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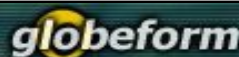
Good to know! What is the difference between rank figures with "p" and "+"?
Notice these differences in the rank columns for some horses.

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GLOBEFORM RATINGS

BREEDERS' CUP FILLY & MARE SPRINT (G1), 7 fur dirt, Del Mar

Horses ranked in pounds (0.45kg). 1 length = 2,5 pounds over this distance

Rank	Horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs	Trainer / Jockey
			Most recent first	
0p	WAYS AND MEANS 3yo	123p	123p - 117p - 112p	C Brown / F Prat
4	SOCIETY	120	120 - 105 - 107	S Asmussen / T Gaffalione
7	VAHVA	117	115 - 115+ 117	C DeVaux / I Ortiz Jr
8p	SOUL OF AN ANGEL	116p	116p - 95 - 115	S Joseph Jr / D Van Dyke
9	SCYLLA	115	115 - 112 - 115	W Mott / M Smith
10p	PLEASANT	113p	113p - 106p - ?p	B Baffert / J J Hernadez
11p	ONE MAGIC PHILLY 3yo	112p	110+ 112p - ?p	P D'Amato / A Fresu
12	ZEITLOS	112	112 - 110 - 105	S Asmussen / J L Ortiz
13 / 17	FROST AT DAWN GF 110 in March	110 / 106	106 - 101 - 92	W Knight / L Dettori
18	PANDORA'S GIFT	105	105 - 105 - 95	S Williams / U Rispoli

3yo horses will carry 2lbs less than older horses

Globeform Weight-for-age 3-year-olds vs. older horses 7 fur early Nov: [USA 1lb](#) / Europe 2lbs

2023: GOODNIGHT OLIVE – GF 119 Chad Brown / Irad Ortiz Jr

2022: GOODNIGHT OLIVE – GF 123 Chad Brown / Irad Ortiz Jr

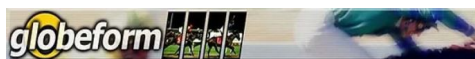
2021: CE CE – GF 122 Michael McCarthy / Victor Espinoza

2020: GAMINE – GF 129 Bob Baffert / John Velazquez

2019: COVFEFE – GF 124 Brad Cox / Joel Rosario

2018: SHAMROCK ROSE – GF 114 Mark Casse / Irad Ortiz Jr

2017: BAR OF GOLD – GF 117 John Kimmel / Irad Ortiz Jr



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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS - BREEDERS' CUP FILLY & MARE SPRINT

WAYS AND MEANS has improved significantly through her three most recent starts, producing GF 112p in a mile allowance heat, GF 117p in the 7-furlong Test Stakes and **Globeform 123p** in the Gallant Bloom Stakes over 6.5 furlongs at Aqueduct in late September; her final prep for the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint. The track was sloppy for the Gallant Bloom and it was muddy when she won the Test, but Ways and Means is not a wet track specialist. She is just as effective over fast tracks. Her Test form was given a nice boost two weeks before the Breeders' Cup, when Emery and My Mane Squeeze filled the first two places in the Raven Run Stakes at Keeneland. They were second and third in the Test, so it's safe to say that Ways and Means ran a solid race at Saratoga. She was even better in the Gallant Bloom. She travelled strongly all the way and was by far the best coming down the lane in that contest, winning by 6 1/2 lengths from Nic's Style, with Sterling Silver third. Ways and Means was pushed out to the wire, while Nic's Style was eased half a length or so close home, but this was still an excellent run by Chad Brown's filly. Nic's Style is a lightly raced and talented filly. She was having her fourth race after winning all of her first three and coming off an easy 5 3/4-length win in allowance company at Saratoga. Sterling Silver, who was first past the post in the 2023 Gallant Bloom, was also in good form going into the race against Ways and Means, having won the Johnstone Mile Handicap at Saratoga by almost ten lengths on her preceding start. Ways and Means is just the right type for the BC Filly & Mare Sprint. Combining good tactical speed, mental strength and a fair bit of stamina, she will be hard to handle in this 7-furlong event. As a 3yo, she will carry 2lbs less than her elders, which is also an advantage. Chad Brown has stated that Ways and Means is at her best when racing on the outside, and he must have been well pleased when she drew stall 9 in this ten-runner field.

SOCIETY came right back to her best form when outclassing fellow **Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint** contenders Scylla and Vahva in the Ballerina Handicap over 7 furlongs at Saratoga in August. Performing to **Globeform 120** for a third time in her career she won the race by 3 1/4 lengths. The most interesting aspect to this performance was how nicely Society rated just off the early speed under Tyler Gaffalione. She had been a 'straight to the lead' type in her previous races and that she is now able to sit off the pace without becoming rank is a great, new asset. Such flexibility makes her a much bigger danger of course. Her win at Saratoga came after a two-month break and she goes into the Breeders' Cup off of an even longer layoff, but this is how Asmussen has campaigned the daughter of Gun Runner all along. She won both the Chicago Stakes at Ellis Park (romped by 10 lengths) and the Pink Ribbon Stakes around the bullring at Charles Town (again, way clear, this time by 5 3/4 lengths) after breaks and she had the same number of days off leading up to the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint in '23 as she will have this time. Society set a strong pace at Santa Anita 12 months ago but she tired to finish fourth. She will come up against the best once more here, but - now more rateable, and with experience from a sharp track - she probably holds a better chance than what was the case in 2023.

SCYLLA produced her best form to date in the 7-furlong Ballerina Handicap at Saratoga but it wasn't good enough to pose a threat to **SOCIETY**, who beat her by 3 1/4 lengths while in receipt of 3lbs. It's level weights this time but it's still hard to see Scylla - who was fitted with earplugs in the Ballerina - closing enough of that gap. She ran to **Globeform 115** at the Spa, the same rating she earned when winning the 9-furlong Fleur de Lis Stakes at Churchill Downs in June (beating Shotgun Hottie gamely by a neck while conceding 2lbs). She also ran respectably to be runner-up to Adare Manor in the C L Hirsch Stakes over 8.5 furlongs here at Del Mar in August so we know she handles the track. Related to top class horses and bred to stay 10 furlongs, this 4yo daughter of Tapit has found her niche as a sprinter. >>>



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PLEASANT is the dark horse in the field and this well bred daughter of Munnings could spring a surprise at big odds. It's not often we can say that about a Baffert runner and those who witnessed her comeback win at Los Alamitos in September might say that a big run at the Breeders' Cup would not surprise them at all. Pleasant was deeply impressive as she justified odds-on favoritism in 6.5-furlong allowance heat. Coming back from 13-month break, she travelled smoothly throughout and was absolutely dominant coming down the lane. Jockey Juan Hernandez eased her right down close home and when you see '5 lengths' think more like 'seven plus'. What did she beat? Not graded stakes runners but not exactly cheap claimers either. Her runner-up, Glorious Spring, had finished fourth in a pair of black type stakes earlier in the season and Tom's Regret, who finished fourth, was a black type winner in June. Pleasant ran the distance in 1.15.05. Factor in an extra two lengths up her sleeve and that becomes not far off the track record, 1.14.33, set by Sweet Azteca (who also cruised home) in the Great Lady M Stakes in July. Pleasant carried 2lbs more than Sweet Azteca did and don't forget that the latter would have been very short in the betting had she been able to line up in the BC Filly & Mare Sprint. Pleasant is probably very smart and she deserves to take her chance here. A granddaughter of the top class sprint / miler Honest Lady (2nd Breeders' Cup Sprint etc.), she earned **Globeform 113p** at Los Alamitos. There's more to come - and you have just been warned.

ONE MAGIC PHILLY is a lightly raced, progressive 3yo trained by Phil d'Amato, one of the most successful trainers in California these days. D'Amato is best known for his many good turf runners but in One Magic Philly he has has a class dirt sprinter, and this daughter of BC Juvenile winner Good Magic is talented. She has won on both of her starts here at Del Mar; a very impressive 7-length win in allowance company in early September and an easy 2 3/4-length win in the Chillingworth Stakes a month later. Both events were over 6.5 furlongs but she finishes her races off well and 7 furlongs should be within her compass. Her Chillingworth win was gained over Irish Wahine and **KIRSTENBOSCH**, who won the Chillingworth in 2023 but was now coming off an eighth-month break. Irish Wahine's preceding run was in the Rancho Bernardo Stakes, where she was beaten 10 lengths into fourth place behind the high class sprinter Sweet Azteca. When One Magic Philly won the Chillingworth, she clocked similar fractions and a similar 6-fur time as Pilot Commander, an allowance winner on the same card. Pilot Commander is a lightly race 3yo with Baffert, and he ran second to Muth in the San Vicente Stakes, so perhaps running as fast as him wasn't too bad - though one would like to see G3 events produce better times.

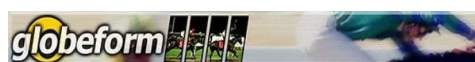
GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	9 WAYS AND MEANS
B	3 PLEASANT, 6 SOCIETY
C	4 VAHVA

SELECTIONS & BETTING PLANS

SATURDAY BETTING PLANS GO OUT SATURDAY MORNING

All selections & bets are based on fast main track and good or firm turf



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Globeform Ratings – Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint

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BREEDERS' CUP TURF SPRINT (G1), 5 fur turf, Del Mar

Horses ranked in pounds (0.45kg). 1 length = 3 pounds over this distance

Rank	Horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs	Trainer / Jockey
Most recent first				
0	COGBURN	128	126 - 128 - 119p	S Asmussen / I Ortiz Jr
5	BRADSELL	123	114 - 123 - 121	A Watson / H Doyle
6	STARLUST 3yo	120	99++ 120 - 104	R Beckett / R Ryan
7p	AG BULLET filly	118p	106+ 118p - 115p	R Baltas / U Rispoli
9	BIG EVS	119	103 - 119 - 113	M Appleby / T Marquand
9	BELIEVING filly	116	110 - 116 - 116	G Boughey / R Moore
9	STAR OF MYSTERY 3yo filly GF 114 in March	114	111+ 109+ 111 - 114	C Appleby / W Buick
10 / 16+	MOTORIOUS GF 118 in Sep '23	118 / 112+	112+ 107 - 96	P D'Amato / A Fresu
12 / 14	ARZAK GF 116 in Oct '23	116	110 - 112 - 110 - 114	M Trombetta / J Rosario
12 / 16	BIG INVASION GF 116 in Oct '23 GF 115 in BC Turf Sprint '23	116 / 112	109 - 112 - 111	C Clement / L Dettori
17	ISIVUNGUVUNGU	111?	111 - ? - ?	G Motion / M Franco
21p	HOWARD WOLOWITZ 3yo	105p	103 - 105p	J F D'Angelo / F Prat

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Fillies & mares: 3lbs weight allowance. **3yo horses:** 2lbs age weight allowance

Globeform Weight-for-age 3-year-olds vs. older horses 5 fur early Nov: USA zero / Europe zero

2023: NOBALS – GF 116 / Larry Rivelli / Gerardo Corrales

2022: CARAVEL – GF 117 / Brad Cox / Tyler Gaffalione

2021: GOLDEN PAL – GF 120 / Wesley Ward / Irad Ortiz Jr

2020: GLASS SLIPPERS – GF 118 / Kevin Ryan / Tom Eaves

2019: BELVOIR BAY – GF 118 / Peter Miller / Javier Castellano

2018: STORMY LIBERAL – GF 124 / Peter Miller / Drayden Van Dyke

2017: STORMY LIBERAL – GF 117p / Peter Miller / Joel Rosario



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RESERVES BREEDERS' CUP TURF SPRINT

12	NOTHING BETTER	116	114 - 112 - 116 - 114	J Duarte Jr / P Lopez
18	CHARCOAL	110	107 - 104 - 110	T J Wisner / A Concepcion
13 / 17	FROST AT DAWN <i>GF 110 in March</i>	110 / 106	106 - 101 - 92	W Knight / B Loughnane

Fillies & mares: 3lbs weight allowance. 3yo horses: 2lbs age weight allowance

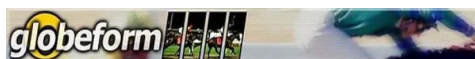
Globeform Weight-for-age 3-year-olds vs. older horses 5 fur early Nov: USA zero / Europe zero

GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

COGBURN is an unusual horse. Not that long ago, the best turf sprinters in North America were operating at around Globeform 114 - 116, and nowhere near as good as their contemporaries in Europe. That has changed of course, we have seen a number of US based lawn speedsters run to GF 120 in recent years. This season, we have Cogburn who, with **Globeform 128** produced in the Jaipur Stakes at Saratoga in June, is the highest rated turf runner around, over any distance. Not just that, based on ratings he is in the same league as the best dirt performers currently in training. This Steve Asmussen trainee really is a bit of a freak. So fast from the gate, and incredibly strong all the way to the wire, he is versatile too, having run huge races over tracks as different as Lone Star Park, Saratoga, Churchill Downs and Kentucky Downs. Why should he not be just as good at Del Mar? He hammered subsequent G2 winner Filo di Arianna over 5.5 furlongs at Churchill Downs in May, gave the strong off-a-G2-win rival Arzak a similar experience and then some over the the same distance at Saratoga in June, then had a two-month break before outclassing the English G1 winner Khaadem at Kentucky Downs in September.

Cogburn has returned GF 119p, **Globeform 128** and GF 126 in his three starts this season. Racing like he does, fast all the way, must take something out of even a talent like him, but his wins have been easy and he has not had a hard race all season long. In all probability, Cogburn will be the shortest priced favorite at this Breeders' Cup, and in all probability he will win.

BRADSELL was well below his best when beaten by 22-1 shot Makarova in the Prix de l'Abbaye aover 5 furlongs at Longchamp in early October. The Abbaye is a unique race and we have seen upsets in it before, so that reversal should perhaps not be held against Bradsell, who has produced high class sprinting form in Europe this season. He tried hard at Longchamp (he always does) and the most likely explanation to why he was unable to run up to form was the ground. Very soft means *testing* in France and Bradsell's best has come on good to firm, good and good to soft ground. He beat the filly **BELIEVING** readily both in the 5-furlong Nunthorpe Stakes at York and the Flying Five Stakes over the same distance at the Curragh. Believing was three parts of a length behind him at York and 1 1/4 lengths down in Ireland, when subsequent Abbaye winner Makarova ran third. Bradsell is normally up with the pace throughout in his races, travelling with zest (he pulled a bit in the Nunthorpe) and he finishes his races off very gamely. He is a handy, well balanced colt but - as always - the question regarding a Euro sprinter coming to the US is how he will cope with going around a bend, something Bradsell has never done in any of his 12 races (6 wins and 4 placings). If he proves as good at Del Mar has he has been over the straight tracks, he will be the main danger to Cogburn. The Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint is going to be his last start before he retires to stud.



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STARLUST, a fast finishing third to **BIG EVS** in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint at Santa Anita last year, ran the race of his life two starts back, when he checked in third in the Nunthorpe Stakes over 5 furlongs at York, beaten three parts of a length and a head by **BRADSELL** and **BELIEVING**. Starlust produced **Globeform 120** at York and, because he is a 3yo, he gets 2lbs from his elders in the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint. Globeform's weight-for-age table has no concession to 3yos over this distance in November, meaning that we can look at him as a GF 122-horse. Starlust came from way off the pace at the Breeders' Cup last year but he was prominent in the Nunthorpe and has clearly matured. Now, being prominent at Del Mar is quite different, but perhaps that's not going to be an issue. Starlust is flexible, he can - as we know - be produced with a rally from the back. He's a Trifecta contender here. Forget his most recent run in France. He was seriously hampered and crashed into the rail when ninth in the Prix de l'Abbaye at Longchamp. At **30-1** on the morning line and **25-1** with bookmakers, Starlust is way to big in the betting.

AG BULLET has improved dramatically this season, winning the one-mile Osunitas Stakes at Del Mar and the Ladies Turf Sprint over 6.5 furlongs at Kentucky Downs, where she bossed the field throughout and won hard held, beating Dontlookbackatall by a 'long looking' 5 1/2 lengths. Ocean Club finished third, as Ag Bullet broke the track record. Dontlookbackatall had won the Caress Stakes at Saratoga on her preceding start and Ocean Club won the Noble Damsel at Aqueduct on her next start. Ag Bullet produced a high class performance at Kentucky Downs, earning **Globeform 118p**, three pounds higher than her previous best, which came in the Osunitas five weeks earlier. She took that race by 3 1/2 lengths, like the Ladies Turf Sprint also under a hand ride. Her runner-up, BC Filly & Mare Turf contender Hang the Moon, won the Mabee Stakes at Del Mar next time out. Ag Bullet's form has worked out so well - but she has run since, and disappointed, since those two good performances. She was sent to the First Lady Stakes at Keeneland on October 5. Taking significant money close to the off, she was the 5-2 favorite there (against a Chad Brown trio), so there's no doubt she was well fancied. She set the pace, but there was little left in the tank coming down the lane. Ag Bullet tired to finish fourth, behind Brown's trio; Gina Romantica, Chili Flag and Fluffy Socks. Given that she had won over the distance at Del Mar, and over the testing 6.5-furlong trip at Kentucky Downs, it was hard to think that it was the mile that beat her at Keeneland. Perhaps she wasn't quite right on the day. This time, she drops right down to 5 furlongs, a distance she has never even tried before. She is sharp from the gates and she has a high cruising speed and perhaps she will be suited to this sprint.

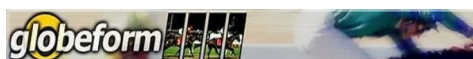
BIG EVS was excellent in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint in 2023, bossing the field and winning with authority. He was a precocious 2yo, much more mature than his rivals, so it was easy to think that his 3yo career might not be as successful. It hasn't but that's not because he did not train on. Big Evs is even better this year - it's only that the waters are somewhat deeper. He is coming off a below par effort in the Nunthorpe Stakes (eighth, beaten 5 3/4 l.), but prior to that Big Evs had won a Listed race at York, ran third to Asfoora in the King Charles III Stakes (formerly the King's Stand) at Royal Ascot, and won the King George Stakes at Goodwood, where he gained revenge on Asfoora, beating the Australian mare by a nose. **BELIEVING** finished third at Goodwood, 3/4 length behind Big Evs - the form was solid. Big Evs has been rested since August and he comes here a fresh horse. That, and his experience with US racing, may give him an edge over the other Europeans. >>>

BETTING PLANS

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BELIEVING is a game 4yo filly with a consistent 2024 record racing in England, France and Ireland, where she won the 5-furlong Sapphire Stakes before clashing with **BRADSELL**, and coming up just short, in the Nunthorpe Stakes and Flying Five Stakes. She ran up to her best in those two races but was below her best when third in the Prix de l'Abbaye on very soft ground last time out. Conditions probably weren't to her liking there, as her best form is on good and good to firm ground. Believing will get ground conditions to suit here and, as she has been in the first three in 6 of her 9 races this year (and fourth twice), she makes appeal as a horse to use underneath in Trifectas and Superfectas - but... this filly comes from off the pace, sometimes from well off the pace, and that running style has not been all that productive over 5 furlongs at Del Mar. She would have a better chance were this race run over six furlongs.

STAR OF MYSTERY has done well in three starts in the US, after a career best effort in Dubai back in March, and her fast closing second to Future Is Now in the 5.5-furlong Franklin Stakes at Keeneland confirmed that she is holding her form. As a 3yo filly, she gets in with 5lbs less than the older males, putting her in with a bit of a chance based on ratings. However, this filly has the wrong running style for 5 furlongs at Del Mar, and she is hard to fancy.

Cogburn is impossible to oppose and **Ag Bullet** is a logical B-horse. She cuts right back to 5 furlongs but this filly is fast; she clocked 21.6 for the first quarter when winning the Monrovia over 6.5 furlongs at Santa Anita. She won the post position draw on more ways than one; she is in stall 5. None of the four to her inside have early speed, and not just that, Ag Bullet is the only speed to the inside of Cogburn, who will break from stall 9. Ag Bullet has a good chance of bagging the rail here. She can track Cogburn while saving ground and her added stamina will stand her in good stead if the pace become wickedly strong. There will be closers if that happens but she may not be 'stopping' like so many 5-furlong speedballs do.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	6 COGBURN
B	5 AG BULLET
C	11 BIG EVS, 12 BRADSELL



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BREEDERS' CUP DISTAFF (G1), 9 fur dirt, Del Mar

Horses ranked in pounds (0.45kg). 1 length = 2 pounds over this distance

Rank	Horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs	Trainer / Jockey
From left to right				
0	THORPEDO ANNA 3yo	125	120+ 122 - 123+ 125	K McPeck / B Hernandez Jr
8	RAGING SEA	116	106 - 116 - 115 - 107	C Brown / TF Prat
9	HONOR D LADY	115	0 - 115 - 96+	S Joseph Jr / T Gaffalione
10p	SUGAR FISH 3yo	115p	110+ 97 - 115p	J Mullins / T Baze
?p	AWESOME RESULT	?p	?p	Y Ikee / Y Take
13p	CANDIED 3yo	112p	104 - 112p - 110 - 110+	T Pletcher / I Ortiz Jr
16	MUSICAL MISCHIEF	108	108 - 104 - ?+	M McCarthy / TBA
17?	CHE EVASORA <i>GF 107? Argentina in May</i>	107?	0 - 107? - ?	P D'Amato / T Pereira
?	ALICE VERITE	?	?	K Nakatake / K Frey

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Globeform Weight-for-age 3-year-olds vs. older horses 9 fur early Nov: USA 4lbs

2023: IDIOMATIC – GF 118 Brad Cox / Florent Geroux

2022: MALATHAAT – GF 120 Todd Pletcher / Johnny Velazquez

2021: MARCHE LORRAINE – GF 115 Yoshido Yahagi / Oisin Murphy

2020: MONOMOY GIRL – GF 120 Brad Cox / Florent Geroux

2019: BLUE PRIZE – GF 120 Ignacio Correias VI / Joe Bravo

2018: MONOMOY GIRL – GF 120 Brad Cox / Florent Geroux

2017: FOREVER UNBRIDLED - GF 122 Dallas Stewart / John Velazquez

2016: BEHOLDER – GF 123 Richard Mandella / Gary Stevens



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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS - BREEDERS' CUP DISTAFF

THORPDEO ANNA has been the clear number one in the fillies' and mares' division this season, and after Idiomatic's defection she is likely to be an odds-on priced favorite for the BC Distaff. It's hard to go against her but she will be poor value in the betting. This is a race to watch, not one to use for serious betting plans. She has so much in hand on these rivals and the beauty of it is that she can run well below her best and still win the Distaff.

Thorpedo Anna's most recent start, when she just scraped home by a neck from the improved Gun Song in the Cotillion Stakes at Parx, was not impressive - and Gun Song failed to frank the form when beaten by Tarifa in the Mother Goose Stakes last Saturday. Thorpedo Anna did not have an ideal trip but she probably also suffered from a mild bounce after having run such a big race in defeat against Fierceness in the Travers Stakes at Saratoga. She Anna has been given a tough campaign by Ken McPeck, much like how he managed Swiss Skydiver four years ago. She went from strength to strength, and even beat Authentic in the Covid affected fall edition of the Preakness, only to run well below form in the Breeders' Cup Distaff. Let's hope this does not happen to Thorpedo Anna - she really deserves to round her season off with another top level win. When she's good, she's seriously good; and that how she has been performing in five of her six races this term. Fierceness was only a head better than her in the Travers. She ran to GF 122 in the Travers, and to GF 120+ in the Cotillion. Her very best piece of form thus lies back in June, when she romped in the Acorn Stakes.

She performed to **Globeform 125** when winning the Acorn Stakes over 9 furlongs at Saratoga, and she was just as impressive when following up in the Coaching Club American Oaks in July, again running over 9 furlongs at Saratoga. She seemed a bit edgy and was on her toes in the preliminaries that day but that just seems to be her, she was been bouncing around a little before her races before, and it does not affect her performances. In fact, she may be a filly that one gets worried about is she is quiet and relaxed in the paddock. She raced in second early on in the CCA Oaks, a race where Leslie's Rose set a decent pace, and when Brian Hernandez asked her to go, she soon took charge and ran out an easy 4 1/2-length winner from **CANDIED**, who was beaten just a head when runner-up to Power Squeeze in the Alabama Stakes next time out. Thorpedo Anna's win in the Acorn was also impressive; she beat Ashland Stakes winner Leslie's Rose comfortably by 5 1/2 lengths in that event, having taken the Kentucky Oaks by 4 3/4 lengths from last year's champion juvenile filly Just F I Y in May. Thorpedo Anna made all over a sloppy track at Churchill Downs and at the time it seemed that the conditions had a lot to do with how easily she won the classic. Today we know that she is even better over fast tracks, and she has produced high class form at five different venues. Prior to the Kentucky Oaks she was toying with her rivals in the Fantasy Stakes at Oaklawn Park.

RAGING SEA benefited from a wicked pace, set by Idiomatic and Randomized, when causing an upset in the Personal Ensign Stakes over 9 furlongs at Saratoga in August, when she go up to beat **IDIOMATIC** by a head. The race fell a bit into her lap that day and note that Idiomatic was spotting her 4lbs. It's a bit hard to imagine Raging Sea repeating the feat at Del Mar, a track that won't suite her as well as Saratoga did, and her last prep run was anything but inspiring. A photo finish verdict 22-1 shot **BATACUDA** was hardly what was expected when the 1/10 favorite Raging Sea took the Beldame Stakes over 9 furlongs at Aqueduct four weeks prior to the Breeders' Cup. >>>



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HONOR D LADY ran an excellent race when beating Saddle Up Jessie by 5 1/2 lengths in the 9.5-furlong Delaware Handicap in July, conforming the form she had produced when taking the Royal Delta over 8.5 furlongs at Gulfstream Park back in February but she has had two poor efforts since than easy win at Delaware Park, and can only be seen as a longshot in the Distaff. Horses like her, talented but inconsistent, are always hard to get a handle on. She became very edgy prior to her most recent start, when she was held up at the back and ridden completely different to in the Delaware, when she was up with the pace throughout. Given that she stays further than this 9-furlong trip, connections might want to push forward with here again here - and she could well impact the pace scenario.

SUGAR FISH is an intriguing contender. Having won two valuable races at Santa Anita, she is a bit hard to assess, simply because the racing in California isn't particularly competitive, and also because there are no formlines linking her performances to those seen at Saratoga, Keeneland and Aqueduct. Sugar Fish, a sparsely made daughter of BC Classic winner Accelerate, faced just three rivals in the Summertime Oaks back in June, but she was visually impressive, winning the race by almost ten lengths from Santa Anita Oaks winner Nothing Like You, who was the 1/2 favorite. Sugar Fish, who lost lengths through a stumble at the start, was so much the best and she earned **Globeform 115p** for that win. She was given a near two-moth break, leading her up to a crack at older rivals in the C L Hirsch Stakes at del Mar in early August; when when was a well beaten sixth of eight behind Adare Manor. Sugar Fish had another break, the bounced back to winning form taking the Zenyatta back at Santa Anita in late September. Once more coming from off the pace, she was readily by 1 1/2 lengths from Alpha Bella. Not top class form, not as good as her run in the Summertime Oaks either, but a nice win. Sugar Fish has been winning over 8.5 furlongs and this will be her first try over further; her running style suggests she will like stretching out and she could surprise a few.

AWESOME RESULT is an intriguing contender. Having won all of her seven races in Japan, this 4yo daughter of Justify merits respect - but it impossible to say whether she is good enough to match strides with Thorpedo Anna and Idiomatic. Dirt racing was a good notch below turf racing in Japan not too long ago, though that has changed a bit in recent years. The dirt circuit is not as strong as the turf circuit but it is improving. You only have to took at horses like Ushba Tesoro, Derma Sotagake and Forever Young to realise that - but here we are dealing with a filly. Marche Lorraine, going off at 50-1, upset the Distaff here at Del Mar in 2021. She was coming off a half-length win in the Breeders' Gold Cup in Japan, a race Awesome Result won by 5 lengths this August, outclassing Delicada, a 4-for-8 filly who won a minor stakes at Kyoto next time out. There can be little doubt that Awesome Result is better than Marche Lorraine was - but the latter beat Dunbar Road by a nose after an absolute meltdown three years ago. Dunbar Road was a nice mare but she was well below the class of Thorpedo Anna and Idiomatic. On ratings, she was close to Raging Sea and Honor D Lady. The only sensible way to play this is to include Awesome Result in Trifectas and Superfectas. Take the top two out of this BC Distaff and there's not much strength in depth here, so of course an unbeaten shipper from Japan can do some damage. With Japan's tremendous success last time the Breeders' Cup came to Del Mar in their minds, the betting public (including the hard hitting Japanese punters) will probably make sure that their horses become poor value in the betting this time - but; that may affect win pools a lot more than the exotics pools.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	2 THORPEDO ANNA
B	9 AWESOME RESULT
C	5 SUGAR FISH, 6 RAGING SEA



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BREEDERS' CUP TURF (G1), 12 fur turf, Del Mar

Horses ranked in pounds (0.45kg). 1 length = 1.5 pounds over this distance

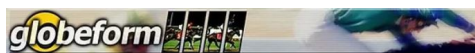
Rank	Horse	Globeform	GF recent runs	Trainer / Jockey
From right to left (most recent first)				
0 / 5	EMILY UPJOHN <i>mare</i> GF 121 in June '23	121 / 116	114 - 112 - 98 - 116	J & Gosden / L Dettori
1 / 4	LUXEMBOURG GF 123 in Sep '23	123 / 120	117 - 105 - 120	A P O'Brien / R Moore
2	REBEL'S ROMANCE	122	117+ 118 - ?+ 122	C Appleby / W Buick
(3) 5	SHAHRYAR GF 121 in 2022	(121) 119	112+ 119 - 118	H Fujiwara / C Demuro
7	FAR BRIDGE	117	117 - 113 - 99	C Clement / J Rosario
8	ROUSHAM PARK	116	0 - 112 - 116	H Tanaka / C Lemaire
9	JAYAREBE <i>3yo</i>	117	117 - 115 - 116	B Meehan / S Levey
9	WINGSPAN <i>3yo filly</i>	114	114 - 108 - 105	A P O'Brien / W Lordan
9 / 12+	GOLD PHOENIX GF 115 B Cup Turf '23	115 / 112+	110+ 112+ 106	P D'Amato / K Frey
12	CABO SPIRIT	112	112 - 105 - 81	G Papaprodromou / A Cedillo
14	GRAND SONATA	110	110 - 0 - 109	T Pletcher / T Gaffalione
16	EL ENCINAL GF 108 in Dec. '23	108	0 - 100 - 108	F Garcia / A Ayuso
(8) 14	THERE GOES HARVARD GF 116 in May 2022	(116) 110	110 - 101 - 103	M McCarthy / J Velazquez

Fillies and mares: 3lbs sex weight allowance

3yo horses: 4lbs age weight allowance

Globeform Weight-for-age 3-year-olds vs. older horses 12 fur early Nov:

USA 6lbs / Europe 7lbs but in this case we are using 6lbs - see next page.



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ABOUT THE WEIGHT FOR AGE SCALE

DEL MAR is a sharp, turning track, with far less emphasis on stamina than European tracks, so when taking weight-for-age into account dealing with European 3-year-olds it makes sense to treat this as an 11-furlong race, rather than a 12-furlong race; which means using a 'tweaked' weight-for-age factor. The weight-for-age tables are simply guides anyway; they will never be accurate, as the tracks are so different. Globeform's w-f-a tables also take into account where the horse started its racing career. Young horses in North America are more forward early on in their careers than their European counterparts. Partly because they are bred to be more precocious but just as much as they are being trained to get ready early. Their 3yo campaigns often start in January / February, while European 3yos normally get going in April.

Globeform's w-f-a over 11 furlongs in Europe in early November is 6lbs. In other words, as these 3yos get a 4lb weight allowance in the Breeders' Cup Turf they are 2lbs worse off compared to our w-f-a scale.

BREEDERS' CUP TURF WINNERS

2023: AUGUSTE RODIN – GF 123

Aidan O'Brien / Ryan Moore

2022: REBEL'S ROMANCE – GF 122

Charlie Appleby / William Buick

2021: YIBIR – GF 122

Charlie Appleby / William Buick

2020: TARNAWA – GF 117

Dermot Weld / Colin Keane

2019: BRICKS AND MORTAR – GF 117+

Chad Brown / Irad Ortiz Jr

2018: ENABLE – GF 124

John Gosden / Frankie Dettori

2017: TALISMANIC – GF 119

Andre Fabre / Mickael Barzalona



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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS - BREEDERS' CUP TURF

EMILY UPJOHN runs in this race, rather than in the Fillies & Mares Turf and it's easy to see why the Goddens made this decision. One of the best horses over 12 furlongs in Europe the past couple of years, she is more at home over this distance, and running against the boys is not an issue; she has beaten males already and this mare is a serious player in the BC Turf. Her most recent run signalled a return to form, as she finished third behind Bluestocking and Aventure in the Prix Vermeille over this distance at Longchamp in September. They came back to run one-two in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe three weeks later - you can't get a better form boost than that. And the scary bit is; Emily Upjohn wasn't even at her career best in that race. She was on an upward curve though, building on her third placed finish behind **CONTENT** in the Yorkshire Oaks in August. She met Bluestocking also in the 10-furlong Pretty Polly Stakes at the Curragh in June, a month after having run well below form in fourth place behind **LUXEMBOURG** in the Coronation Cup at Epsom. Emily Upjohn won that event in 2023, running to **Globeform 121** when beating the top class colt Westover (runner-up in the 'Arc' that year) easily by 3 1/2 lengths. With Frankie Dettori, who rode her in 2022 and 2023, back in the saddle Emily Upjohn has a good chance.

LUXEMBOURG has been freshened up since running sixth, beaten 2 1/2 lengths behind Economics, in the Irish Champion Stakes in mid-September. It was a decent run and not far off the form he produced when making all to win the Coronation Cup over 12 furlongs on softish ground at Epsom in June. With just four rivals, Ryan Moore gave him a super ride in the Coronation, setting a perfect pace for his 5yo partner and keeping enough in reserve for when Hamish challenged late. Hamish is a smart performer who likes it soft; he had won a G3 on his preceding start and he was a good second to the mighty Goliath in a G2 in France on Oct 20. Luxembourg held on by a length from Hamish and there was another 6 lengths back to Feed The Flame, who was clear of last year's winner **EMILY UPJOHN**. She was well below par in fourth place. Luxembourg went for the King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot next but a prominent run there did not work out; he finished a well beaten sixth to Goliath, checking in three places and about nine lengths behind **REBEL'S ROMANCE**. His run in the Irish Champion, a race he won in 2022 and ran second in last year (producing **Globeform 123** behind Auguste Rodin), was a much better effort. Luxembourg can be best described as a horse who excels over 10 furlongs and almost as good over 12 furlongs. The longer trip is unlikely to stretch his stamina at Del Mar, and he is one of the top challengers for the BC Turf. His trainer Aidan O'Brien has won this race seven times.

REBEL'S ROMANCE won the Breeders' Cup Turf two years ago and he has a good chance of winning again at Del Mar, to write a bit of racing history. The BC Turf was won back to back by Conduit in 2008 and 2009, and by High Chaparral in 2002 and 2003, when he shared spoils in a dead heat with Johar. Coming back to win it again after two years has never been done.

Rebel's Romance won the Preis von Europa over 12 furlongs at Cologne racecourse in September, and he has been rested with a trip to Del Mar in mind since that game win over Straight, who went on to take the Gran Premio del Jockey Club at San Siro in Italy three weeks later. Rebel's Romance was not impressive when he beat Straight but he got the job done and he was never in real danger of losing. He had run better races earlier in the season, particularly when he won the Sheema Classic at Meydan in March. He was on the engine the whole way when winning the Sheema by 2 lengths from **SHAHRYAR**, then went to Hong Kong where he beat inferior rivals with ease. A break followed, and he came back with a good run in the prestigious King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes in July. Goliath, the best 12-furlong horse around, was way too good and subsequent Prix de l'Arc winner Bluestocking also beat Rebel's Romance but his third placed finish was a fine effort, especially given that Ascot is not his type of course. Not that one can say he needs a particular configuration to win races; this battle hardened and well travelled gelding has been successful at Newmarket, Hoppegarten, Cologne, Keeneland, Doha, Sha Tin and Meydan. His best performances have come at flat, left handed tracks though, and the short finish at Del Mar means that prominent runners often enjoy a big advantage. In brief; this looks a good opportunity for Rebel's Romance.



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SHAHRYAR is also one to consider. That may seem like an understatement, as he ran third in the BC Turf at Santa Anita last year, beaten no more than 1 1/4 lengths behind Auguste Rodin, and also ran a big race to finish second in the Dubai Sheema Classic this spring, when **REBEL'S ROMANCE** got first run on him and won by 2 lengths. In between these runs, Shahryar ran a good fifth to Do Deuce (one of the top horses in Japan) in the prestigious Arima Kinen over 12.5 furlongs at Nakayama and he was fifth to North Bridge a G2 over 10 furlongs in August. He used that same event as his final prep for the BC Turf also last year, and finished a well beaten 11th. Ten weeks later, only Auguste Rodin and Up To the Mark beat him at the Breeders' Cup. Now aged six, Shahryar bring high class form and experience to Del Mar. Normally ridden just off the pace, he must be respected.

FAR BRIDGE is coming off two valuable 12-furlong wins; a one-length verdict over Manhattan Stakes winner Measured Time in the Sword Dancer Stakes at Saratoga (when he carried 6lbs less than the runner-up) and a half-length verdict over BC Filly & Mare Turf contender War Like Goddess in the Joe Hirsch Turf Classic at Aqueduct. He made all in the Sword Dancer and nicked the race from the front, but was held up for a stretch-run in the Joe Hirsch, so Far Bridge is versatile in that respect. His connections say that he needs to be by the inside rail though, and he is not as good as the top four in this race. This means that not only will he need luck in running to find he preferred spot on the inside, he also need to improve to have a winning chance.

JAYAREBE also needs to improve to make a real impact on the BC Turf but this is a European 3yo and he could well be open to further progress. He steps up in distance, after three good performances over 10 furlongs in England and France. He won the Hampton Court Stakes at Royal Ascot in June (beating King's Gambit by three parts of a length), then met to high class Economics in the Prix Guillaume d'Ornano at Deauville, where Economics beat him. Economics went on to beat Auguste Rodin in the Irish Champion Stakes next time out, while Jayarebe was sent to the Prix Dollar at Longchamp during Arc weekend. He had been racing on good and good to firm ground previously but he handled the very soft turf in Paris just as well and won by a head from Almaqam, who was a well beaten third in the Prix Guillaume d'Ornano.

WINGSPAN ran second to Kalapa in the British Champions Filly & Mare Stakes over 12 furlongs on testing ground at Ascot two weeks ago, keeping on well after having set the pace to lose by 2 lengths. This is a quick turnaround and she will be encountering totally different ground, but Wingspan has been improving nicely in her three most recent starts, producing GF 105, GF 108 and Globeform 114, so she is at the top of her game. She won a minor stakes on good to firm at lowly Gowran Park in August. Her trainer Aidan O'Brien ran Magical in the British Champions Filly & Mare and Breeders' Cup Turf in 2018, when that filly (who was much better than Wingspan is) won at Ascot and ran second to Enable at Churchill Downs. Coming from Ascot to Del Mar will be totally different.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	11 REBEL'S ROMANCE
B	2 EMILY UPJOHN, 4 LUXEMBORG
C	3 SHAHRYAR



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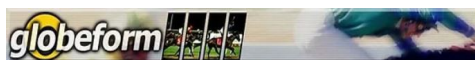
BREEDERS' CUP CLASSIC (G1), 10 fur dirt, Del Mar

Horses ranked in pounds (0.45kg). 1 length = 2 pounds over this distance / Jockeys listed are not confirmed

Rank	Horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs	Trainer / Jockey
From right to left (most recent first)				
0	FIERCENESS 3yo	128	128 - 125 - 0	T Pletcher / J Velazquez
3	CITY OF TROY 3yo *	126	126 - 121 - 123p	A P O'Brien / R Moore
5	SIERRA LEONE 3yo	123	123 - 123 - 118	C Brown / F Prat
5	NEXT	123	112+ ?+ 123	W Cowens / L Machado
6	SEÑOR BUSCADOR	122	97 - 107+ 110 - 122	T Fincher / J Rosario
7	USHBA TESORO	121	?+ 111 - 121 - ?+	N Takagi / Y Kawada
5 / 11	DERMA SOTAGAKE <i>GF 121 in BC Classic '23</i>	121 / 115	? - 0 - 115 - 121	H Otonashi / C Lemaire
9	NEWGATE	119	119 - 94 - 119	B Baffert / L Dettori
10	HIGHLAND FALLS	118	118 - 110 - 112	B Cox / L Saez
10	ARTHUR'S RIDE	118	100 - 115+ 118	W Mott / J Alvarado
11	FOREVER YOUNG 3yo	117	?+ 117 - 112p - 112p	Y Yahagi / R Sakai
11	TAPIT TRICE	117	117 - 104 - 115	T Pletcher / I Ortiz Jr
15	PYRENEES	113	110 - 113 - 110	C DeVaux / B Hernandez Jr
17	MIXTO	111	111 - 104 - 97 - 109	D O'Neill / K Frey
	RESERVE			
11 /	RATTLE N ROLL <i>GF 117 in July '23</i>	117 / 99+	99+ 101 - 108	K McPeck / J L Ortiz

3yo horses: 4lbs age weight allowance

Globeform Weight-for-age 3-year-olds vs. older horses 10 fur early Nov: USA 4lbs / Europe 5lbs



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BREEDERS' CUP CLASSIC WINNERS

2023: WHITE ABARRIO – GF 124+

Richard Dutrow / Irad Ortiz Jr

2022: FLIGHTLINE – GF 147

John Sadler / Flavien Prat

2021: KNICKS GO – GF 130+

Brad Cox / Joel Rosario

2020: AUTHENTIC – GF 128

Bob Baffert / John Velazquez

2019: VINO ROSSO – GF 129

Todd Pletcher / John Velazquez

2018: ACCELERATE – GF 124

John Sadler / Joel Rosario

2017: GUN RUNNER – GF 127

Steve Asmussen / Florent Geroux

2016: ARROGATE – GF 139

Bob Baffert / Mike Smith

GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS - BREEDERS' CUP CLASSIC

FIERCENESS bounced right back with his win in the Jim Dandy Stakes last month, taking up a dominant role early and running on gamely to win the race by a length from Sierra Leone, who was closing in from the back without ever looking like a serious threat. Batten Down was third, 5 3/4 lengths further adrift. The Jim Dandy is run over 9 furlongs, the same distance Fierceness excelled over when winning the Florida Derby by an almost ridiculous margin back in March. As his runner-up in that event, Catalyst, has done little to write home about since, it is impossible to say exactly what the Gulfstream form was worth. There's no doubt about Fierceness's class, however, he ran to GF 125 in the Jim Dandy, a high rating for that particular event. A repeat performance would make him hard to beat in the Travers but will this colt, who has such speed, relish a serious test of stamina? Winning this Travers will require staying power. If Fierceness stays 10 furlongs, then fine, he has a winning chance. If he doesn't stay he can't win this race. His best chance probably lies in using the same tactics as he did in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile last year, when he sat just off of the pace setting General Partner, before blowing right away from his rivals coming down the Santa Anita home stretch. With dual G1 winner Muth 6 1/4 lengths behind him in second, followed by G1 winner Lock in third and yet another G1 winner, Timberlake, fourth, that was excellent form. Fierceness performed to **Globeform 126p** at the Breeders' Cup, and his Jim Dandy run told us that he is every bit as good now. >>>



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CITY OF TROY is the best three-year-old in Europe and he has had a very productive season, winning the Derby over 12 furlongs at Epsom, the Eclipse Stakes over 10 furlongs at Sandown Park and the Juddmonte International Stakes over 10.5 furlongs at York. He is a really good colt but there has been so much hype surround this son of Justify. He seems overrated by most observers in England and Ireland, and it's not right to make him favorite for the Breeders' Cup Classic. Trying dirt for the first time, he is a totally different type of horse compared Giant's Causeway, who nearly pulled it off when beaten a neck by Tiznow at Churchill Downs in 2000, or Sakhee for that matter; he was beaten a nose by Tiznow in 2001. They were both big, built much like dirt horses, and they were battle hardened when they went for the Classic. Sakhee was also proven on soft ground and horses who like testing conditions on turf are often those who cope with dirt. City Of Troy is quite a small horse, and it was no big surprise to see him act well around Epsom, a turning and undulating track with an uneven finish (it drops in towards the rail). He was impressive at Epsom, where two of his stable companions set a furious pace for him to close into. He came smoothly through on the inside, and beat Ambiente Friendly by almost three lengths. Hard to pull up after passing the winning post, City of Troy looked a star that day. Ambiente Friendly was coming off an easy win over Illinois in the Lingfield Derby Trial but he has not won anything since Epsom. Los Angeles, third at Epsom, won the Irish Derby next time out, with Sunway second and Ambiente Friendly third, and he also won the Great Voltigeur at York - before running fourth in the Irish Champion Stakes and third in the 'Arc' at Longchamp. These are good achievements but the European 10- to 12-furlong division has been lacking strength in depth this year.

City Of Troy's win at Sandown, where he had to work really hard to fend off Al Riffa and win by a length, was unimpressive. **This race may hold the key to assessing his chances over 10 furlongs on dirt.** Sandown is a track that puts emphasis on stamina, with a stiff finish, and the Eclipse was run on soft ground. With Ghostwriter 2 lengths beaten in second, this was not City Of Troy's finest hour. Could it have had something to do with the soft ground? Quite possibly. He has a turn of foot and that was blunted by the conditions.

Some six weeks after Sandown, City Of Troy went for the Juddmonte International at York. Meeting the impressive Royal Ascot winner Calandagan, he went off 5-4 favorite and he obliged by making all under an excellent Ryan Moore ride. Calandagan came with a late run and for a few strides looked a bit dangerous, but City Of Troy had enough left in the tank and prevailed by a length. Ghostwriter was third also this time, but now beaten 4 1/2 lengths. Bluestocking, who won the Prix Vermeille and Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe on her next starts, checked in fourth. This was undoubtedly City Of Troy's best run to date. Having run to GF 123p at Epsom, GF 121 at Sandown, he improved to **Globeform 126** in the International Stakes. If he runs up to that figure at Del Mar, well then this will be very interesting - but it seems to be a bit of an 'if'. Aidan O'Brien says that City Of Troy will go forward and he won't be alone on the lead here, like he was at York. >>>

SIERRA LEONE is a strong (one paced) closer and 10 furlongs is just what he wants, in fact, going further would probably be even better for him - and he was unfortunate to miss the chance of running in a 12-furlong Belmont Stakes. He was beaten just a nose in the Kentucky Derby but his best two runs to date are his most recent outings, both at Saratoga; second behind **FIERCENESS** in the 9-furlong Jim Dandy Stakes in July and third behind the same rival in the 10-furlong Travers Stakes in August. Staying on from the back, he came up a length short in the Jim Dandy and 1 3/4 lengths short in the Travers. Could he turn the tables at Del Mar? It seems unlikely but it is not impossible, not if the pace become wickedly strong. That could happen but the one-furlong straight is a constant factor here at Del Mar and it means that Sierra Leone will have to unleash his run from the back before entering the home turn. He was unlucky not to win at Churchill Downs, where he came with a determined run from off the pace, lugged in at the finish, and looked the best horse - albeit not the most straightforward one. Mystik Dan beat him by a nose. Sierra Leone had his chance to promote the Derby form in the Belmont Stakes. He failed in doing so, finishing third, beaten half a length and a length behind Dornoch and Mindframe. They went on to run one-two also in the Haskell, while Sierra Leone opted for the Jim Dandy / Travers route. >>>



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NEXT has been untouchable in the dirt marathon races in the US this season, and he is still being underrated by most observers. These 11- to 14-furlong events on the dirt tracks seldom draw top class fields. They haven't done so in 2024 either, but seeing how Next performed when taking the Brooklyn Stakes at Aqueduct in July, one question became pressing; 'how badly could the others have run on the day?' He cruised home by almost ten lengths, winning the race on the bridle, while Crupi took second, half a length in front of Drake's Passage, who was well clear on the fourth placed Masqueparade. Crupi had been third in the Pegasus World Cup (4 1/2 lengths behind **SENOR BUSCADOR**) and heading into the Brooklyn he was coming off a win in the Suburban Stakes (with Masqueparade a close third). After the Brooklyn, Crupi went on to take second, 2 1/4 lengths behind BC Classic contender **ARTHUR'S RIDE** (while conceding 4lbs even). So is it fair to say that Next didn't beat much in the Brooklyn? Absolutely not. It was a high class performance. His run in the Brooklyn earned him **Globeform 123**, a figure that means he must be respected in the Breeders' Cup Classic. He is not likely to get loose of the lead here of course, but he will probably be part of the speed - and one thing not to miss is the fact that this horse has plenty of stamina. If we get a crazy pace and a meltdown coming down the lane, Next could be the one who stands best up to it. Another plus; Next hasn't had a hard race all season. Next is a contender coming off seven straight wins, yet he one who can confidently be called a fresh horse. Most unusual.

SENOR BUSCADOR has been well below his best in his two most recent starts and, although he has form in the book, this contender is a bit hard to fancy here. Even if he returns to form, the track will not be to his liking. Del Mar favors speed and the homes stretch is short. Senor Buscador would like it to be completely the opposite, like it was when he won the Saudi Cup back in February. Prior to that, he was a game second in the Pegasus World Cup at Gulfstream Park. He stayed on well to be second to National Treasure in the 9-furlong Pegasus World Cup, going down by just a neck to the heavy favorite. They met again in the Saudi Cup the following month and this time Senor Buscador beat National Treasure fair and square. Not just that, his relentless surge from off the pace took him past them all. He won the \$20 million race by a head from **USHBA TESORO** (who also came from off the pace). Saudi Crown held third after having opened up a lead at the top of the lane, while National Treasure tired and finished fourth. The one-turn race suited Senor Buscador ideally. He thrives on a real test of stamina. Which was partly why he was well fancied to follow up in the Dubai World Cup, run over 10 furlongs at Meydan in March. With two hard races behind him, he was not as good there, and he had to settle for third, 9 lengths behind Laurel River - a freakish all the way winner. Ushba Tesoro ran second, half a length better than Senor Buscador this time. Senor Buscador got a break after Dubai, and he was not seen in action again until August 24, when he ran fourth, 6 3/4 lengths behind Raging Torrent in the 7-furlong Pat O'Brien Stakes at Del Mar. That run returned GF 107, while his next start - in the California Crown (over a more suitable 9-furlong trip) was worth no more than GF 97.

USHBA TESORO is similar to Senor Buscador; a closer who steps up in races with a strong pace. The Saudi Cup was his best run to date, while his second in the Dubai World Cup, albeit some 5 lengths below his best, was a game effort. He prepped for the BC Classic in September, staying on from off the pace to finish second to G2 winner William Barrows in a minor stakes over 9 furlongs in Japan. Beaten a length, he was 4 lengths in front of Meisho Hario, a horse that won a G3 in 2022 and a couple of Listed races in 2023.

DERMA SOTAGAKE was well behind **USHBA TESORO** when they ran second and fifth to William Barrows in September. It was a dull effort - he was never seen with a chance and came home at an even pace, beaten 8 1/2 lengths. That was a long way below the form he produced at the Breeders' Cup last year, when he used a stalking run to be a good second in the Classic, beaten just a length by White Abarrio. Performing to Globeform 121, Derma Sotagake proved that he is every bit as good as Ushba Tesoro, and he has a better running style for Del Mar. But; what do we make of his performance last time out? >>>



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NEWGATE - who gets blinkers back on for the first time in two years (he ran in blinkers at two) - has performed to **Globeform 119** twice; when winning the Santa Anita Handicap over 10 furlongs in March and when beaten just a head as second to Subsanador in the California Crown over 9 furlongs at the same venue in September (formerly the Awesome Again Stakes). He came from off the pace in both of these races and stamina is Newgate's forte. He outstayed Subsanador in the Santa Anita Handicap, when spotting him one pound. Newgate is a fairly consistent runner, he has been in the top three in 8 of his 11 races, he gets Frankie Dettori on board again and this, combined with the Baffert factor, may mean that he goes off at much shorter odds than his 20-1 morning line (which seems a bit disrespectful).

HIGHLAND FALLS improved when beating **PYRENEES** by 4 lengths in the 10-furlong Jockey Club Gold Cup at Saratoga in early September, and he has been rested since that win. Putting pressure in the favorite, **ARTHUR'S RIDE**, from the start, Highland Falls simply outstayed his rivals in that event. He moved up to **Globeform 118**, over a track that suited him well. His stamina may help him to get a slice of this, especially if the pace becomes very strong.

ARTHUR'S RIDE was found wanting when **HIGHLAND FALLS** joined him on the lead in the Jockey Club Gold Cup, tiring to finish a well beaten fifth. He ran much better when he had thigs his own way on the lead in his two preceding races. He made all to win the 9-furlong Whitney, run over a muddy track (looked very loose, beach like) by 2 1/4 lengths from Crupi, who was a neck in front of Post Time. Carrying 118lbs, Arthur's Ride was thrown in at the weights in the Whitney. Crupi carried 122lbs and Post Time, who is a miler, had 120lbs on his back. On these terms, Arthur's Ride did not need to run up to his best to win the Whitney. He returned GF 115+, and did not have a hard race. He produced a higher figure hen he carried 124lbs to an impressive 12 3/4-length win over Perform in an allowance heat run over 10 furlongs, earning **Globeform 118**.

FOREVER YOUNG seems to be overrated by the majority and this Japanese 3yo is sure to be poor value in the wagering. Not only because of the Japanese betting into the pool but also since he has been hyped silly in the US media. Yes, he was beaten just a head when an unlucky third behind Mystik Dan and **SIERRA LEONE** in the Kentucky Derby, but that was not a strong edition of the Run for The Roses. He moved up to **Globeform 117** in the process, while his well off the pace style suggested that he would prefer to go further. The long stretch at Churchill was his friend. The short stretch at Del Mar will be an extra enemy. He needs to improve a lot to match strides with Fierceness and City Of Troy and as many as ten horses in this field have run to higher figures than him. It's also worth remembering that Forever Young was getting going early in the season, winning the Saudi Derby in February and the UAE Derby in March. In Saudi he just got up to beat Book'em Danno by a head over a mile. Book'em Danno is a sprinter and he went off too fast in that race. In Dubai, Forever Young got up for a 2-length win from 25-1 shot Auto Bahn, with Christopher Clement's Albany Stakes winner Pandagate third. These are way below G1 standard. Auto Bahn was coming off a runner-up effort in a Listed race.

TAPIT TRICE (inconsistent but very useful on his day; coming off **Globeform 117** in the Woodward Stakes), **PYRENEES** (beaten easily by Highland Falls in the Jockey Club Gold Cup) and **MIXTO** (a fortunate winner of a sub-standard Pacific Classic; his first win since he broke his maiden over a mile at Del Mar last year) and **RATTLE N ROLL** (whose best run was when runner-up in the 2023 Stephen Foster) are all going to be up against it in this field. Rattle n Roll needs a defection to get in.

FIERCENESS is the most likely winner of this year's Classic and he is a clear pick. City Of Troy is in the same class but he makes little appeal as he tries dirt for the first time. A group of five or six of the others can be described as 'closely matched'. One of them is **NEXT**. Let's be brave here, let's use him as the B-horse. He is the one who is uncomplicated, he is the one who won't crack if - as expected - this race becomes real test of stamina, and he offers great value in the betting. What price would a horse like this be if he were trained by Baffert, Brown or Pletcher? Not **33-1**, as he is with some bookmakers, that's for sure.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	9 FIERCENESS
B	14 NEXT
C	3 CITY OF TROY, 11 SIERRA LEONE

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BREEDERS' CUP FILLY & MARE TURF (G1), 11 fur Turf, Del Mar

Horses ranked in pounds (0.45kg). 1 length = 2 pounds over this distance

Rank	Horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs	Trainer / Jockey
Right to left / most recent first				
0	FULL COUNT FELICIA	118	118 - 113p - 104+	K Attard / I Ortiz Jr
1 / 3+	MOIRA <i>GF 117 in BC F&M Turf '23</i>	117 / 115+	111+ 115+ 113+	K Attard / F Prat
2 / 5	WAR LIKE GODDESS <i>GF 116 in Apr '23</i>	116 / 113	113 - 109+ 108+	W Mott / J Alvarado
3	DIDIA	115	110 - 114 - 115	I Correas / J L Ortiz
5	HANG THE MOON	113	113 - 110p - 105	P D'Amato / K Kimura
5	ANISETTE	113	113 - 111+ 113	L Powell / U Rispoli
5	CONTENT 3yo	115	0 - 105 - 115	A P O'Brien / R Moore
9p	CINDERELLA'S DREAM 3yo	110p	107+ 110p - 102+	C Appleby / W Buick
12	BEACH BOMB	?	106 - 103+ - ?	G Motion / A Fresu
11	SOPRANO 3yo	109	105 - 109 - 109	G Boughey / B Loughnane
12?	BEAUTIFUL LOVE 3yo	109?	109? - 98+ 96	C Appleby / O Murphy
17p	SUNSET GLORY	101p	101 - 101p - ?p	M McCarthy / M Franco

3yo horses: 4lbs age weight allowance

Strangely, the Breeders' Cup applies the same 3yo weight-for-age allowance (4lbs) in this year's 11-furlong Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf as when the race was run over 9.5 furlongs at Keeneland in 2022 and over 10 furlongs at Santa Anita last year. This puts 3yo contenders at a disadvantage.

Globeform Weight-for-age 3-year-olds vs. older horses 11 fur early Nov: USA 5lbs / Europe 6lbs

2023: **INSPIRAL** – GF 120+ John & Thady Gosden / Frankie Dettori

2022: **TUESDAY** – GF 116 Aidan O'Brien / Ryan Moore

2021: **LOVES ONLY YOU** – GF 115+ Yoshido Yahagi / Yuga Kawada

2020: **AUDARYA** – GF 115 James Fanshawe / Pierre-Charles Boudot

2019: **IRIDESSA** – GF 119 Joseph O'Brien / Wayne Lordan

2018: **SISTERCHARLIE** – GF 119 Chad Brown / John Velazquez

2017: **WUHEIDA** – GF 118 Charlie Appleby / William Buick



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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS - BREEDERS' CUP FILLY & MARE TURF

This not a strong renewal of the Filly & Mare Turf and more than half the field are in with a winning chance on ratings. Such races can be a handicapper's nightmare but they can also produce a dream result with big payoffs in the exotics. The best approach is to be brave with key horses, and to keep stakes to a sensible level. There are many better opportunities for those serious wagers.

FULL COUNT FELICIA has improved markedly since joining Kevin Attard and her two most recent starts - all at Woodbine - have been turned her into a really interesting mare. Her first start for Attard was in the Nassau Stakes in June, when she ran fourth over a mile. A step up to 8.5 furlongs followed as she went for the Canadian Stakes, and she led all the way to win easily from Millie Girl and Five Towns. Those are nowhere near G1 level but Attard still decided to give Full Count Felicia a chance in a top race just over a month later, running her in the 10furlong E P Taylor Stakes. Full Count Felicia was sent straight to the lead once more, and she opened up an almost ridiculous gap, at one point she was 18-19 lengths clear. Note one thing about this run; the fractions were not crawling slow, she ran six furlongs in 1.11.8, faster than in the Canadian, and she ran the mile in 1.35 flat, again marginally faster than in the Canadian. There's no doubt; other riders should have been closer to the pace setter, so well ridden by Kimura, but it's also important to appreciate how she finished the race off. This was not a case of an early leader staggering home, crying out for the winning post and just holding on from closers. Full Count Felicia on the race by 3 1/2 lengths. Moira ran on from the back to take second, 2 1/2 lengths in front of last year's EP Taylor winner, Fev Rover. Moira and Fev Rover were both in good shape going into the E P Taylor; just over a month earlier they ran one-two in the Beverly D Stakes at Colonial Downs, well clear of Neecie Marie, who was an easy winner of the Ladies Marathon at Kentucky Downs next time out. These results all point to one conclusion, Full Count Felicia's EP Taylor win was no fluke. She improved from GF 113p to Globeform 118, making her a strong contender here. She steps up to 11 furlongs but 10 furlongs at Woodbine is just about as testing as eleven at Del Mar. She has great post position in stall 2, with no other pace around her. The start is close to the first bend. That will be just fine for her, as she is likely to get to the rail, but not so fine for rivals drawn wide.

Not pointed to the Breeders' Cup initially, Full Count Felicia's name was added to projected runners a couple of weeks ago, something that can only be seen as a vote of confidence. She is probably thriving. The step up in distance is an obvious worry but if she is in the form of her life she must be given the chance here. Some bookmakers offer a tasty **10-1 about Full Count Felicia**, while others have her as low as 6-1.

MOIRA - like Full Count Felicia trained by Kevin Attard - gives the Canadian handler two good chances. Moira is probably the one that is better known internationally, and she is also one of our early value bets, recommended at 20-1 in this October 15 GF Newsletter:

This is not recommended as a big bet but when **MOIRA**, one of the top rated names on the list of horses that have so far been listed as probable runners in the **Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf**, can be backed at **20-1** we simply must have at least *something* on. This price looks wrong. Yes, the field for this race has yet to take shape and there could be new names on it next week, but the Canadian champion Moira will be going to Del Mar with a live chance, whatever else turns up, and she should not be 20-1.

This will be Moira's third attempt at winning a BC Filly & Mare Turf and it may be easy to think 'why should she be successful this time, given that she has failed twice?'. Such a reasoning is too hasty. Look at what she was up against last year, when she was beaten just 1 1/4 lengths into third place at Santa Anita; Inspiral, a truly brilliant English filly trained by Team Gosden, and Warm Heart, a multiple G1 winner from Aidan O'Brien's powerful team in Ireland. *Anything on the list of probables at the minute that looks better than those two? No there's isn't. The 'Arc' winner Bluestocking is not coming but the Gosdens have two possible contenders; Friendly Soul (who looks likely to go for the race) and Emily Upjohn (who could just as well end up in the 12-furlong Turf), but neither has better recent form than Moira's best and they are just 9-2 and 6-1.*

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Studying Moira's form this year and comparing it to what she did leading up to the Breeders' Cup in 2023, is also interesting. To assume that she has not (yet) been quite as good aged five as she was at four is correct, but only if you compare her recent form to her run at the 2023 Breeders' Cup, where the daughter of Ghostzapper performed to **Globeform 117**. If we compare her pre B Cup form in '23 to her form so far this year, she looks pretty much the same horse. Last year, she was coming off a third in the E P Taylor Stakes, beaten 4 lengths behind Fev Rover; Moira ran to GF 109+ after being compromised by a slow pace. This time, she will be coming off a runner-up effort in the E P Taylor, beaten 3 1/2 lengths by the gate to wire winner Full Count Felicia; Moira ran to GF 111+ after once more being compromised by a slow pace. Prior to that run, she was a staying-on second to Whitebeam when making a late seasonal debut in the 9-furlong Diana Stakes at Saratoga and a game head-winner of the 9.5-furlong Beverly D Stakes at Colonial Downs, where she nailed the long-time leader Fev Rover close home. These three runs is all the racing action Moira has seen in 2024 and she has been campaigned specifically with the Breeders' Cup as her big target, in what may be her last season before she is retired to the breeding shed. Last year she raced five times prior to the Breeders' Cup.

It makes a lot of sense for her connections to throw everything at this year's Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf with this mare. The race being run at Del Mar, it will be contested over 11 furlongs - a distance that is likely to bring out the best in Moira. The San Diego venue can be a bit tricky and it's no big secret that Del Mar favors course specialists, but Moira is an experienced and uncomplicated runner and she is unlikely to be troubled by coming to a new track. Most likely, she will handle Del Mar better than many other shippers. She has run well over very different tracks; at the wide, sweeping Woodbine, both on turf and on the Tapeta (she won the 10-furlong Queen's Plate by 7 lengths over the artificial track at three), at the downhill course at Santa Anita and around the inner tracks at Saratoga and Colonial Downs. In addition, she ran respectably when fifth in the Filly & Mare Turf at Keeneland two years ago. The keys to her chances are the distance and pace; present Moira with an honest pace over this trip and she will give us a good run for our money. With her fine 14-for-16 top three record, this 20-1 shot is a tempting each-way bet.

WAR LIKE GODDESS ran a good second to BC Turf contender far Bridge in the Turf Classic at Aqueduct in late September, performing to **Globeform 113**. That has been her best levels since April 2023, when she produced **Globeform 116** to win the Bewitch Stakes over 12 furlongs at Keeneland. Prior to the Turf Classic, she finished second to gat to wire winner Idea Generation in the 11-furlong Flower Bowl Stakes at Saratoga. The fractions were ridiculously slow, and War Like Goddess did well to get up for second - she was badly compromised, and not for the first time. This mare needs a strong pace to produce her best form and she isn't quite as good as she was (GF 118 in 2022). She was good value in the betting when taking the Dick Memorial at even money two starts back. Carrying 118lbs, thus 6lbs less than her runner-up, she was gifted the race by the conditions. She made no mistakes, coming with a strong run around the home turn to get into a winning position - after having been held up as usual. She quickened up nicely and won by a length from Chop Chop. War Like Goddess has been one of the best turf routers in the US over the past three years and she is sure to be popular in the betting here. Having finished in the top three in 19 of her 22 starts, she is as game as they come and she must be respected.

DIDIA makes a bit of appeal too, having won the 8.5-furlong Pegasus World Cup Filly & Mare Turf at Gulfstream Park in January (raced in the first two all the way, beat Surprisingly by a neck) and the 9.5-furlong New York Stakes at Saratoga in June (beating Neecie Marie and **WAR LINE GODDESS** after racing just off the pace). Didia was fourth last time out, beaten by **HANG THE MOON**, Lucky Girl and **ANISETTE** in the Mabee Stakes over 9 furlongs here at Del Mar. The step up to 11 furlongs is the question for Didia.

HANG THE MOON came from off the pace both when winning the Mabee and when following up with an even better performance in the 10-furlong Rodeo Drive Stakes at Santa Anita, where she beat Aspen Grove easily by 1 1/2 lengths (**BEACH BOMB** was third), and this Phil D'Amato trained 4yo is on an upward curve. She will like this step up in distance and she could well improve again.

ANISETTE won the Gamely at Santa Anita in May and she was beaten just half a length when third to **HANG THE MOON** in the Mabee, where Anisette carried 4lbs more than the winner. These two are both on **Globeform 113** but, as mentioned, Hang The Moon is the one with a bit of upside. >>>



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CONTENT represents the strong Aidan O'Brien team and she is the only runner for the stable here, after Ylang Ylang's defection and Wingspan being rerouted to the BC Turf. Content's runs in the Prix de l'Opera at Longchamp in September and British Champions Filly & Mare Turf two weeks ago were both very disappointing. The soft ground may have been a negative factor. The turf was good to firm when she won the Yorkshire Oaks over 12 furlongs at York (long home straight) in August, beating the Irish Oaks winner You Got To Me and Emily Upjohn. Content ran to **Globeform 115** on that occasion, getting up under a masterful ride by Ryan Moore (who managed to restrain her as she was pulled fiercely). Moore rode Content also at Ascot but, interestingly, he had chosen to ride Ylang Ylang in this race, then switched to Content when Ylang Ylang was ruled out.

CINDERELLA'S DREAM is just 4-1 on the morning line and some bookmakers have her even shorter. They must be expecting big improvement, and that's not impossible - but she meets much better rivals here than those she has been beating with ease in the 3yo fillies' division. She had the subsequent G1 winner She Feels Pretty back in third when winning the Belmont Oaks over 9.5 furlongs in July, but G2 winner Segesta was second and She Feels Pretty did not get a good setup (she has improved a lot since). Cinderella's Dream went on to the Saratoga Oaks, run over the same distance in August, was 3/10 favorite for that event and blew past her rivals to win by 1 1/2 lengths. She had more in hand. Her runner-up, Kathynmarissa, won a Listed race at Kentucky Downs next time out. Cinderella's Dream's best run to date was the Belmont Oaks, when she performed to **Globeform 110p**. She is probably capable of better but over what distance? Prior to those easy wins she was campaigned as a miler and ran seventh in the 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket (after winning over 7 furlongs and a mile in Dubai). The daughter of Shamardal has a shot - and she is one in this field who can improve by leaps - but her price is way too low.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	2 FULL COUNT FELICIA, 10 MOIRA
B	5 DIDIA
C	3 CINDERELLA'S DREAM, 4 WAR LIKE GODDESS

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GLOBEFORM RATINGS

BREEDERS' CUP SPRINT (G1), 6 fur dirt, Del Mar

Horses ranked in pounds (0.45kg). 1 length = 3 pounds over this distance

Rank	Horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs	Trainer / Jockey
From right to left (most recent first)				
0 / 3	STRAIGHT NO CHASER <i>GF 128 in May '23</i>	128 / 125	125 - 104+ 128	D Blacker / J Velazquez
3p	MULLIKIN	125p	125p - 115p - 112p	R Brissett / F Prat
5	RAGING TORRENT 3yo	121	121 - 113+ 120p	D O'Neill / A Fresu
6p	FEDERAL JUDGE	122p	122p - 115p - 104+	B Cox / I Ortiz Jr
9p	NAKATOMI	119p	108 - 119p - 98	W Ward / T Gaffalione
10	SKELLY	118	117 - 118 - 116	S Asmussen / R Santana Jr
11	REMAKE	117	117 - 95 - 116	K Shintani / Y Kawada
12	GUN PILOT	116	111 - 104 - 116	S Asmussen / C Torres
?	META MAX	?+	?+ 0 ?+	H Mori / A Sugawara
?	DON FRANKIE	?+	?+ - 100 - ?	T Saito / C Demuro
19	BENTORNATO 3yo	107	107- 103 - 100	J F D'Agelo / L Saez

3yo horses will carry 2lbs less than older horses. Fillies / mares: 3lbs allowance

Globeform weight-for-age 3yos vs. older horses 6 fur early Nov: USA & Europe: 0, meaning that 3-year-olds are 2lbs well in against the older horses.

2023: ELITE POWER – GF 123 William Mott / Irad Ortiz Jr

2022: ELITE POWER – GF 120 William Mott / Irad Ortiz Jr

2021: ALOHA WEST – GF 124 Wayne Catalano / Jose L Ortiz

2020: WHITMORE – GF 123 Ron Moquett / Irad Ortiz Jr

2019: MITOLE – GF 131 Steve Asmussen / Ricardo Santata Jr

2018: ROY H – GF 130 Peter Miller / Paco Lopez

2017: ROY H – GF 126 Peter Miller / Kent Desormeaux

2016: DREFONG – GF 126p Bob Baffert / Martin Garcia



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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS - BREEDERS' CUP SPRINT

Could the key to the wide open Breeders' Cup Sprint lie in the 2023 Maryland Sprint Stakes, which **STRAIGHT NO CHASER** won by 7 1/2 lengths in a very sharp time, returning **Globeform 128**. That was a top class performance but this lightly raced 5yo has not been easy to train; he has had only two starts since, the most recent when he outclassed a decent field to win the Santa Anita Sprint Championship in September. He performed to GF 125 on that occasion, taking the race by 6 1/4 lengths from Roll On Big, with See Through third and the slight favorite Fort Bragg back in fourth place. The horses he beat at Santa Anita are not up to proper G1 standard, but he beat them with such ease, and the form he produced in this prep is good enough to make him one of the best horses going into the Breeders' Cup Sprint.

The best news, however, is that Straight No Chaser ran even better when winning on Preakness day at Pimlico last year. He absolutely crushed better rivals there, beating Prevalence and Nakatomi out of sight after making all the running under John Velazquez, who partnered him also at Santa Anita last month. His runner-up, Prevalence, was admittedly not in great form around that time but he is a talented runner capable of Globeform 116 and he is inconsistent. He took second by a nose from Nakatomi. Nakatomi won a Saratoga allowance race by 3 1/2 lengths on his next start, then went on to run second in the Phoenix Stakes before running third in the Breeders' Cup Sprint. Straight No Chaser went for the Runhappy Stakes after Pimlico, but stumbled at the start, had to be rushed up to lead, started pulling too hard, and was rather flat coming down the straight; he was well below par in fourth place.

Straight No Chaser's Pimlico run was excellent, an assessment the clock also confirms. He cruised home in 1:08.27, lowering the old stakes record by almost half a second. Ryvit, who performed to Globeform 114p when winning the Chick Lang Stakes on the same day, covered the 6-furlong trip in 1:09.33. In other words, Straight No Chaser was about 5 lengths quicker, and the most impressive part is the fact that his fractions for the first two quarters were almost identical to Ryvit's fractions; after that, Ryvit slowed down, while Straight No Chaser just kept going, and he won with plenty up his sleeve. If he runs like that again he will be hard to handle here.

MULLIKIN has been really solid this season, improving from race to race, or from win to win of prefer, to join the elite. Moving up to **Globeform 125p** in the Forego Stakes at Saratoga, he is now one of the very best sprinters around and he has an obvious chance in the BC Sprint. Coming off wins in two allowance races and the Nerud Stakes, run over 7 furlongs at Aqueduct, he tackled the same distance at Saratoga. He went straight to the lead and simply outclassed his rivals to win easily by 5 3/4 lengths from **GUN PILOT** (who won the Churchill Downs Stakes back in May). Angkor was 2 1/2 lengths further back in third place in the Forego, a race that put Mullikin on track for the Breeders' Cup. There was some talk about making an entry also for the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile for Mullikin, but the Sprint was - wisely - chosen. It means a cut back in distance, over a track where speed is important, but Mullikin travels well in his races and the fact that he stays further than today's distance will be a plus if we see a hot pace. When do we *not* see a hot pace in this race? If we do, it's not in California. Mullikin has won 5 of his 9 races, he has been successful over four different tracks, he is as uncomplicated as he is honest, and he has the class required. In short; he has a big chance.

RAGING TORRENT is coming off three straight wins, he got the better of the local star The Chosen Vron when taking the Pat O'Brien Stakes over this course last time out, and as 3yo he might improve again. So what's not to like about this Doug O'Neill trainee? Not much, except perhaps the distance. All his wins have come over 7 furlongs and it remains to be seen whether he can be as effective over six. He made all in each race, however, setting solid (not wild) fractions as he pulled most of his rivals out of their comfort zones. The Chosen Vron did head him narrowly early in the straight in the O'Brien, but Raging Torrent fought back bravely to win by a neck. Big City Lights was beaten almost four lengths into third place, giving the form a solid look. Raging Torrent improved to **Globeform 121** with this win, having run to GF 120p when crushing a good allowance field at Churchill Downs in May. In between these high class performances he won the >>>



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>>> Maxfield Stakes, also at Churchill Downs, quite easily by 2 1/4 lengths from Otto the Conqueror, with subsequent Amsterdam Stakes winner World Record third. Raging Torrent has had one try over 6 furlongs here at Del Mar, when third in last year's Best Pal Stakes, but that was only his second career outing and not all that relevant as we are trying to assess his chances in the BC Sprint. That he has been winning over further may be a good thing. A crazy pace can easily turn this into an ideal setup for a horse that stays further than the actual trip. That's him - but; only if he's not part of such a speed duel. In short; Raging Torrent is hard to weigh up. Does he need the lead or can he rate? Would he be better over a mile or is this cut-back just fine? He should not be disregarded, that's for sure.

FEDERAL JUDGE led every step of the way in the Phoenix Stakes at Keeneland, setting sensible early fractions while hugging the rail. His first two quarters weren't much faster than those recorded in a 7-furlong allowance race run half an hour prior (won easily by the exciting 3yo Montalcino) but he was quicker at the business end of course. Beating the impressive Vanderbilt winner **NAKATOMI** by 5 1/2 lengths is serious form, though it needs mentioning that Nakatomi was hopelessly far back in the early exchanges, even turning for home actually, and he did not perform anything like what we saw in the Vanderbilt. He just got up to beat Comedy Town by half a length for second. Comedy Town had won his three preceding races, all at Gulfstream, including a solid verdict over Run Classic and Sibelius in the Smile Sprint. The inside path seemed to be the place to be on Phoenix day and speed was holding up all day. This track bias did give Federal Judge an advantage from post one. How big an advantage is hard to say, however, and it's probably a mistake to mark this performance down too much due to the bias. True, he had the run of the race, but so did Comedy Town, who sat just off the leader in lane two. He is capable of Globeform 113 though had no chance when Federal Judge kicked into overdrive coming down the lane. Federal Judge was travelling smoothly passing the quarter pole, while Comedy Town was already off the bridle at this stage. The race was all but over turning in. Federal Judge was pushed out to the line, much like he had been when winning a 6.5-furlong allowance heat at Saratoga in August, when he outclassed Accretive by 6 lengths. He earner GF 115p that day, and he improved to **Globeform 122p** in the Phoenix. Full of energy coming back in, the son of Army Mule stopped the clock in 1.08.20. The track record, set by Nashville in the Perryville four years ago, is 1.07.89 (he won by 3 1/2 lengths, also earning Globeform 122p while racing over a slick track). >>>

NAKATOMI ran better than ever when winning the 6-furlong Vanderbilt Stakes at Saratoga in July, taking the race with some ease after a four-month break. He was up in the firing line throughout and proved much the best at the finish. Pricking his ears when passing the winning post 1 1/2 lengths in front of **SKELLY**, he earned **Globeform 119p**. It was a bit of a surprise, as he had been in several tough battles already and we seemed to know what he was all about; a horse that can place at the top level but not win one of the big sprints. Perhaps that still holds true but his win at Saratoga showed that he is capable of making it into the top three or four at the Breeders' Cup. His most recent run is best forgotten. He ended up too far back on a day when there was a speed bias, and never got into the contest. He rallied late to grab second, well beaten by **FEDERAL JUDGE** - who won by 5 1/2 lengths and was much the best in that prep.

META MAX and **DON FRANKIE** are impossible to assess with a GF rating. Even giving them projected ratings would be unwise but, as they have not been competitive at the top level in Japan, it's fair to assume that they will be up against it in the BC Sprint.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	10 MULLIKIN
B	8 STRAIGHT NO CHASER
C	3 FEDERAL JUDGE



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GLOBEFORM RATINGS BREEDERS' CUP MILE (G1), 8 fur Turf, Del Mar

Horses ranked in pounds (0.45kg). 1 length = 2 pounds over this distance

Rank	Horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs	Trainer / Jockey
From right to left (most recent first)				
0p	CARL SPACKLER	122p	118 - 122p - 116p	C Brown / T Gaffalione
1p	NOTABLE SPEECH 3yo	122p	109 - 119 - 0 - 122p	C Appleby / W Buick
1	RAMATUELLE 3yo f	119	119 - 111 - 112	C Head / A Lemaitre
3	DIEGO VELAZQUEZ 3yo	120	116+ 120 - 0	A P O'Brien / R Moore
4	PORTA FORTUNA 3yo f	116	113+ 115 - 116	D O'Brien / T Marquand
4	CHILI FLAG mare	115	111 - 107 - 112+ 115	C Brown / I Ortiz Jr
5p	JOHANNES	117p	117p - 117p - 112p	T Yakteen / U Rispoli
6p	MORE THAN LOOKS	116p	116p - 112p - 112p	C DeVaux / J L Ortiz
6	WIN FOR THE MONEY	116	116 - 108 - 102	M Casse / P Husbands
6	GEOGLYPH	116	116 - 113 - 113	T Kimura / T Yokoyama
6	TEN HAPPY ROSE mare	113	106 - 113 - 104	D Takayanagi / A Tsumura
8	GOLIAD	114	114 - 112 - 0	R Mandella / F Prat

3yo horses: 3lbs age weight allowance
Globeform Weight-for-age 3-year-olds vs. older horses 8 fur early Nov: US 3lbs / Eur 4lbs
Fillies & mares: 3lbs sex allowance

2023: MASTER OF THE SEAS – GF 120+
 Charlie Appleby / William Buick

2022: MODERN GAMES – GF 120+
 Charlie Appleby / William Buick

2021: SPACE BLUES – GF 118
 Charlie Appleby / William Buick

2020: ORDER OF AUSTRALIA – GF 118
 Aidan O'Brien / Christophe Soumillon

2019: UNI – GF 120
 Chad Brown / Joel Rosario

2018: EXPERT EYE – GF 118p
 Sir Michael Stoute / Frankie Dettori

2017: WORLD APPROVAL - GF 119
 Mark Casse / John Velazquez



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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS - BREEDERS' CUP MILE

GF NEWS Sep 4:

Chad Brown, who won the BC Mile with Uni at Del Mar in 2019, this year he has a strong contender in **CARL SPACKLER**, a late developing, classy miler who was most impressive when taking the Fourtstardave Handicap at Saratoga and followed up with a strong, front-running win in the Coolmore Mile at Keeneland.

Fully effective around the inner track at the Spa, this 4yo son of Lope de Vega will be suited by Del Mar, where the home stretch is just one furlong. That's big difference to what European runners are used to, it is also different to Santa Anita, where Master of The Seas won last year - and very different to Woodbine, where he won the Woodbine Mile en route to the Breeders' Cup. Speaking of Master of The Seas; he was scratched from the Fourtstardave on August 11, and he has had just three 4-furlong workouts over the past 60 days (July 13, 20 and 26). His most recent work prior to those three breezes was way back on April 6. It's hard not to think that they are having issues with this gelding.

More on other contenders further down. Carl Spackler will meet fierce opposition at Del Mar, no doubt about that, but the way he took the Fourtstardave suggested that it will take a good one to beat him in the championship race. He has the perfect running style, using good tactical speed to sit just off the pace, and he quickened up like a high class runner to win the Fourtstardave with ease, passing the winning post 3 1/2 lengths clear of More Than Looks, who beat Ottoman Fleet by 1 1/2 lengths for second place. Carl Spackler won the race under a confident hand ride. Tyler Gaffalione had more up his sleeve but there was no need to ask the colt for more. Carl Spackler improved to **Globeform 122p**, a figure that puts him right up with the best, whatever the Europeans decide to send.

The Breeders' Cup demands more than just running talent; the horse also needs to be able deal with the party like atmosphere during the preliminaries. Chad Brown has no worries on that front, saying "Carl Spackler's biggest attribute is his mind, this horse is so relaxed, he's like an old gelding pony that you'd put your youngest kid on to ride, and that really enables him to reserve his energy". Asked about the Breeders' Cup Mile, Brown simply replied "I'd say he fits."

Carl Spackler has had just nine career starts. He did not race at two and he suffered from colic needing surgery when he was taken to Keeneland last fall. We are only now about to see what this miler can do. To say that he can perform even better than he did in the Fourtstardave may seem optimistic, but it is not far fetched. He was so strong at the finish and he galloped out well, sending out all the right signals. There was some give in the ground (officially 'good') but Carl Spackler raced over a firm course when winning the Kelso Stakes at Saratoga in July, and also when successful in the Opening Verse at Churchill Downs in May, so we know that he can handle the type of ground one can expect at Del Mar. How can this contender be as big as **12-1** in the early betting? At such odds he simply must be backed. When Chad Brown's 5yo mare Uni won the BC Mile at Del Mar, she was being chased home by by the filly Got Stormy, who had won the Fourtstardave (with Uni third) and another Brown runner, Without Parole finished third. He was a Euro import but that result was still a 1-2-3 for the home team. The visitors hit back at Del Mar in 2021, when Space Blues, a 7-furlong horse in Europe, took full advantage of his post 2 to beat the locally trained Smooth Like Strait (post 1). The draw is important here, and in that particular race it became crucial. But fearing a bad draw can be said for many of the Breeders' Cup races, and when getting 12-1 about a top contender we'll risk it. In Brown and Gaffalione, we will have a team that know how to solve different scenarios.

After this was written, Carl Spackler won the Coolmore Turf Mile at Keeneland, taking the race by leading all the way and holding on by a length from **MORE THAN LOOKS**. He is a top contender for the BC Mile but his wide post is anything but ideal for a horse that likes to race prominently. However, **Carl Spackler can be backed at 10-1 and that price is simply wrong, even factoring in his tricky post.**



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NOTABLE SPEECH represents the team that provided the three most recent winners of the Breeders' Cup Mile, including Space Blues here at Del Mar in 2021. Notable Speech is a different type of horse though. A typical milers, he is better than Space Blues was, but - while Space Blues was coming off a recent win - Notable Speech is trying to bounce back from a well below par effort last time out. That was in early September, and he has thus had a near two-month break leading up to the Breeders' Cup. European bookmakers have made him their clear favorite for some time. Based on his best form, an exciting win in the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket in May, that's correct. Based on how Notable Speech ran last time we saw him in action, when he was a badly beaten sixth behind Tribalist in the Prix du Moulin at Longchamp, having him as a clear favorite is wrong. Based on his poor run at Royal Ascot it is even more wrong, and based on his winning run in between those losses, in the Sussex Stakes at Goodwood, it is, shall we say 'debatable'.

He was brilliant in the 2,000 Guineas (run over a straight mile), he bounced badly at Royal Ascot, then fired right back with a win in the Sussex Stakes at Goodwood (a right handed, undulating track) before flopping again at Longchamp (right handed with a long straight).

Notable Speech had raced twice already this year when going for the Guineas and he looked extremely fit at Goodwood, where he, somewhat bizarrely, turned up with a clipped coat. He beat Maljoom by 1 1/2 lengths and Maljoom could manage only sixth, beaten more than ten lengths, behind BC Classic contender City Of Troy in the Juddmonte International Stakes next time out. Henry Longfellow, who ran fourth at Goodwood, was also well beaten in the aforementioned Moulin, and it's clear that Notable Speech did not need to be at his best to win at Goodwood. Yes, he won, and he won well, but the opposition wasn't strong. He is best judged on his Guineas form, when he was held up for an impressive late kick that took him past very good milers in a manner making them look ordinary. They were not. His runner-up, Rosallion, was also fully fit and ready and he won the Irish 2,000 Guineas on his next start, beating Haatem, who ran third at Newmarket. The Irish Guineas result was a massive boost to Notable Speech's form, and he was a hot favorite when he met Rosallion again in the St. James's Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot in June. Rosallion ran another fine race, winning it by a neck from Henry Longfellow, while Notable Speech was pretty flat; beaten over a furlong out he finished seventh, trailing by 6 lengths. That was some turnaround, compared to his easy 1 1/2-length win over Rosallion at Newmarket.

Can Notable Speech win the Breeders' Cup Mile? Of course he can, but only if he is back to his best. Not only that; there's another 'if' here; will this colt be as effective around two turns at Del Mar in November as he was over the straight Rowley Mile course in Newmarket in May? Doing the 2,000 Guineas / Breeders' Cup Mile double isn't exactly easy, as history tells us. Interestingly, no winner of the English 2,000 Guineas has gone on to win a Breeders' Cup Mile.



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DIEGO VELAZQUEZ is also in with a chance. Having struggled to hit form in the first half of the season, when he was unplaced in the French Derby and in the King Edward VII Stakes at Royal Ascot, he has turned the corner in his most recent races. Impressive wins in the 9-furlong Meld Stakes and the 8-furlong Solonaway Stakes at the left-handed Leopardstown has moved this son of Frankel up to **Globeform 120**. That makes him one of the best horses listed as Breeders' Cup Mile contenders. He raced prominently throughout in the Meld Stakes; went wide coming into the straight, led approaching the final furlong and ran out a very easy 7-length winner Tarawa. Tarawa won the Snow Fairy Stakes on her next start, beating Hanalia and Wingspan. Those two met again just over two weeks later, running first and second in the Blandford Stakes. Wingspan was then sent to the Champions Filly & Mare Stakes at Ascot, where she improved again to finish second to Kalpana. Diego Velazquez's good run in the Meld, where he earned his highest rating to date, was certainly no fluke. His next start came in the Solonaway in September, and he was a heavily backed 10/11 favorite to follow up with another win. Ryan Moore sent forward to put constant pressure on the leader. Diego Velazquez took command coming into the home straight and he simply ran his ten rivals into the ground. Never in any danger, he won comfortably by 1 1/2 lengths, pricking his ears when passing the winning post. Second and third places were filled by Mutasarref and Mountain Bear. They had filled the first two places in the Desmond Stakes, also over a mile at Leopardstown, five weeks earlier, and after that Mountain Bear ran third to **CARL SPACKLER** at Keeneland. Yet again, the form of a race won by Diego Velazquez was backed up by the achievements of those he beat. The clock also told us that his Solonaway performance was strong. Diego Velazquez covered the mile in 1.38.94 and the good time was mainly thanks to his running, as he was the one who pressed the pace.

Half an hour later, **PORTA FORTUNA** won the Matron Stakes, a G1 for the top fillies and mare milers. The pace of that race was not strong but it's still interesting to note that her time was considerably slower; 1.40.67. Times are nowhere near as relevant in European turf races as we are used to in North American dirt races but it's a bit hard to ignore a 1.73 sec. difference. That equals 8 1/2 lengths. Diego Velazquez, who carried 3lbs more than the filly, won easily. Porta Fortuna was all out to win her race, beating the Irish 1,000 Guineas winner Fallen Angel by a length after a final-furlong scramble. Porta Fortuna ran better in her two preceding races, winning the Coronation Stakes over a mile at Royal Ascot in June and the Falmouth Stakes over the same distance at Newmarket in July. She beat Opera Singer (who needed the race) readily by a length at Ascot and that rival came back to win the Nassau Stakes at Goodwood on her next outing. At Newmarket, Porta Fortuna proved too good for dead-heaters Jabraara and Rogue Millennium, winning easily by 3 3/4 lengths. Those two are not true G1 performers and Opera Singer's race at Goodwood did not set the world alight, so Porta Fortuna's reputation is based more on results than what she has beaten. Never far off the pace, she has the right running style for this race (probably, unless the pace becomes wicked) and she handled Santa Anita well when second to Hard to Justify in the Juvenile Fillies Turf last year. That does not guarantee that she will like Del Mar but Porta Fortuna is versatile. She is an uncomplicated, honest runner.

CHILI FLAG is in for her final race here, as she will be retired to the breeding shed after the Breeders' Cup. She ran her best race to date when finishing well to get up for a win in the Distaff Turf Mile at Churchill Downs in May, taking the race by a neck from Coppice. Chili Flag had won the Honey Fox on her preceding start, also by a neck and this time pressed hard by Walkathon, who was spotting her 3lbs. >>>



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JOHANNES is the local turf hero and this 4yo son of Nyquist has a winning chance. Coming off an easy win in the City of Hope Mile at Santa Anita in September, he is proven also over the Del Mar course, he is racing over what seems to be his optimum trip, he is not far off the top rated contenders, and he could well improve a fair bit. He raced prominently all the way in the City of Hope, and was dominant coming down the lane. Almendares (receiving 4lbs) was a non-threatening second, beaten 1 1/4 lengths. Conclude, who finished third, was coming off a win in the Del Mar Mile, where he beat Almendares. Johannes was odds-on to win the City of Hope and he was much the best, reproducing the form he had shown in the Eddie Read Stakes here at Del Mar on his preceding start; **Globeform 117p**. He ran a similar race in the 9-furlong Eddie Read, staying close to the pace throughout and quickening nicely in the home straight to put the race to bed in a matter of strides. Johannes passed the winning post with energy, beating Dicey Mo Chara (who was receiving 4lbs) comfortably by 2 1/2 lengths. Balnikhov (also getting 4lbs) was half a length further adrift in third place. Johannes is a solid, game and genuine horse. The 3yo Trihari, who ran fourth in the City of Hope, was only sixth in the Bryan Station Stakes at Keeneland last weekend, but he had a troubled trip there so that result is not a good reason to go against Johannes.

MORE THAN LOOKS is another interesting 4yo. Like Johannes, he is potentially a big improver. He has a different running style though, and wants strong early fractions - as he is an off the pace closer. He improved to **Globeform 116p** when staying on well for second, a length behind **CARL SPACKLER**, in the Coolmore Turf Mile at Keeneland four weeks prior to the Breeders' Cup. More Than Looks was second to that rival also in the Fourstardave at Saratoga in August, when he made a late seasonal debut. He was supplemented for that event, as a Plan B after a Listed race the previous week rained off the turf. His trainer Cherie DeVaux told reporters that he was not fully fit but she needed to get him started. He came from off the pace and ran right up to his best 3yo form, a performance pointing to him being a major player in the mile division. This will be his second attempt at the Breeders' Cup Mile and he is a better horse now than he was 12 months ago, when he finished sixth, passing the winning post 2 lengths behind Master of The Seas.

This BC Mile is a tricky affair for handicappers. Anyone of the top eight on the ranking can win this race, without anybody likely to call it a shock result. Recommended as a value future bet at 12-1 early on in this service, **Carl Spackler** would get the nod with a decent draw. He was given the wide berth though, not at all good for a horse with his prominent running style. **More Than Looks** was closing in on him at Keeneland and this 4yo is a likely improver. His problem is the track. The short home straight is not ideal. That said, turf mile races can be won from off the pace at Del Mar, even Grade 1 contests, so don't write him off. **Ramatuelle**, drawn in stall one and set for a ground saving trip, is coming off a career best, but all of her best form has come on soft ground. She is set to be sold after this race. **Porta Fortuna** is also in with a shot, though this race is much tougher than those she has been winning in Europe, and she is bad value at around 4-1. **Johannes** is the one with home court advantage, something that counts for a lot at Del Mar. He is a neat and nimble runner. **Notable Speech** wins if he is back to his best, but banking on that happening is also taking a short price about him doing something no horse has done before; the 2,000 Guineas / BC Mile double. He has a nice draw (6) and so does Aidan O'Brien's challenger **DIEGO VELAZQUEZ** (4). He is the one who is on an upward curve. Coming off easy wins, he looks the right type for this two-turn mile. Morning line **8-1** seems a bit unlikely. **Some bookmakers offer 9-1. Take that price if you can.**

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	4 DIEGO VELAZQUEZ
B	6 NOTABLE SPEECH, 12 CARL SPACKLER
C	1 RAMATUELLE, 8 MORE THAN LOOKS, 9 JOHANNES



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GLOBEFORM RATINGS

BREEDERS' CUP DIRT MILE (G1), 8 fur dirt, Del Mar

Horses ranked in pounds (0.45kg). 1 length = 2 pounds over this distance

Rank	Horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs	Trainer / Jockey
From right to left (most recent first)				
0p	MUFASA	126p	126p - 116p - 100+	I Correias / T Gaffalione
4p	SAUDI CROWN	122p	117+ 0 - 119+ 122p	B Cox / F Geroux
4	DOMESTIC PRODUCT 3yo	122	122 - 117p - 107p	C Brown / F Prat
8	SEIZE THE GREY 3yo	118	118 - 103 - 0 - 117	D W Lukas / J A Torres
9	SKIPPYLONGSTOCKING	117	115 - 117 - 100 - 113	S Joseph Jr / I Ortiz Jr
10	POST TIME	116	?+ 110 - 111 - 116	B Russell / S Russell
10	THREE TECHNIQUE	116	116 - 105 - 96	J G Cook / R Bejarano
11p	MUTH 3yo	115p	99 - 115p - 113p	B Baffert / J J Hernandez
11	TUMBARUMBA	115	115 - 115 - 112	B Lynch / L Saez
11	CAGLIOSTRO	115	111 - 97+ 115	C DeVaux / J L Ortiz
14	KATONAH	112	107 - 98 - 112	D O'Neill / L Dettori
16	FULL SERRANO	110	110 - 108p	J Sadler / J Rosario
18	T O SAINT DENIS	108	0 - 108 - ?	D Takayanagi / R Sakai
(15) 26	PIPELINE GF 113 in 2022	(113) 102	102 - 0 - 96	C DeVaux / J Velazquez

3yo horses: 3lbs age weight allowance

Globeform Weight-for-age 3-year-olds vs. older horses 8 fur early Nov: USA 3lbs / Europe 4lbs

2023: CODY'S WISH – GF 123 Bill Mott / Junior Alvarado

2022: CODY'S WISH – GF 123 Bill Mott / Junior Alvarado

2021: LIFE IS GOOD – GF 130 Todd Pletcher / Irad Ortiz Jr

2020: KNICKS GO – GF 121p Brad Cox / Joel Rosario

2019: SPUN TO RUN – GF 124 Juan Carlos Guerrero / Irad Ortiz Jr

2018: CITY OF LIGHT – GF 125 Michael McCarthy / Javier Castellano

2017: BATTLE OF MIDWAY – GF 124 J Hollendorfer / Flavien Prat



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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS - BREEDERS' CUP DIRT MILE

MUFASA looked seriously good when taking the 7-furlong Vosburgh Stakes at Aqueduct in late September, winning the race comfortably by 4 1/4 lengths from Scotland, who was coming off a 3-length win over Accretive over the same distance at Saratoga. Scotland is no mug but he came up well short against the well backed favorite Mufasa. Confidently ridden by Irad Ortiz Jr, Mufasa sat just off the early leader Dean Delivers from the outset, and he moved smoothly up to lead coming into the home straight. The race was soon in safe keeping and he won it with a bit up his sleeve, improving to **Globeform 126p** as he was toying with the opposition. Scotland beat Dean Deliver by 2 3/4 lengths for second; the latter, who has an excellent wet track record, was exiting three straight wins, including in the Rumson Stakes at Monmouth Park four weeks earlier. Not only did Mufasa beat stakes calibre rivals, he absolutely trounced them and, unless it turns out that he is a wet track specialist (seems unlikely), he will be very tough at the Breeders' Cup. He did all his racing over fast tracks in his homeland, notching up five straight wins in 2023 (7.5, 8 and 9 furlongs).

Prior to the Vosburgh, Mufasa had made two starts in the US; he ran much like a horse in need of the outing when sixth behind Gulfport at Churchill Downs in June and moved significantly forward when winning over 7 furlongs at Colonial Downs in August. The son of Practical Joke raced effortlessly pressing the pace-setter, and he went to the lead early in the straight. His rider on that occasion, Jose Ortiz, never asked him for all he could give, as the 5yo strode away for a comfortable 3 3/4-length win. Repo Rocks filled second, and he went on to win next time out - before finishing second to Coastal Mission in the Parx Dirt Mile on his next start. Coastal Mission was coming off two good runs; second to Mullikin in the Nerud Stakes and fourth to Skippylongstocking in the Charles Town Classic. Those formlines told us that Mufasa was a pretty smart runner, as so did the clock. Colonial Downs may not be a G1 venue but when a sprinter beats a track record by a second, winning on the bridle, well, then we simply have to take note. His Vosburgh Stakes win confirmed that it was no fluke. Mufasa is now 10-for-13 and there should be plenty more to come.

SAUDI CROWN fits well into this race. He was denied his prep run when the Ack Ack Stakes at Churchill Downs due to a minor foot issue and thus comes off a near three-month break here. Cox has good stats with layoff runners but what's even more interesting is the fact that Saudi Crown's best performance to date came after a break between last year's Breeders' Cup and the Louisiana Stakes in January, when he was an impressive 5 1/2-length winner over 8.5 furlongs (dismissing Red Route One and Happy American while spotting both 6lbs). That was a powerful start to the season and it was meant that way, as it was his prep for the Saudi Cup the following month. Saudi Crown, who races with great zest, was sent straight to the lead in the 9-furlong event around one turn. He was ridden as if stamina wasn't an issue. A brave move, but the trip proved to be just that little bit too far for him. He dug in gamely right to the wire and finished third, beaten three parts of a length by Senor Buscador, who - like the runner-up Ushba Tesoro - came from well off the pace. Saudi Crown became the clear favorite for the Godolphin Mile in Dubai after this run but he probably bounced at Meydan, coming home next to last. Cox gave him plenty of time after Dubai and Saudi Crown did not race again until August, when he gained a smooth win in the Cowboy Jones Stakes over a mile at Ellis Park. Once more winning straight off the bench, he led from gate to wire and won as he pleased, beating Injunction by 1 3/4 lengths. Injunction was coming off a win in the Schaefer Memorial and he ran third in the Parx Mile on his next start. He is a useful stakes runner who has produced GF 112 on a few occasions.

DOMESTIC PRODUCT has improved dramatically since being dropped in trip after being unplaced in the Kentucky Derby and a well beaten second in the Pegasus Stakes. He won a slowly-run Tampa Bay Derby in the spring, looking very much like a non-stayer, but was still sent to contest the grueling Derby over 10 furlongs at Churchill Downs, which did not suit him. His Pegasus run was better and his win in the one-mile Dwyer Stakes at Aqueduct was much better. He won that event by 7 1/2 lengths from Hades. Hades was very good in the winter but he lost his form badly in the summer months, so it was still somewhat unclear how good Domestic Spending was. The answer came in the 7-furlong H Allen Jerkens Memorial at Saratoga in August. The race assembled a strong field of 11 runners and it looked both competitive and wide open. A strong pace set things up perfectly for Domestic Product. He came with an impressive finish from off the pace to win by a neck, beating Prince of Monaco (who was spotting him 2lbs) in a driving finish. Book'em Danno, coming off two wins, ran third 1 length >>>



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>>> further behind (he was spotting Domestic Product 4lbs). Given that Domestic Product was getting weight, and this was a close finish, he did not earn the highest rating, but improvement to **Globeform 122** made him one of the best 3yo sprinters around. Still, Chad Brown has chosen the BC Dirt Mile for this colt. It means racing over a distance that's not too sharp for him but at the same time it's a case of going around two turns. Unless he absolutely is a one-turn horse, Domestic Product can be expected to come rolling late.

SEIZE THE GREY was well below par in two races after making all to win the 9.5-furlong Preakness Stakes over a muddy track at Pimlico in May, but he bounced right back to his best in the Philadelphia Derby last time out. Tackling 9 furlongs over a fast track, the Wayne Lukas trainee led every step of the way also at Parx, and he was a very easy 3 3/4-length winner from Santa Anita Derby winner Stronghold. Dragoon Guard, exiting wins in the Indiana Derby and West Virginia derby, finished third. Seize the Grey got away with soft fractions on the lead that day but we should be careful about downgrading the performance; he looked seriously strong and gave the impression that there could be better still to come. That would not be a big surprise, as he is a big, scopey colt and looks the type to progress with age. He ran to **Globeform 118** at Parx, having performed to GF 117 when beating Kentucky Derby winner Mystik Dan by 2 1/4 lengths in the second leg of the Triple Crown. Seize the Grey won't get an easy lead here but note that he stays further than this mile, so he is likely to cope with a strong pace scenario better than some of the others.

SKIPPYLONGSTOCKING was third in the BC Dirt Mile last year, running one of his best races as he was chasing Cody's Wish and National Treasure. Skippylongstocking is a tough, battle hardened and honest performer. He has run to **Globeform 117** on a few occasions, most recently when he won his second Charles Town Classic in August. He was a bit below that level when beaten by Tapit Trice in the Woodward Stakes at Aqueduct next time out but that was also a game effort. He is a prominent runner - often seen on the lead all the way - and that's not a bad tactic around Del Mar. With plenty of experience, he comes to this track for a first time and the configuration is not a worry. Any horse capable of peaking at Charles Town won't have any problems at Del Mar. Skippylongstocking isn't good enough to win this race but he can get a slice.

MUTH disappointed badly in the California Crown Stakes and he needs both to improve on his best form and bounce back from a poor effort, to have a winning chance here. Bob Baffert has not had a much of a season, with high profile horses being sidelined one by one and he was planning to run national Treasure in the Dirt Mile, a race Baffert has never won (he is 0-for-11 in the race). Winner of the 7-furlong San Vicente at Santa Anita in January and the 9-furlong Arkansas Derby at Oaklawn Park in March, Muth has had an interrupted season. Being a horse more about speed than stamina, this race will suit him better than the California Crown did - but it wasn't the distance that beat him there. Something must have been amiss. He has looked well in morning training at Del Mar this week.

The draw and the pace scenario are important factors in this race. Looking back at Del Mar results over this distance we see that it is normally a big advantage to be in the first three after the first half-mile. The one thing that can negate that is if a race has tons of speed, something this year's Dirt Mile has. A closer, like **Domestic Product**, can get a perfect setup - but a horse with speed and a bit of stamina, like **Saudi Crown**, can also get a perfect run. The race starts at the finish line and the first bend comes up quite quickly. This makes wide posts bad news, especially if the horse likes to go forward. **Mufasa** (stall 12) could easily be hung wide around the clubhouse turn. Not ideal but on the other hand; he could also prove to be by far the best horse in the race.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	12 MUFASA
B	1 SAUDI CROWN, 9 DOMESTIC PRODUCT
C	6 SEIZE THE GREY



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WAGERING MENU - BREEDERS' CUP SATURDAY

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Race Number	Post Time (PT)	Race Name	Wagering Options							
Race 1	10:05 AM	The Sunrise	WPS	EX	TRI	SUPER	Pick 3	DD	Pick 5	SH-5
Race 2	10:40 AM	Bayakoa Stakes (G3)	WPS	EX	TRI	SUPER	Pick 3	DD	Pick 4	SH-5
Race 3	11:15 AM	Goldikova Stakes Presented by Yaamava' Resort & Casino	WPS	EX	TRI	SUPER	Pick 3	DD		SH-5
Race 4	12:00 PM	PNC Bank Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint (G1)	WPS	EX	TRI	SUPER	Pick 3	DD	Pick 5	SH-5
Race 5	12:41 PM	Prevagen Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint (G1)	WPS	EX	TRI	SUPER	Pick 3	DD	Pick 4 & AT-Pick 4	SH-5
Race 6	1:21 PM	Longines Breeders' Cup Distaff (G1)	WPS	EX	TRI	SUPER	Pick 3	DD SPDD	Pick 4 & AD-Pick 4	SH-5
Race 7	2:01 PM	Longines Breeders' Cup Turf (G1)	WPS	EX	TRI	SUPER	Pick 3	DD	Pick 4 & Pick 6	SH-5
Race 8	2:41 PM	Longines BC Classic (G1)	WPS	EX	TRI	SUPER	Pick 3	DD	Pick 5	SH-5
Race 9	3:25 PM	Maker's Mark Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf	WPS	EX	TRI	SUPER	Pick 3	DD	Pick 4	SH-5
Race 10	4:05 PM	Cygames Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1)	WPS	EX	TRI	SUPER	Pick 3	DD		SH-5
Race 11	4:45 PM	FanDuel Breeders' Cup Mile (G1)	WPS	EX	TRI	SUPER		DD		SH-5
Race 12	5:25 PM	Big Ass Fans Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (G1)	WPS	EX	TRI	SUPER				SH-5



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