

Globeform's Preakness Weekend Special

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GLOBEFORM RANKING

THE DINNER PARTY (G3) 9 fur Turf, Pimlico May 17

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

| Rank | No. | Name of horse | Globeform | GF most recent runs | Trainer / Jockey |
|--|-----|--|-----------|---------------------|------------------------|
| From right to left (most recent first) | | | | | |
| 0 | 13 | TRIKARI <i>GF 114 in Aug '24</i> | 114 | 106 - 105 - 112 | Motion / Velazquez |
| 2 | 10 | FORT WASHINGTON | 114 | 113+ 111+ 114 | McGaughey / Alvarado |
| 4 | 9 | IRISH ACES | 112 | 105 - 112 - 110 | Walsh / Rispoli |
| 4 | 6 | BALNIKHOV | 110 | 100 - 106 - 110 | D'Amato / Prat |
| 4 | 7 | CASH EQUITY <i>Also ent. Mr Steele Stakes, GP</i> | 110 | 99 - 104 - 110 | Joseph Jr / I Ortiz Jr |
| 5 / 11 | 4 | NEAT <i>GF 109 in Aug & Sep '24</i> | 109 / 103 | 103 - 102 - 102 | Atras / Rosario |
| 9 | 8 | CRYSTAL QUEST | 105 | 105 - 90 - 90 | Trombetta / Lopez |
| 9 | 11 | FULMINEO | 105 | 105 - 88 - 0 | Delecour / Carraso |
| 9 | 1 | DIVIN PROPOS | 105 | 101+ 96 - 104 | D'Amato / L Saez |
| 10p | 5 | ABRUMAR <i>Also ent. Mr Steele Stakes, GP</i> | 104p | 104p - 102 - 99 | Joseph Jr / J L Ortiz |
| 7 / 19 | 2 | CRABS N BEER <i>GF 107 in Dinner Party '24</i> | 107 / 95 | 95 - 0 - ?+ | Lawrence / Ruiz |
| 11 | 3 | SIGNATOR | 103 | 102 - 103 - 0 | McGaughey / TBA |
| 14 | 12 | DESVIO | 100 | 100 - 94 - 95 | Meyers / Hamilton |

Globeform rating with a "p" attached = this was the horse's best rating to date and the horse is likely to improve

Globeform rating with a "+" = this was not its best rating but the horse ran better than the rating suggests

Most recent winners of the Dinner Party

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|------|--------------------|---------|----------------|-----------------|
| 2024 | BALNIKHOV | GF 110 | Phil D'Amato | Frankie Dettori |
| 2023 | NEVER EXPLAIN | GF 115 | Shug McGaughey | Flavien Prat |
| 2022 | SET PIECE | GF 114+ | Brad Cox | Florent Geroux |
| 2021 | SOMELIKEITHOTBROWN | GF 111 | Mike Maker | Jose L Ortiz |
| 2020 | FACTOR THIS | GF 117 | Brad Cox | Florent Geroux |

Average winning Globeform: 113.4

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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

Saffie Joseph Jr has cross entered Abrumar and Cash Equity for this race and the Mr. Steele Stakes at Gulfstream Park, where he also has Lorenz on the list. Abrumar and Cash Equity are both owned by Kenneth Ramsey so it seems likely that one of them will be running at Gulfstream Park.

TRIKARI was a bit disappointing when beaten almost six lengths into third place behind Carl Spackler in the Maker's Mark Mile at Keeneland in April. There's no shame in losing to that horse, Carl Spackler seems to be the best turf runner in North America right now, but Trikari should have been able to beat Integration over a mile. That said, it was his seasonal debut and we have seen quite a few of Graham Motion's runners improve considerably on their second outing this year and Trikari is the best horse in this Dinner Party field. With rain expected leading up to the weekend, we need to keep an extra eye on any good / soft ground form in the running lines; it was not one of his best runs, but Trikari handled good ground well when winning the American Turf at Churchill Downs last year (and it wasn't the good ground that made him run below form in the Maker's Mark). He produced very smart form last season, most notably when beating Brilliant Berti by 2 1/4 lengths on the one-mile Secretariat Stakes at Colonial Downs in August. Trikari did get a tactical edge on Brilliant Berti (who sat too far back) in that contest but the way he powered home one would have to call him a worthy winner. The son of Oscar Performance had won the 9.5-furlong Belmont Derby on his preceding start but the Secretariat performance was even better, earning **Globeform 114**. Trikari, considered a possible Breeders' Cup Mile contender at the time, stepped up against older horses on his next start, running in the City of Hope Mile at Santa Anita in September. He came close to his Colonial rating but could manage only fourth, beaten 1 1/2 lengths by California's best turf runner Johannes, who was notching up his fourth straight win, and confirmed his class by running second to More Than Looks in the Breeders' Cup Mile next time out. Trikari bypassed the Breeders' Cup and went to the Bryan Station Stakes at Keeneland instead. It meant another clash with Brilliant Berti - and this time his rival gained revenge as he won by a neck from Depiction. Trikari was a dull sixth, probably feeling the effects of a tough campaign. He is likely to have come on for his run at Keeneland just over a month ago, this distance is well within his compass, and he has a strong winning chance.

FORT WASHINGTON, such a game and consistent runner, is second on the ranking and he is also the clear second choice. All of his best form has come over firm turf courses though, so if it comes up soft that's not good news for his team. Not only because there must be a doubt whether he will like give underfoot, also because turf races on soft ground often lack pace - and Fort Washington is a closer who needs strong early fractions to be seen at his best. He produced an impressive kick from well off the pace when giving us a nice 5-1 win in the Canadian Turf Stakes over 8.5 furlongs at Gulfstream Park in early March; getting up in time to pip the in-form Major Dude and win by a nose. Fort Washington was clearly the strongest, so to see this as virtual dead heat is not correct. The home stretch at Pimlico is about 250 feet longer than Gulfstream Park's, so a horse capable make a last to first move at the Florida venue is definitely going to like Pimlico. Fort Washington ran a cracking race also in the 9-furlong Pegasus World Cup Turf back in January. Overcoming the widest post, he finished better than most to check in fifth, 2 1/4 lengths behind Spirit of St. Louis. The run was worth GF 111+, close to the **Globeform 114** he returned when beaten just a neck by Major Dude in the Fort Lauderdale Stakes a month earlier. Fort Washington was spotting the winner 5lbs that day and he produced his career best rating. His performance in the Canadian Turf was up to the same level.

IRISH ACES ran his best race to date when fourth in the Canadian Turf, producing Globeform 112 to be beaten only half a length after encountering a bit of trouble in the closing stages. He had been climbing steadily on the ratings ladder in his three preceding races (running to GF 107, 108 and 110) and he did not need to be at his best when winning an allowance race over 8.5 furlongs at Keeneland in April. Fitted with blinkers for the first time, he was sent straight to the lead (also a first) and he made all for a game half-length win over the two dead-heaters Out of Deductions and Smokey Mandate. Irish Aces was ridden from just off the pace both in the Canadian Turf and when he too third behind Running Bee in the Tampa Bay Stakes three starts back - and it will be interesting to see what tactics are employed this time. With the blinkers on, it seems likely that he will go to the lead - something that will help both Tikari and Fort Washington. >>>

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BALNIKHOV won this race in 2024, when the ground was heavy (not soft as is the 'official' listing). Perfectly ridden by Frankie Dettori, he came with a well timed run to beat **CRABS N BEER** by a length. The connections of both of these will naturally be more than happy to see testing ground again on Saturday. Phil d'Amato's Balnikhov has confirmed the form since. Crabs N Beer has not. The Californian raider was just as good when he ran third to Gold Phoenix in the 11-furlong Del Mar Handicap and again when he went down by just half a length against True Quality in the 12-furlong Hollywood Turf Cup. Balnikhov's two outings in 2025 have been fruitless; he was unplaced (though not disgraced) in the Pegasus World Cup Turf at Gulfstream Park and last in the Elkhorn Stakes at Keeneland; so the question now is; have we seen the best of this 6yo?

CASH EQUITY - like his barnmate **ABRUMAR** also entered for the Mr Steele at Gulfstream Park - ran to **Globeform 110** when beaten only three parts of a length in third behind Capture the Flag in the slowly run Mac Diarmida Stakes over 11 furlongs at Gulfstream Park in late January. That was a good run but it sticks out a bit if we look at his six most recent starts, this distance may be a bit too short for him these days, and he is hard to fancy.

ABRUMAR sits further down on the ranking but he is actually a contender Trifecta players should not dismiss. He is hardly a win contender in the Dinner Party, but he is coming off a career best effort when improving to **Globeform 104p** to be a willing third behind Seminole Chief in the Appleton Stakes at Gulfstream Park in late March and he is the one horse in this field that might find significant improvement this season. The Appleton was over a mile and Abrumar raced prominently but he was not far off the same level when fourth to the smart Euro shipper Bellum Justum in the Nashville Derby last year, a race run over 9.5 furlongs at the testing Kentucky Downs course. Looking for reasons to use Abrumar underneath? How about these; he could be the lone speed (depending on how Irish Aces is ridden), he could improve again, he ran well over this course last year (conceding 4lbs when third to **FULMINEO** on heavy ground) and he gets top pilot Jose Ortiz on board.

NEAT would be a horse to consider based on his good 3yo achievements but he ran no sort of a race when resurfacing in the Kilroe Mile at Santa Anita in early March (sixth of seven behind Formidable Man in a sub-standard renewal of the race) and ran no better when fourth, beaten 2 lengths behind **SIGNATOR** when taking a class drop in the Henry Clark at Laurel in April. Neat ran to **Globeform 109** twice last year; winning the Hall of Fame at Saratoga and running third to Brilliant Berti in the Gun Runner at Kentucky Downs - but he ran a pretty flat race on his last outing of the year and he was very edgy pre the Kilroe Mile. There's a good chance that this colt has lost interest in the game. He handled soft ground well when winning the Texas Mile with ease - so perhaps we need to sneak him onto some of the smaller Tri tickets if a lot of rain turns conditions in his favor.

FULMINEO, winner of the Murphy Stakes over heavy ground on Preakness day 2024, is the one to take out of the aforementioned Henry Clark Stakes at Laurel. Like the winner **SIGNATOR** he came from well off the pace, and he checked in third, 1 1/4 lengths behind that rival. Fulmineo can turn the tables this time; he carried 6lbs more than Signator at Laurel and they now meet at level weights. Neat (fourth) is also 6lbs worse off with Fulmineo, who is a Trifecta candidate. >>>

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CONCLUSION: Trikari and Fort Washington stand out and the winner will most likely come from this duo. Pick 4 players should consider building their plan around the top two in the Dinner Party and Journalism as a single in the Preakness. Abrumar (who could defect), Irish Aces and Fulmineo all make appeal as horses to use underneath in Trifectas, while Neat would be the fourth horse to consider (he deserves another chance). Playing such a plan with Trikari and Fort Washington as 1st & 2nd or 1st & 3rd makes a lot of sense; it may not generate a life changing return but it's what's most likely to happen. Smaller tickets with one of them to win and the other off the board can be used as a back up plan.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

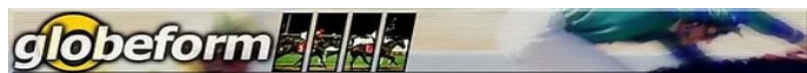
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| A | 13 TRIKARI |
| B | 10 FORT WASHINGTON |
| C | 5 ABRUMAR, 9 IRISH ACES, 11 FULMINEO |

Trikari / Secretariat Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s-9r34ogda8>

Fort Washington / Canadian Turf Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mkdur3NTomE>
4th Irish Aces

Abrumar 3rd / Appleton Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UXqdXWJcYco>

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Fairy Godmother, Simmering, Heavens Gate

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