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GLOBEFORM RANKING

3YO ALLOWANCE RACE, 8.5 fur Turf Friday July 18

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	7	KING OF ASHES	101	101 - 98p - 0	Walsh / I Ortiz Jr *
3	10	ANEGADA	96	81 - 93 - 96	Maker / M Franco
4p	1	ASBURY PARK	97p	97p - ?p	Brown / Prat
6	8	WARLANDER	93	93 - 0 - 86	Asmussen / Carmouche
7p	11	THIRTEEN COLONIES	94p	0 - 93+ 94p	Antonucci / Santana Jr
9p	3	SIMULATE	90p	87+ 90p - ?p	W Mott / Alvarado
10	5	PLENSA	91	89+ 91 - 86p	Arnold / Lezcano
?p	6	STRATE CASH	?p	?p	DeVaux / J L Ortiz
11	2	BAKERS STREET GF 90 in Mar '25	90	89 - 80 - 87	Sano / Velazquez
12p	4	FOND FAREWELL	89p	89p	Walden / L Saez
17p	9	HANDS OF TIME GF 82p in Aug '24	82p	0 - 80+ ?+	Clement / Rosario
MAIN TRACK ONLY ENTRIES					
MTO	12	SOLO VENTURI	?	?	Walden / I Ortiz Jr *
MTO	13	SOCIAL HOUR	?	?	R Dutrow / TBA

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

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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

Seven of these were entered for a similar contest taken off the turf last week; Asbury Park, Fond Farewell, Hands of Time, King of Ashes, Simulate, Strate Cash and Thirteen Colonies will all be readied to try again and hopefully the weather forecast proves to be more accurate this week. It's very similar but not quite the same handicapping task, as Thirteen Colonies is in the main body of the field this time and Anegada and Warlander are new names in the mix with decent form.

KING OF ASHES is coming off a good second in allowance company over 9 furlongs at Churchill Downs in May. Set to break from post 12, he does not have an ideal starting point for a prominent runner; but he takes the best form to the battle; give him a good trip and this improving son of Street Sense will be hard to beat. His **5-1 morning line looks too big** and it's probably influenced by the post positions. King of Ashes was quickly into his stride from post 7 when running such a good race in defeat against World Beater at Churchill Downs though; he travelled well throughout and he ran a winning race. But for being caught by a stakes quality rival three strides from the wire he would have been a 2 1/2-length winner over Tomasello, who had taken a similar contest three weeks earlier. King of Ashes was second also on his preceding start, beaten three parts of a length by Early Adopter when making his turf debut at Keeneland (**ANEGADA** ran third). He ran to GF 98p on that occasion and moved up to **Globeform 101p** at Churchill Downs. World Beater advertised the form by finishing second to Test Score in the Belmont Derby and King of Ashes must have an excellent chance of getting to the winners' circle. Out of 12-furlong Santa Barbara Stakes winner Causeforcommotion, he is bred to stay but the way he runs suggests that he is an 8- to 9-furlong type and this race will suit him well.

ANEGADA ran his best race to date three starts back, when he met **KING OF ASHES** over 9.5 furlongs at Keeneland. The race was won by Early Adopter, who outstayed them all to win by 3/4 length from King of Ashes. Anegada, like the winner coming from off the pace, was third a length behind King of Ashes. He gets a 2lb pull at the weights here - but that's by not enough to think that he can turn the tables on King of Ashes. Firstly, the latter improved again when second to World Beater in the Audubon Stakes next time out and secondly this distance will suit King of Ashes better. Anegada performs like a horse wanting a stamina test. He has run twice since Keeneland race. He was a close second to subsequent American Derby runner-up Native Runner over a mile at Churchill Downs, and then ran unplaced after a troubled run at Ellis Park.

ASBURY PARK, a well bred son of Frankel representing Chad Brown, ran fifth in a Saratoga maiden on his only start last year, and he opened his 3yo campaign by winning a maiden heat over 8.5 furlongs at the same venue in early June. He came from the pace for a comfortable 3 1/2-length win while racing over a softish turf course. His runner-up Arkhipov, a newcomer going off at 22-1, is also trained by Brown, while the third placed horse, Tom Collins, broke his maiden next time out (narrowly in ordinary company). Asbury Park did not beat much but he was much the best, earning **Globeform 97p** as he landed the odds under a hand ride, and he must be respected. Tackling the same distance, but likely to encounter quite different ground conditions, he is obviously open to improvement. Bought for \$318,000 at Tattersalls in England as a yearling, Asbury Park is a half-brother Spanish Mission (Noble Mission), who was a G2 winner over 14 furlongs in England and went on to run third in the 2-mile Melbourne Cup in Australia. Another sibling, Mokarris (More Than Ready) was a Listed winning sprinter in England and Asbury Park's dam, Limonar, won over a mile.

WARLANDER returned to his best juvenile form when finishing third behind Esmark and Seven Wonders in an allowance race over 8.5 furlongs at Churchill Downs in June. It was markedly better than his seasonal debut and miles better than his poor run in the American Turf Stakes second time out. The son of Kitten's Joy won a mile maiden at Kentucky Downs last year, setting him up for a respectable run in the 8.5-furlong Bourbon Stakes at Keeneland, where he checked in fifth, 5 3/4 lengths behind Minaret Station, who resurfaced with a win in the American Derby in late June. Warlander has form giving him a shot at hitting the board in this contest but he does not have the profile of a horse likely to find significant improvement - something that will probably be needed to finish in the top three. >>>

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THIRTEEN COLONIES must be considered as a possible Trifecta horse. Back on turf (after a 'non-event' in the sloppy Pennine Ridge Stakes) he has interesting form in the book. Whether a firm turf course (if we get that) will suit him is open to debate. His chances may increase if the turf is good or soft. He was showing a rounded, soft-ground, action as he powered home to beat Moon Channel by 4 1/4 lengths in a maiden over 8.5 furlongs at Keeneland in April, and note that Moon Channel was 2 3/4-length third to World Beater on his subsequent outing. Thirteen Colonies had no chance when beaten 2 1/2 length in third behind ill-fated A. P. Kid on his previous start but A. P. Kid showed his class in the Pennine Ridge, and the runner-up Golden Channel has also franked the form since, so that was also a promising run by Thirteen Colonies. He is a progressive sort.

SIMULATE is an interesting Bill Mott trainee; coming off a fourth placed effort when making his seasonal debut over 8.5 furlongs at Delaware Park in June. Running on from the back, he performed very much like a horse in need of the outing (not looking fully fit) as he was beaten 1 1/2 lengths behind the good French import Light Mood, who won the race by a neck from Twain. Light Mood ran second to subsequent G3 winner Silius in France and Twain was coming off a third placing behind Reagan's Wit in the J W Murphy Stakes at Pimlico. Simulate won an 8.5-furlong maiden on Saratoga's inner track last year (raced prominently throughout) and he was second favorite at Delaware. An attractive and scopey son of Kitten's Joy, he is out of the unraced War Front mare Camou; she is a half-sister to Lea, who Mott trained to win 7 races, including the prestigious Donn Handicap and the Commonwealth Turf Stakes - he was also second in the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile. Simulate ran to **Globeform 90p** last year and he returned **GF 87+** at Delaware. He is well drawn in stall 3, he is almost certain to move forward and there's every chance that he is a horse capable of close to **GF 100**. He's in with a chance. Simulate was put up at a **juicy 15-1 morning line** for last week's race; it would be nice to see such odds on the board when the gates open. He is definitely worth a bet.

PLENSA is a longshot but not impossible as a Trifecta filler. Having run fourth in a good maiden event over 8.5 furlongs at Gulfstream Park in April, he was given a two-month layoff before coming back to break his maiden going a mile at Churchill Downs in June (strong run from off the pace to beat the lightly races 4yo Mo Jackson by a length). This represents a step up in class for George Arnold's precociously bred candidate.

STRATE CASH is set for first start for Cherie DeVaux, having been with Richard Baltas in California. He was scratched from the Manila Stakes last week, when he would have been up against Zulu Kingdom. This is quite a step below that contest and Strate Cash could be one of the leading players here - despite his wide post. It's impossible to say how good this son of Tiz the Law might be. He was successful his only race for Baltas, a 6-furlong maiden at Santa Anita, where was 2/5 favorite and proved far too good for Cajun Gold and Going Viral. Strate Cash looked smart and he had a strong gallop-out but the trouble is that those two are both 0-for-6 and they have run moderately since that event. Stretching out should not be an issue; his dam Conquest Strate Up won the La Prevoyante Stakes over a mile at Woodbine as 3yo and she is also the dam of the Listed winning miler Classical Cat.

CONCLUSION: Beaten just a neck by a colt that ran second in a G1 next time out, King of Ashes sets the standard here and he is the clear selection. Well drawn in stall 7, he is the best horse and he has good tactical speed. Asbury Park and Simulate are likely dangers to the Brendan Walsh trainee. It will be interesting to see the morning line. Last week the line maker made Asbury Park 2-1 and had King of Ashes as big as **5-1**. He may have had some reactions to that line, but let's hope not and he makes more or less the same line this week. With his strong last-out performance and with Irad Ortiz on board it seems unlikely that King of Ashes will go off at 5-1. It really would be **tremendous value**; as would **15-1** about Simulate be.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	7 KING OF ASHES
B	1 ASBURY PARK, 3 SIMULATE WON 16-1
C	6 STRATE CASH, 10 ANEGADA, 11 THIRTEEN COLONIES