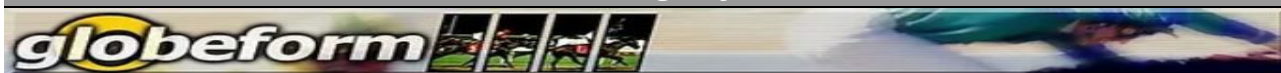


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GLOBEFORM RANKING

MAKER'S MARK MILE (G1) 8 fur Turf, Keeneland Apr 11

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	4	NOTABLE SPEECH <i>GF 121 in May '24</i>	121	120+ 116+ 119+	Appleby / Buick
5p	1	RHETORICAL	116p	116p - 115p - 106p	Walden / I Ortiz Jr
(4) 9+	2	ONE STRIPE <i>GF 117 South Africa '24</i>	(117) 112+	112+ 112+ 105	Motion / Velazquez
5	10	DETERMINISTIC	116	116 - 115 - 114p	Clement / Carmouche
5	11	TIZ DASHING	116	116 - 107p - 102	Tagg / Castellano
5	9	WOLFIE'S DYNAGHOST	116	108 - 116 - 116	Lynch / J L Ortiz
9	12	BRILLIANT BERTI <i>GF 112 also in May & Jun '25</i>	112	101+ 112 - 109	DeVaux / Hernandez Jr
10p	6	ZULU KINGDOM	111p	110 - 107 - 111p	Brown / Prat
11p	3	TROUBLESHOOTING	110p	88 - 110p - 109	Foley / Gaffalione
12p	7	TENACIOUS LEADER	109p	102 - 109p - 98p	Pletcher / L Saez
13	5	AOMORI CITY	108	94 - 108 - 100	Appleby / Mullen
5 / 17	8	BEAR RIVER <i>GF 116 Kent Downs Aug '25</i>	116 / 104	100 - 100 - 104	Desormeaux / Graham
20	13	PIKIN ALSO ELIGIBLE	101	101 - ?p - ?	Wilkes / Zayas

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 Maker's Mark Mile

2025	CARL SPACKLER	GF 119+	Chad Brown	Flavien Prat
2024	MASTER OF THE SEAS	GF 119	Charlie Appleby	William Buick
2023	CHEZ PIERRE	GF 122	Arnaud Delacour	Flavien Prat
2022	SHIRL'S SPEIGHT	GF 118	Roger Attfield	Luis Saez
2021	RAGING BULL	GF 118	Chad Brown	Irada Ortiz Jr
2020	WAR OF WILL	GF 113	Mark Casse	Tyler Gaffalione

Average winning Globeform: 118.1

GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

NOTABLE SPEECH, last year's winner of the Breeders' Cup Mile, has shipped across the Atlantic for what will be his first race as a 5yo; and he is obviously the one to beat in the Maker's Mark Mile, a contest his connections took with another BC Mile winner, Master Of The Seas, two years ago. Going off favorite, Notable Speech beat Del Mar Mile winner Formidable Man and fellow Euro raider The Lion In Winter readily by 1 1/2 lengths and a head on the championship day at Del Mar last November. **RHETORICAL**, who made an early move but was caught, checked in fourth, beaten 2 lengths, and **ONE STRIPE** was unplaced. Notable Speech came from off the pace, was perfectly ridden by Buick to find a nice trip on the inside, and he won with authority; producing **Globeform 121**. That was the rating he ran to also in the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket two years ago, but he had not been able to *quite* reach that high level in between the two big results. He used the Woodbine Mile as his Breeders' Cup prep, and won easily from My Boy Prince. He didn't beat top notch milers in Toronto but it was perfect way to get ready for a trip to California.

An impressive winner of the 2,000 Guineas over the straight mile at Newmarket in 2024, he also captured the Sussex Stakes at Goodwood and ran third in the Breeders' Cup Mile at Del Mar as a three-year-old. Notable Speech was down on his luck in Europe last year though; particularly when he was beaten a head by Diego Velazquez in the Prix Jacques le Marois at Deauville in August. Flashing home strongly from well off the pace after a troubled run, he missed out by just a head. Another stride or two and he would have won that race. With high class milers Dancing Gemini and Docklands filling third and fourth behind him, it was another excellent performance.

It's hard to oppose Notable Speech this weekend, though it is worth noting that the home team is every bit as strong in this Maker's Mark Mile as it was in the Breeders' Cup Mile. On Globeform 121, he is the clear top rated, but as many as five of his rivals have proved capable of Globeform 116. What this means is that if the English raider is couple of lengths below his absolute best, well, then there's more than one danger - more than just the one who can give him a fight. How fit can we expect him to be after the winter break? He 'blew up' when fourth on his seasonal bow in the Lockinge Stakes in England last May, but it was well known then that he was behind schedule in his works and needed the run. The question this week might be just as much about whether he has trained on as a 5yo after hard campaigns at three and four. Notable Speech was unraced at two, so he's not a horse with plenty of mileage, but he's been in many a tough battle.

RHETORICAL kept on improving last year and, with just seven career starts, this 5yo can continue his upward curve. He improved to **Globeform 116p** when taking fourth, 2 lengths behind **NOTABLE SPEECH** in the Breeders' Cup Mile at Del Mar, where Irad Ortiz rode him a bit too aggressively perhaps? Forwardly placed around the track, he kicked into the lead coming into the straight but was caught and passed by three rivals. Now, the home straight is just a furlong at Del Mar, so criticising Ortiz for this move makes no sense. Given the fact that it was Notable Speech who was hunting him down, it might have served him better to keep a bit in reserve. Or perhaps it made no difference. Whichever way we look at this, the fact is that Rhetorical ran a big race in defeat, while at the same time proving that his win in the Coolmore Mile at Keeneland four weeks prior was no fluke.

He caused a bit up an upset when winning the Coolmore Mile in October. The New York bred son of Not This Time had been impressive in an allowance race and in the restricted West Point Stakes at Saratoga, but the Turf Mile represented a big step up in class. He took it all in his stride; positioned just off the pace, he finished well and came home half a length in front Program Trading, who ran on from the back to get second by a neck from **BRILLIANT BERTI**. Rhetorical had needed GF 106p to win each of his two preceding races and he jumped right up to GF 115p at Keeneland. He could be an exciting horse in 2026. >>>



ONE STRIPE was an unlucky loser when beaten a neck by his barnmate Test Score in the Pegasus World Cup Turf at Gulfstream Park in January. Forced a bit wide and losing his momentum for a couple of strides, he quickened best of all through the home stretch and was making up ground but ran out of time. With Almendares a length behind him, One Stripe ran to GF 112+ on the day, and that's not his ceiling. He was a top class performer in his native South Africa, and he went into the Pegasus Turf on the back of an impressive allowance win Gulfstream Park in December. That really was an eye catching performance. True, his runner-up Judge Davis was blocked for a few strides when exiting the home turn and he might have been closer than 5 1/4 lengths with a clean run - but One Stripe won with such ease; he traveled like a winner all the way and just shot away coming down the lane to take the race under a hand ride, with plenty up his sleeve as he passed the winning post. The run was also worth GF 112+, indicating that he was on his way back to top form. The allowance win was his third start for Graham Motion, following a respectable fifth under a tough weight behind **NOTABLE SPEECH** in the Woodbine Mile and a better-than-it-looks-on-paper effort when last of 13 behind the same rival in the Breeders' Cup Mile.

One Stripe was a star in his homeland and still an improving horse when he left South Africa to join Motion. The progress could well continue this year. He should have been arriving off three straight G1 wins, by the way, as he was badly hampered and wiped right out when making a winning move 300 meters out in the Princess Charlene Big Cap at Kenilworth last March (eased to be sixth). Prior to that nightmare day he had won the Cape Guineas and the King's Plate, both over a mile at the same venue. He came from well off the pace in the Guineas, a race he took by 1 1/4 lengths from Eight On Eighteen (a winner of three G1 events since). The King's Plate win was gained from just off the pace; One Stripe was much the best as he faced older horses; he beat 75-1 shot Montien by 1 3/4 lengths, with 14-1 shot Gimme A Prince a neck further back in third place. Montien was coming off a fourth in a G3 and went on to run third in a G1 next time out, while Gimme A Prince went from the King's Plate to a 5 3/4-length win in the a G1 sprint, then followed up with a G2 win thereafter. One Stripe ran to GF 113p when he won the Guineas and he improved to **Globeform 117** in the King's Plate. As good as he has been in his last two starts for Motion, the fact remains that his South African form was better. Acclimating does take a long time for some long distance imports and there's probably some untapped potential in this runner.

DETERMINISTIC won three important races on the trot last year, when he was unbeaten on turf and developed into one of the best lawn performers around. Unfortunately, he was sidelined in the fall and had to miss the Breeders' Cup Mile. He is thus coming off layoff going right back to early August, when he won the Fourstardave Stakes over a mile at Saratoga, where he had captured the Manhattan Stakes some two months earlier. Due to a weather postponement, the Manhattan Stakes was switched to the inner track and shortened from 9.5 to 9 furlongs, something that suited Deterministic well. Coming off an impressive win in the Fort Marcy Stakes at Aqueduct in May, he led every step of the way to take the the prestigious event by a head from the late charging G1 winner Integration, who was a neck in front of another G1 winner, Deterministic's barnmate Far Bridge. Far Bridge won the Bowling Green Stakes on his next start, while Deterministic followed up in the Fourstardave. He sat second for the first half of that mile contest and ran out a game 1 1/4-length winner from Intellect, with Win for The Money 3/4 length further adrift in third. Intellect was coming off runner-up efforts also in the Poker Stakes and the Kelso Stakes; and Deterministic beat him with ease while conceding 4lbs. He earned a career high **Globeform 116** in the process. Like with Notable Speech, we are dealing with a high class miler making his seasonal debut. It may not be the main target for his connections but it is a Grade One, and Deterministic is probably in good shape. >>>

WEATHER FORECAST LEXINGTON

Thu 09	76°/49°		Sunny	⬇️ 2%
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Sat 11	75°/54°		AM Clouds / PM Sun	⬇️ 24%
Sun 12	87°/65°		Partly Cloudy	⬇️ 5%

TIZ DASHING is an interesting longshot. This will be his G1 debut, he has a wide post, and at first glance it may seem like he is going to be out of his depth - but *don't* dismiss this rapidly improving 4yo. He was unlucky not win the 8.5-furlong Tropical Park Derby at Gulfstream Park in December, and he came up with a strong performance when making amends in the Canadian Turf Stakes 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 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, while Beach Gold, who was third in the 2025 Mint Millions, went on to be third also behind the bang in form Quatrocento in the Appleton Stakes next time out (running to the same mark as he had in the Canadian Turf). Beating Battle of Normandy and Beach Gold might not seem like an overly exciting result and it's not but Tiz Dashing absolutely crushed them and he had better horses further behind; note that G1 winner Fort Washington and **WOLFIE'S DYNAGHOST** filled fourth and fifth in the Canadian Turf. The Barclay Tagg trainee improved to **Globeform 116** and it's not impossible that he can step up another notch in the Maker's Mark. His Canadian Turf form makes him good enough to hit the board without having to improve; and **morning line 20-1 is too big** a price about this colt. He would not beat a Notable Speech in top form but he's good enough to match strides with the others and he takes strong recent form to the battle.

WOLFIE'S DYNAGHOST notched up three straight wins from September 13 to December 20, became one of the early favorites for the Pegasus World Cup Turf in January but bypassed that race; then returned in the Canadian Turf at Gulfstream Park in late February, when he was well below par finishing fifth, 4 lengths behind **TIZ DASHING**. What do we make of him here, as he goes to a really tough contest at Keeneland, a course that is not as kind to front-runners as Gulfstream is? Hard to say but his name can't be on short list this week.

A set-back after his impressive win in the Fort Lauderdale Stakes, run over 9 furlongs at Gulfstream Park in December, ruled Wolfie's Dynaghost out of the Pegasus and he was off the work tabs up to February 8. He has now had four works since the Canadian Turf, so seems back on track. A popular horse in this office, this Brian Lynch trainee gave us a nice 12-1 win when he was a recommended value bet in the 9-furlong River City Stakes at Churchill Downs in November, a race he won with an impressive gate to wire performance; beating Taking Candy by 2 3/4 lengths. Wolfie's Dynaghost improved to **Globeform 116** at Churchill and he repeated that figure as he followed up in the Fort Lauderdale. This time going off as the well backed 9/10 favorite, he was ridden the same way; sent straight to the lead he had enough left in the tank to keep a determined Cugino at bay and win by 3/4 length. Cugino was coming off two nice stakes wins but he was unplaced in the Pegasus World Cup Turf. Wolfie's Dynaghost tried to make all also in the Canadian Turf and his presence here ensures a good pace. Cutting back to a mile, he's likely to be sent forward once more. >>>



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CONCLUSION: Notable Speech is the most likely winner so this is a race where the selection is also the favorite. At 9-5 on the morning line (he might even start at shorter odds), he does not appeal as win bet proposition though. Unless another horse improves, he does not need to be at his very best to win; but he does not want to be too far below his best either. It's wide open behind the favorite, making it difficult to decide on B-horses, but perhaps the expected pace scenario is our best tool as we try to solve the puzzle. Wolfie's Dynaghost can be expected to go to the lead from post 9, but Deterministic (in post 10) has a similar running style, as does Bear River (post 8), who is exiting a sprint race only last week. There's a good chance that this will create a bit of 'wide scramble' as the field approaches the first turn. Getting a good trip without burning too much energy won't be easy for these horses. Irad Ortiz, on Rhetorical drawn by the rail, and William Buick, on Notable Speech in post 4, are ice cool riders who nearly always work out good trips. They're in good spots here. One Stripe get his allowance win partner Velazquez back on board, that's a plus, and Tiz Dashing is the one worth a value bet at **20-1**. Yes, he is in post 11, but he will be ridden from off the pace anyway and, with the three prominent runners directly to his inside, Castellano will probably find it easy to tuck his mount into a nice space just behind the early speed. And after all of that thinking; the logical Rhetorical becomes the B-horse; but only narrowly ahead of Deterministic and interesting longshots One Stripe and Tiz Dashing. Trifecta plan would have to be a 60 / 40 investment with Notable Speech keyed as 1st or 2nd on two tickets where we use the other four in the selections box.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS | MAKER'S MARK MILE

A	4 NOTABLE SPEECH
B	1 RHETORICAL
C	2 ONE STRIPE, 10 DETERMINISTIC, 11 TIZ DASHING

Notable Speech / Breeders' Cup Mile: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NS7WEheiFRE&t=19s>
4th Rhetorical 13th One Stripe

Notable Speech / Woodbine Mile: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-UXECiVdrpU>
5th One Stripe

Notable Speech 2nd / Prix Jacques le Marois: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ADMXZFnlN6E>

Rhetorical / Coolmore Turf Mile: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JS78kfCPjxE>
3rd Brilliant Bertie

Deterministic / Fourstardave Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SI7HR37Hu4Q&t=1s>

Deterministic / Manhattan Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Op3uakqNnIQ&t=4s>

Tiz Dashing / Canadian Turf Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ks5DRmoBFI>
5th Wolfie's Dynaghost

Tiz Dashing 2nd / Tropical Park Derby '25: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uXVKLSAho6o>

Tiz Dashing / Hill Prince Stakes '25: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-UTiJjuqdcQ>

Wolfie's Dynaghost / Fort Lauderdale Stakes '25: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mw1KSYXntc4>

Wolfie's Dynaghost / River City Stakes '25: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7KS4vYZwy_Q



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