today (set to go off 40 minutes before this race); we must monitor how she gets on before finalizing our wagers on the Florida Oaks. >>>

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PRETTY LAVISH is also up against it based on what she has done to date - but this filly falls into the 'could be anything bracket' - do not be surprised if she improves significantly again in the Florida Oaks. Very confidently ridden, she came flying from the back when beating Flip Flops to give us a nice win here at Tampa Bay Downs in February. She moved up from GF 80p (earned in her one start in Ireland last year to **Globeform 90p**, she had more in hand and she was full of energy after the race. Pretty Lavish won over 8.5 furlongs on her debut at Gowran Park last October. Encountering testing ground in a 15-runner race, she came with a smooth run from off the pace to beat the Joseph O'Brien trained I Can Imagine, with J M's Joy third. The latter ran second in a Dundalk maiden next time out but I Can Imagine was sold and sent to a small trainer in England, where she was seventh in a low key novice event in November. The Gowran race was far from one of the better maiden heats in Ireland last year but Pretty Lavish was a clear cut winner and, going off at 20-1, she was chased home by the three favorites, two of them representing top teams.

CONCLUSION: Nitrogen is the most likely winner but Deloraine is a must bet at big odds, and playing Trifecta plan based one these two to finish 1st & 2nd or 1st & 3rd with the other four in the selection box is tempting.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	9 NITROGEN
B	3 DELORAINE, 6 LUSH LIPS
C	1 SMART UNION, 7 OPULENT RESTRAINT, 10 PRETTY LAVISH

Nitrogen 3rd, Correto 7th / B Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vPwWgZUv0q8>

Nitrogen 3rd / Natalma Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rgvuktSPg84>

Deloraine / Tampa Bay allowance: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-6DRa9fyQ5I>

Lush Lips / Gulfstream Park allowance (R9 / 22 min.): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qXj1xrjN5P4>

Opulent Restraint / Chelsey Flower Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-_GXanggZDA

Pretty Lavish / Tampa Bay Downs allowance: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x5ZyZWjPgJY>

Pretty Lavish / Gowran Park maiden (R3 / 1.35 min): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F2OVSI7SKvQ>