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GLOBEFORM RANKING
THE SEABISCUIT HANDICAP (G2) 8.5 fur Turf, Del Mar, Sat. Nov. 29

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	6	**ASTRONOMER** *GF 112 in Seabiscuit H. '24*	**112 / 108**	101 - 105 - 112	Callaghan / Fresu
1	2	**SUMTER**	**113**	113 - 103+ 100+	R Mandella / Smith
3p	5	**EL POTENTE**	**111p**	111p - 106p - 103	Blacker / Berrios
5	8	**CABO SPIRIT**	**111**	111 - 109 - 107	Papaprodomou / Rispoli
5	3	**ALMENDARES**	**111**	109 - 109 - 111	D'Amato / Velazquez
6	1	**SCOOBIE QUANDO**	**105**	105 - 100 - 0	M McCarthy / Kimura
7p	4	**CALL SIGN SEVEN**	**102p**	98+ 102p - 93	M McCarthy / R Gonzalez
9	9	**STAY HOT**	**107**	105 - 107 - 103	Eurton / J Hernandez
10	7	**OLD PAL**	**101**	98 - 101 - 101	Glatt / Lezcano

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 <u>not</u> its best rating but the horse ran better than the rating suggests

> **In the analysis and in horse bios:** When you read for example "ran to **Globeform 114**" this tells you that it was the horse's best career rating; while when you see "ran to GF 114" written it simply tells you that the performance in question was worth 114 but it was not the horse's career best rating.

Most recent winners of the Seabiscuit

2024	**MI HERMANO RAMON**	GF 111p	Mark Glatt	Hector Berrios
2023	**EASTER**	GF 112	Phil D'Amato	Antonio Fresu
2022	**HONG KONG HARRY**	GF 113	Phil D'Amato	Flavien Prat
2021	**FIELD PASS**	GF 113	Mike Maker	Umberto Rispoli
2020	**COUNT AGAIN**	GF 113p	Phil D'Amato	Juan Hernandez

Average winning Globeform: 112.4

GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

ASTRONOMER's career best performance is his staying-on third in this event twelve months ago, when he improved to **Globeform 112** and got up for third, beaten half a length and a neck behind our two A-horses, Mi Hermano Ramon and Redistricting. He had been hinting at such form a couple of times earlier and Del Mar is a track that suits him. The Simon Callaghan trainee has not been up to the same level this season but he ran well when fifth in the Wickerr Stakes over a mile at this venue in July, beaten 2 lengths behind **ALMENDARES**, who is now as much as 6lbs worse off at the weights. What's in the latter's favor, however, is that he has run two good races since, while Astronomer has been below form on his two most recent starts (one at Kentucky Downs, a track that was never going to suit him). These two have about an equal chance based on their 2025-form. After winning the Wickerr, Almendares ran second to subsequent Breeders' Cup Mile runner-up Formidable Man in the Del Mar Mile, and third to another high class runner, Johannes, in the City of Hope Mile at Santa Anita. **CABO SPIRIT** was in the mix in both of those races, finishing a head behind Almendares in the Del Mar Mile and a head in front of him in the City of Hope, when spotting Almendares 2lbs. They meet at level weights this time.

SUMTER may prove too good for all though; if he repeats the form he came up with when winning his second Lure Stakes, well, then it will take a career best and then some from one of the others to deny him. He was very impressive as he won the Lure, run over a mile at Santa Anita in October; powering past the pace setting Goliad at the top of the lane and cruising away for comfortable 4-length win over St Anthony, who was coming off a sixth placed finish 5 lengths behind Epic Ride in the Mint Millions at Kentucky Downs. Having run to GF 111 when he was beaten just a head by the smart sprinter Motorious in the Hernandez Stakes last December, Sumter improved to Globeform 113 in the Lure Stakes. He had more up his sleeve passing the winning post and has been rated as a 5-length winner. He has never won over 8.5 furlongs but his sunning style suggests that this added distance won't be a problem - especially in a field without much speed signed on. He is coming off his career best run, he likes Del Mar, he is well drawn and the pace scenario is likely to be ideal; so, yes please, **let's have 6-1 if at all possible**. That's his morning line. We'll see how close it is to reality.

EL POTENTE was in great form at Santa Anita in the winter, when two nice wins made him a contender for the Kilroe Mile at Santa Anita in March, but he was scratched from that event and has not been seen since. He is thus coming off a nine-month break. Trainer Dan Blacker has a good record with layoff runners and he has also done really well in Graded stakes, so El Potente should be taken seriously in the Seabiscuit.

He improved race by race through three starts before he was stopped, winning twice while easily overcoming a wide post to be up with the pace - where he likes to be. He raced with great zest throughout in the one-mile Thunder Road Stakes, and kicked away to win the race by 3 lengths from Seal Team, who beat Air Force Red by 1 1/4 lengths for second place. El Potente was never given a hard time by his rider and he was value for more than the bare margin. His **Globeform 111p** did not seem likely to be the ceiling at the time; he could well prove to be a GF 114-115 performer but the question is whether he can step up on his previous best straight off the bench. He was third behind **SUMTER** and Mi Hermano Ramon when going for the Lure Stakes after a break last year and perhaps he will be needing the run this weekend.

CALL SIGN SEVEN, a 20-1 shot on the morning line, is a horse many will dismiss, but this lightly raced 4yo is actually quite an interesting contender. He has to overcome a couple of things here, mainly the layoff since March and the possibility of a slow pace (which would probably be the biggest problem) though there's little doubt that he is talented; and nobody can say that he's not going to be good enough to do well at this level. He certainly looked like he would be when he came from some 14 to 15 lengths off a strong pace to win a mile allowance heat at Santa Anita in February, and McCarthy could have found him an easier spot for the return. Call Sign Seven even had to negotiate some traffic coming down the lane when he caught the long time leader Jeweled Shillelag in the last jump and win by a nose. The runner-up, who won next time out, was tiring but it was still an unusual run by Call Sign Seven, who improved to **Globeform 102p**. He was not able to follow up when seventh, beaten 2 lengths behind Heart Headed (a good winner at Churchill last weekend), in a similar race a month later, but Call Sign Seven was compromised by a slow mid-section of the race and he did well under the circumstances. This step up in distance will suit him though Del Mar might not be ideal, with the short stretch, but Call Sign Seven should be included in the Trifecta plans. Assigned 116lbs, he is set to be ridden by Ricardo Gonzalez, who did 117lbs not too long ago. *Add any overweight pounds to the horse's ranking figure to get the comparison right*. >>> **CALL SIGN SEVEN WON AT 60-1**

CONCLUSION: Sumter's win last month was very easy; he improved his rating without having a hard race. He has not been the most reliable of runners and he failed in the Seabiscuit after winning the Lure last year - but he set the pace that day (when the first three home all came from out of it) and his current form is better. **6-1 is a great price**. If we get 4-1 or better then this race is one where the win bet should be the main bet.

Trifecta players face more of a challenge. We would need one B-horse to make a sensible plan. El Potente can be used as a brave single B-horse on his return. Cabo Spirit and Almendares both take good recent form to the table and probably have as good a chance, and Astronomer is top ranked - but El Potente is the one would might improve. **Call Sign Seven is the longshot play. At 20-1 he's worth an across the board / each way wager.** **CALL SIGN SEVEN WON AT 60-1**

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	2 SUMTER
B	5 EL POTENTE
C	3 ALMENDARES, 4 CALL SIGN SEVEN, 6 ASTRONOMER, 8 CABO SPIRIT

Sumter / Lure Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9gtH2NL9k0

Astronomer 3rd / Seabiscuit H '24: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Duw1f7z0B1U&t=125s

El Potente / Thunder Road Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-wBG0e-sVe8

Almendares / Wickerr Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZnGxGdpK81o

Cabo Spirit 2nd / City of Hope Mile: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C6hROurBNdQ
3rd Almendares

Almendares 2nd / Eddie Read S: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D-09AuCuzDY
3rd Cabo Spirit

Call Sign Seven / Santa Anita Alw: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zaYeXnhaqMk