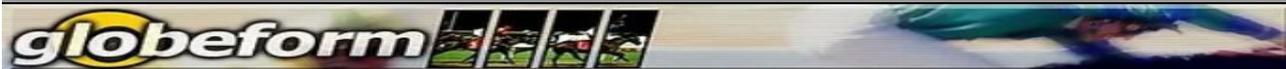


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GLOBEFORM RANKING

FRANK E. KILROE MILE (G1) 8 fur Turf, Santa Anita, March 7

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 |
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| From right to left (most recent first) | | | | | |
| 0p | 3 | EL POTENTE | 115p | 115p - 104 - 110 | Blacker / Berrios |
| (0) 2+ / 4 | 1 | MI HERMANO RAMON <i>GF 111+ in Jan '25</i> <i>GF 113 in Nov '24</i> | (113) 111+ / 109 | 108+ 109 - 105+ | Glatt / Fresu |
| 1 | 4 | GAS ME UP | 114 | 106+ 114 - 112 | Eurton / Demuro |
| 1 | 8 | ASTRONOMER <i>GF 112 in Nov '24</i> | 112 | 111 - 106 - 108 | Callaghan / Geroux |
| 2 | 2 | ALMENDARES <i>GF 111 also in July '25</i> | 111 | 111 - 111 - 111 | D'Amato / Gaffalione |
| 3 | 7 | FINAL BOSS | 101 | 101 - 98 - 110 | Sadler / Hernandez |
| 4 | 5 | CABO SPIRIT | 111 | 104 - 111 - 103 - 111 | Papaprodromou / Smith |
| 4 | 6 | MI BAGO | 109 | 109 - 89 - 95 - 95 | M Casse / Jaramillo |

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 Kilroe Mile

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|------|----------------|--------|------------------|-----------------|
| 2025 | FORMIDABLE MAN | GF 110 | Michael McCarthy | Umberto Rispoli |
| 2024 | DU JOUR | GF 117 | Bob Baffert | Flavien Prat |
| 2023 | GOLD PHOENIX | GF 114 | Phil D'Amato | Kazushi Kimura |
| 2022 | COUNT AGAIN | GF 114 | Phil D'Amato | Flavien Prat |
| 2021 | HIT THE ROAD | GF 115 | Dan Blacker | Florent Geroux |
| 2020 | RIVER BOYNE | GF 114 | Jeff Mullins | Abel Cedillo |

Average winning Globeform: 114



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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

With the entire field ranked within 4lbs, which equals about 2 lengths, this is a very closely matched contest, and it also has a fair bit of speed signed on - making **EL POTENTE**'s task quite different to what he experienced in the Thunder Road Stakes a month ago. Still, Dan Blacker's star was so impressive on that occasion and he is hard to oppose as he goes for the Kilroe Mile. Taking charge early, he raced with great zest in the one mile Thunder Road - dictating just ahead of Namaron before opening up at the top of the lane and run away from his four rivals. He came home 3 3/4 lengths clear on **GAS ME UP**, who did not get the best of rides and possibly could have been a bit closer with a more prominent trip. That's no more than 'possibly' though, as El Potente had more in hand when passing the winning post. The son of Temple City improved to **Globeform 115p** in the process. He is seven years old now though he has raced just 17 times, for 7 wins, and should not be seen as an old veteran still holding his own in graded stakes. El Potente is a miler who has always threatened to produce a big performance, but he has also had an interrupted career. The Thunder Road was the race where he finally showed his true class. There are others in this field with early speed, but none with his effortless early zip; he *can* sit second, he is well drawn in post three with no speed to his inside - meaning that he'll be able to grab the rail and save ground - and he may improve again. In short, this is not a horse to bet against.

EL POTENTE won the Thunder Road also in 2025 (when he sat second early), and he ran very close to his previous best when returning after a long layoff in the 8.5-furlong Seabiscuit Handicap at Del Mar in November, checking in third behind our 68-1 winner Call Sign Seven and **ASTRONOMER**. A month later, he tried sprinting in the Hernandez Stakes over 6.5 furlongs on Santa Anita's downhill course. That trip often suits milers, but not always milers that have been doing their best when on the lead. **GAS ME UP**, coming from way back, won, beating Sumter, who also came from off the pace; while El Potente ran fourth, beaten 3 3/4 lengths after having been close to the early pace. He turned the tables on Gas Me Up in the Thunder Road, where he enjoyed the run of the race. The margin between the two has been exactly the same in these races and it's a fair bet that it will be closer this time - but El Potente is taken to make it 2-1 in his favor.

GAS ME UP produced a strong performance when coming from well off the pace to win the Joe Hernandez Stakes over 6.5 furlongs at Santa Anita in late December. Sitting last in the early part of the downhill course contest, which had a deep, competitive field, he blew past them all coming down the lane and won by 1 1/4 lengths from Sumter. Sumter was in receipt of 4lbs. Zio Jo, 2 lengths further back in third place, enjoyed 2lbs pull with the winner, as did **EL POTENTE**, who finished fourth beaten 3 3/4 lengths. Whereas Gas Me Up had won over the distance at Woodbine last year, the Hernandez was El Potente's first attempt at sprinting. Gas Me Up improved to **Globeform 114** with this win, having run to GF 112 when seventh 4 1/4 lengths behind the excellent Notable Speech in the Breeders' Cup Mile at Del Mar last November. That was a step up the ratings ladder and he took another in the Hernandez, where things fell absolutely right for him. Something one can't say about his next race, the Thunder Road back over a mile in early February. El Potente went gate to wire for a comfortable win and Gas Me Up was his runner-up, beaten 3 3/4 lengths after having been held up in last place. Criticizing riders on a regular basis is not a wise move when handicapping, but in this case I think we can say that Gas Me Up suffered from a poor ride; not least given how well he ran when sitting in the first two from the outset and getting third to Notable Speech in the Woodbine Mile last fall. With El Potente likely to have a bit more pressure this time, Gas Me Up can become his nearest rival once more.

MI HERMANO RAMON enjoyed his finest hour in the 8.5-furlong Seabiscuit Handicap at Del Mar in November 2024, beating Redistricting with a strong move from off the pace coming down the short stretch. He improved again, to **Globeform 113**, as he followed up with a good runner-up effort in the San Gabriel Stakes over 9 furlongs at Santa Anita next time out, beaten just 3/4 length by the high class turf star Johannes. He performed with credit twice also in 2025, though did not win again. Given a break after a below par effort in the Kilroe Mile (fifth to Formidable Man after being compromised by a slow pace), he ran better in the Shoemaker Mile at Santa Anita (beaten a neck by King of Gosford in a substandard G1). His performance in the Shoemaker was not too far off his best - but he was a bit unlucky as he shipped to Churchill Downs and the Wise Dan Stakes last June. A very slow pace meant that he ended up sitting in >>>

>>> second for most of the 8.5-furlong trip; not at all his style; and he ended up as a compromised fourth placed finisher, 1 3/4 lengths behind Brilliant Berti. Mi Hermano Ramon had one breeze 16 days after that run but was then absent from the work tabs right up to January 11, so something must have gone wrong. At his best, this Mark Glatt trainee is good enough to have a winning chance in the Kilroe, and it's interesting that his in-form trainer puts him in a race as tough as this after an eight-month layoff. Then again, he may not have too many options.

ASTRONOMER, coming off a good fourth in the Pegasus World Cup Turf at Gulfstream, is rated 3lbs below El Potente and he gets 2lbs from that rival; putting him just 1lb below the likely favorite on our ranking. He ran to **Globeform 112** when third to Mi Hermano Ramon under a tough weight in the 2024 Seabiscuit Handicap at Del Mar, and he returned GF 111 when beaten 1 1/4 lengths behind Test Score on Pegasus day six weeks ago. He is as good now as he was in '24, but Astronomer is horse who has developed somewhat unusual track preferences. While he ran to GF 108 to be second in last year's Seabiscuit Hcap, he dipped to GF 106 when second to **CABO SPIRIT** in the San Gabriel at Santa Anita a month later. That's his best form when racing at Santa Anita the past three seasons. He has returned GF 110 once over this course, but that was as runner-up in the City of Hope Mile back in 2023. Astronomer likes it much better at Del Mar, which is quite different to Santa Anita - though the puzzling bit is that did not mind Gulfstream Park, also very different to Del Mar. It's hard to fancy him at Santa Anita, even after the good Pegasus effort; he is drawn wide and he is likely to be close to what may be a strong pace; so winning won't be easy.

ALMENDARES is incredibly consistent and he makes appeal as the third choice in this race, despite the fact that he has never won at Santa Anita (he is 0-2-2 from 6 starts here). He has run solid races in defeat over this course though, and he was close to his career best rating when second to Johannes in the City of Hope Mile last year, beaten 1 1/4 lengths while in receipt of 4lbs. Almendares ran to **Globeform 111** three times in 2025/26; winning the Wickerr Stakes at Del Mar, fifth under top weight in the Seabiscuit at the same venue, and recently third in the Pegasus World Cup Turf at Gulfstream Park, where he came from off the pace to check in 1 1/4 lengths behind Test Score. **ASTRONOMER** was just a head behind him in that contest. Almendares ran close to his best also in the Del Mar Mile (second to Formidable Man) and his last five runs were worth Globeform 111, 109, 109, 111 and 111. Well drawn for a ground saving trip in a race where the pace will probably be honest to strong, he has a good chance of hitting the board.

CABO SPIRIT and **MI BAGO** are in-form contenders coming off good front-running performances. Cabo Spirit, who beat **ASTRONOMER** to win 9-furlong San Gabriel two starts back, has a good record at Santa Anita, while Mi Bago - who improved when winning a stakes quality allowance race at Gulfstream Park in January - will be making his first start over this course. They could both make their presence felt but matching strides with El Potente, or setting the pace stalked by him, will not make things easy.

CONCLUSION: El Potente is hardly an original choice, but he is the logical choice; having been so strong in the Thunder Road. It's not often that horses jump up to a career best rating without having a hard race, but that's what he did last month; his win was easy and it was over this exact same trip. A better pace than in the Thunder Road should set things up well for Gas Me Up, and there's a good chance that we will be seeing a repeat of the Thunder Road exacta. Almendares is the most reliable of the rest and his big advantage is that he can be ridden just off the pace or come from further back. Aiming for a Trifecta plan with El Potente on top with Gas Me Up and / or Almendares in 2nd / 3rd may be the way to go. Any of the six others can sneak into the top three, so let's mix them all in. Shooting for a bigger return, how about this Super plan: El Potente to win, Gas Me Up to get up for second and Almendares checking in third or fourth; with all others. That's just 12 lines and well worth trying.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

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| A | 3 EL POTENTE |
| B | 4 GAS ME UP |
| C | 2 ALMENDARES |

El Potente / Thunder Road Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-L69oUOI8jg>
2nd Gas Me Up

El Potente 3rd / Seabiscuit Hcap: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U6jaepgeFnk>

El Potente / Thunder Road St. '25: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-wBG0e-sVe8>

Gas Me Up / Joe Hernandez Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EUEdbrOvxDQ>
4th El Potente

Gas Me Up 3rd / Woodbine Mile: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-UXECiVdrpU>

Gas Me Up / King Edward Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZiCTbnG-LKU>



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