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GLOBEFORM RATINGS

BREEDERS' CUP FILLY & MARE SPRINT (G1) 7 furlongs

| Del Mar Sat. Nov. 1

Horses ranked in pounds (0.45kg). 1 length = 2.5 pounds over this distance

Rank		Name of horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs	Trainer / Jockey
				From right to left (most recent first)	
0	6	**SWEET AZTECA**	124	124 - 121 - 0	Baltas / J J Hernadez
6	10	**PRAYING** *3yo **	117	117 - 114p - 0	Medina / Velazquez
7	8	**HOPE ROAD**	117	117 - 100 - 115	Baffert / J L Ortiz
7	3	**VAHVA** *GF 117 in May '24*	117	116 - 115 - 91	DeVaux / I Ortiz Jr
9	2	**SPLENDORA**	115	115 - ?+ 109	Baffert / Prat
11p	4	**TAMARA**	113p	113p / 108 / 0	R Mandella / Smith
11	9	**RICHI**	113	113 - 111 - 113	Baffert / L Saez
12	1	**ZEITLOS** *GF 112 in May '25*	112	109 - 106 - 108+	Asmussen / Rosario
12?	7	**HAULIN ICE**	112?	111? - 108? - 112?	Joseph Jr / Gaffalione
~~17~~	5	~~**FEE BLANCHE**~~	~~107~~	~~106 - 105 - 107~~	~~Fujita /~~

** 3yos get 2lbs weight allowance. Globeform wfa for 3yo; 7 fur early Nov is 1lb so add 1lb to 3yos GF ratings*

Most recent winners of the B Cup Filly & Mare Sprint

2024	SOUL OF AN ANGEL	GF 118	Saffie Joseph Jr	Drayden Van Dyke
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
2016	FINEST CITY	GF 120	Ian Kruljac	Mike Smith
2015	WAVELL AVENUE	GF 119	Chad Brown	Joel Rosario

Average winning Globeform: 120.5

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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

SWEET AZTECA looks the one to beat in this year's Filly & Mare Sprint. Having been forced to miss this race last year, she gets her chance to put things right this time - and her preparation has been as successful as it has been carefully executed. The Richard Baltas trainee comes her after just two runs, and two wins, in 2025. She returned from a nine-month break when winning the Great Lady M. Stakes over 6.5 furlongs at Los Alamitos in early July, flashing her usual speed to win quite easily by 1 1/2 lengths from the odds-on favorite Kopion, who passed the winning post 2 lengths in front of Chismosa. Kopion, an impressive winner of three G1 events from December '24 to May '25, reportedly lost a shoe in the Great Lady M, something that may or may not have affected her performance. Sweet Azteca held the 6.5-furlong track record (1:14.33, set in the 2024 edition of the Great Lady M) and she lowered it by 1/100th of a second. Running to GF 121, she confirmed that she was back for real and she moved up to **Globeform 124** when following up with a comfortable 3 1/2-length win in the Rancho Bernardo Handicap over the same distance at Del Mar in August. Only four went to post for that event and she was 2/5 favorite but she was impressive; absolutely toying with Formula Rossa and Chismosa, who was now 6 1/4 lengths behind her. The 3yo Formula Rossa was making her third start, having won her first two, most notably a Del Mar allowance by 6 1/2 lengths. Sweet Azteca's two wins this year have come over 6.5 furlongs but another half-furlong is not a cause for concern; she took the Beholder Mile last year (beating multiple G1 winner Adare Manor). With 7 wins from 9 starts and a 2-for-2 record at Del Mar, Sweet Azteca is a lightly raced 5yo. She goes into the Breeders' Cup as a fresh horse, coming off an easy win while producing a high ratings, and she will not be easy to beat. >>>

KOPION RUNS IN THE B CUP SPRINT | ESSAY KEPT AS IT'S RELEVANT TO OTHER RUNNERS IN THIS RACE

KOPION has been below par in her two most recent races but runner-up efforts behind **SWEET AZTECA** in the Great Lady M. Stakes and behind Seismic Beauty in the Clement L. Hirsch Stakes were respectable form, albeit not up her best. It's been reported that she lost a shoe in the Great Lady M. and the 8.5-furlong trip in the Hirsch was probably a bit too long for this talented sprinter. She was coming back after a two-month break since winning the 7-furlong Derby City Distaff at Churchill Downs in May when running in the Great Lady M. The Derby City Distaff was her third straight success at the top level. Kopion returned her best figure to date, **Globeform 123**, as she outclassed subsequent Ballerina Stakes winner **HOPE ROAD** to win by 3 lengths at Churchill Downs. Ways and Means finished third, ahead of Scylla, Emery, Positano Sunset and **VAHVA**. It was a deep field. The sloppy track did not suit everyone but Kopion probably would have slammed them also on a fast track.

Heading to Churchill Downs, Kopion had been extremely good at Santa Anita, with two impressive wins since having been off from April to December break last year. Going off at 37-1, she absolutely destroyed the field in the 7-furlong La Brea Stakes on December 26, beating **SPLENDORA** easily by 2 3/4 lengths while spotting her 2lbs. Kopion was a well kept secret, that's for sure, and - racing in the first two all the way - she seemed to produce abnormal improvement. Was it a fluke? The answer came when she met solid horses in the Santa Monica Stakes over the same course and distance just over a month later - and it was a resounding 'no'. She was even better in this event, moving up from her GF 118p in the La Brea to GF 122p, a figure she earned by beating **HOPE ROAD** comfortably by 4 1/2 lengths. **RICHI** ran third and **SPLENDORA** was last of the four runners. Hope Road was well beaten also in the La Brea Stakes, and her win in the Ballerina Stakes at Saratoga franked the Richard Mandella trained star's form even further. >>>

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PRAYING was a 21-1 upset winner of the Prioress Stakes over 6 furlongs at Saratoga in late August. Making significant improvement to beat Delightful Claire by 3 1/2 lengths she put up a performance that, on paper at least, might have looked a bit like a fluke. Many would point out that her runner-up missed the break and was playing catch-up the entire way; but Praying *did* look strong. When a horse *runs* like a good one, *looks* like good one and *sends out the signals* that it feels like it's a good one, well, then there's every chance that the horse *is* a good one. Praying improved to GF 114p at Saratoga, and she got her chance to prove that it was not a one-off when sent out against a group of very good older horses in the Thoroughbred Club of America Stakes at Keeneland in early October, this contest also over 6 furlong. Going off at 9.9-1, she answered every question in no uncertain manner. Racing prominently, a bit wide, she ran like an old pro and came with a determined run to edge past G1 winner **VAHVA** for a convincing half-length win. **ZEITLOS**, not a top class sprinter but a useful yardstick nevertheless, was third, 2 1/4 lengths behind Praying. Praying improved again, moving up to **Globeform 117**, and she should not be dismissed in the Filly & Mare Sprint. She comes up against tougher foes again here but, unlike just about every one of her rivals, this daughter of Vekoma has room for improvement. Stepping up to 7 furlongs might suit her and she is definitely the one to take out of the 'TCA' Stakes. The form of that race was given a boost when Vodka With a Twist (who was fourth) lost by just a head by Kappa Kappa in the Raven Run Stakes at Keeneland on October 18 (when Dogwood Stakes winner Ragtime ran third and the aforementioned Delightful Claire ran fifth).

HOPE ROAD had no chance against Kopion when second, beaten 3 lengths, in the Derby City Distaff over 7 furlongs at Churchill Downs in May, and she disappointed when she was a well beaten third behind Two Sharp in the 6-furlong Winning Colors at the same venue three weeks later; but she bounced back to win the Ballerina Stakes over 7 furlongs at Saratoga in August. Improving to **Globeform 117**, she beat Scylla readily by 2 lengths, with Majestic Oops 4 lengths further adrift in third place. Scylla, who ran fourth in the BC Filly & Mare Sprint last year, was coming off a second to Halina's Forte in the Honorable Miss and she went on to be third behind Gin Gin and Nitrogen in the Spinster Stakes. Majestic Oops also had good form going into the Ballerina, but Hope Road will have to step up again to become a Breeders' Cup winner. >>>

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VAHVA, ideally suited by 7 furlongs, was back to almost her best when beaten half a length by PRAYING in the Thoroughbred Club of America Stakes over 6 furlongs at Keeneland in early October. Coming off a second to Mystic Lake at Charles Town in August, she ran to GF 116, having produced Globeform 117 when taking the Derby City Distaff at Churchill Downs in May '24. Winner of the Chicago Stakes at Churchill Downs in June, and a relatively consistent runner, she comes here in good form.

SPLENDORA is also a cut below the best in this division, though this filly ran her best race to date last time out, taking the one-mile Tranquility Stakes with ease at Del Mar in early September. She outclassed her rivals, winning the 5 1/2 lengths from One Magic Philly, who had been beaten 7 1/2 lengths into fifth behind Sweet Azteca in the Great Lady M in May.

UPDATE: One Magic Philly won a Keeneland allowance race on her next start after being outclassed by Splendora in the Tranquility Lake, and Nothing Like You, third in that race, also franked the form by winning on her subsequent outing, taking the Dark Mirage Stakes at Los Alamitos (admittedly in soft company). With so much speed in this nine-runner field (eight of them like to be prominent!), Splendora could be the one to benefit; she led all the way last time out but she stays a mile and stamina will probably come into play at the finish in this year's Filly & Mare Sprint.

TAMARA was a very impressive juvenile two years ago, when she was a hot favorite for the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies but went wrong in the race, ending on the sidelines for twelve months. She returned in allowance company at Del Mar a year later, finished second by a nose, and was then pointed to the La Brea Stakes at Santa Anita last December. 8-1 on the morning line, she was seen as Richard Mandella's main chance but he scratched her - and won the race with 37/1-shot Kopion. Another long break followed for Tamara. She has had one start in 2025, winning the 6.5-furlong Chillingworth Stakes by 3 3/4 length from Silent Law (2nd in sub-standard Santa Anita Oaks in the spring). With just six runners and 14 1/2 lengths between the second and third, the Chillingworth was not an easy race to assess, but Tamara has been given a provisional **Globeform 113p**.

RICHI was not mentioned in the early preview to this race but she is one to consider, given how much speed there is in the field. She cuts back in distance, having run to **Globeform 113** to win the Santa Maria at Santa Anita, then to GF 111 when third to Distaff favorite Seismic Wave in the CL Hirsch here at Del Mar, and to Globeform 113 once more when runner-up to Cavalieri in the Zenyatta at Santa Anita. All these races were over 8.5 furlongs but Richi won the 6-furlong Las Flores Stakes at the beginning of the year, and she is in with a chance of hitting the board. The quicker the leaders go early, the better it is for this daughter of Practical Joke, who stays much further than 7 furlongs.

CONCLUSION: Tons of speed folks, tons of speed; and in we all know what that could lead to, particularly in 7-furlong sprints. There could be an absolute meltdown at the business end of the contest. Sharp Azetca is still the clear selection though. She is speedy but she won the Beholder Mile and her stamina will not go amiss here. One longshot to consider is Splendora, who also combines speed with stamina. Coming off a career best winning over a mile, she's likely to get a good setup. Her post 2 is not so ideal but Zeitlos (1) is a slow starter so Splendora has a good chance of bagging the rail and save ground. Richi, who won the 6-furlong Las Flores Stakes in January and is now coming off three solid efforts over 8.5 furlongs, should also benefit from a wicked pace. She has a good post in 9, and the improving 3yo Praying also drew well. Set to break from post 10, **she is way too big at 20-1** on the morning line and well worth a wager. Praying has yet to try further than six furlongs but she won like a horse that won't mind going further when beating Vahva over that distance at Keeneland.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	**6 SWEET AZTECA**
B	2 SPLENDORA, 9 RICHI, 10 PRAYING
C	3 VAHVA, 4 TAMARA, 8 HOPE ROAD

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Sweet Azteca / Rancho Bernardo Hcap: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZHq2djgpJL0

Sweet Azteca / Great Lady M Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ID14qyHRBQA
2nd Kopion

Kopion / Derby City Distaff: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f1h6ofZIgic
2nd Hope Road 7th Vahva

Kopion / Santa Monica Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OFZ_yPyi-W8
2nd Hope Road 3rd Richi 4th Splendora

Kopion / La Bra Stakes '24: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m8JzjPiotPU
2nd Splendora 4th Hope Road

Praying / Thoroughbred Club of America Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=faz0KNPOK24
2nd Vahva

Praying / Prioress Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IYkLx-Hst3Q

Hope Road / Ballerina Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LlpPO9rGNvU

Vahva / Chicago Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R2oY_Qgndv0

Vahva / Derby City Distaff '24: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_OMTBEqqZAw

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

Rank		Name of horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs From right to left (most recent first)	Trainer / Jockey
0p	8	**AG BULLET** *mare*	GF 118p	118p 118p - 100++	Baltas / Velazquez
1p	10	**SHISOSPICY** *3yo filly* **	115p	115p - 0 - 113p	D'Angelo / I Ortiz Jr
3	5	**BRING THEBAND HOME**	118	102 - 117 - 118	M Casse / Castellano
3	1	**MOTORIOUS** *GF 118 BC Turf Sprint '24*	118	115+ 115 / 114	D'Amato / Fresu
3	3	**ARIZONA BLAZE** *3yo* *	116	116 - 92 - 115	Murray / D Egan
5p	12	**INVINCIBLE PAPA**	116p	116p - 109p - 104p	Ito / Sasaki
5	9	**BEAR RIVER**	116	116 - 111p - 104	Marquis / Graham
5	11	**BUCANERO FUERTE**	116	113 - 116 - 113	Murray / Rispoli
4 / 9	4	**KHAADEM** *GF 114 Kent Downs '24* *GF 117 Ascot '24*	117 / 112	111+ 112 - 96	C Hills / Dettori
8	7	**SHE'S QUALITY** *GF 110 also 1 Aug '24*	110	108 - 110 - 96	Davison / Keane
11	2	**REEF RUNNER**	110	110 - 110 - ?+	Fawkes / Gaffalione
11		**NO NAY HUDSON** **AE3**	110	110 - 107 - 107	W Ward / TBA
11	6	**GOVERNOR SAM** *3yo* *	108	108 - 104 - 104	Weaver / Prat
12	13	**PURO MAGIC** *filly* *Entered stakes Friday* **AE1**	106	102 - 106 - 105	Yasuda / Murphy
13	14	**YELLOW CARD** **AE2**	108	108 - 108 - 106	McCarthy / Kimura
14	15	**INCANTO** *3yo* **AE4**	104	? - 104 - 91	Eurton / Berrios

** ***Fillies and mares:*** *3lbs sex weight allowance; add 3lbs to GF rating for direct comparison with males.*

* *3-year-olds get a 2lb weight allowance.*
Globeform weight-for-age 3yos vs. older horses over 5 fur. November: 0
This means that we need to add 2lbs to 3yo's GF ratings for direct comparison.

** *3yo fillies thus get 5lbs lower weight than older males; add 5lbs to GF rating for direct comparison.*

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Most recent winners of the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint

2024	**STARLUST**	**GF 117+**	Ralph Beckett	Rossa Ryan
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
2016	**OBVIOUSLY**	**GF 116**	Phil D'Amato	Flavien Prat
2015	**MONGOLIAN SATURDAY**	**GF 116**	Enebish Ganbat	Florent Geroux

Average winning Globeform: 117.9

GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

AG BULLET ran third in this event twelve months ago, beaten just a neck and a nose behind Starlust and **MOTORIOUS**, who she is set to meet again. They both hold strong claims as they have another crack at the BC Turf Sprint, but Ag Bullet may the the one who comes out best this time. She has been in great form tis season and is now coming off an excellent win in the Ladies Turf Sprint at Kentucky Downs, where he led every step of the way over 6.5 furlong and held on to beat Simply in Front by 3/4 length, with Jody's Pride third and Time to Dazzle fourth. Ag Bullet ran to **Globeform 118p** at Kentucky Downs. That may seem a bit high - and it may seem strange to have a "p" attached to the rating for a 5yo mare, but her performance was really strong, and the form has been backed up since. Simply in Front won the First Lady Stakes at Keeneland next time out and Time to Dazzle has since won the Franklin Stakes, also at Keeneland.

Having taken the 5.5-furlong Jaipur Stakes at Saratoga in early June, Ag Bullet was coming off an eleven-week break when winning at Kentucky Downs, and her second Breeders' Cup appearance will come after a nine-week rest. She returned **Globeform 118p** also in the Jaipur, a race she won easily by 2 lengths from My Boy Prince, who was later second to Notable Speech in the Woodbine Mile in Canada. The Jaipur was a case of compensation for Ag Bullet's team. She had been incredibly unlucky in the Unbridled Sidney Stakes at Churchill Downs a month earlier. Whether she would have been able to match strides with the impressive winner, Queen Maxima, is impossible to say but she would definitely have finished second with a clear run. She was completely blocked when trying to make a move by the rail at the finish, got stopped and was eventually eased to finish seventh. She might have won and if so she would be coming here with an unbeaten record in 2025. She has a big chance. >>>

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SHISOSPICY bounced back from a fruitless trip to Royal Ascot in June when winning the Music City Stakes over 6.5 furlongs at Kentucky Downs in early September. Her time in that race was no more than 0.16 sec slower than Ag Bullet's time over the same trip a week earlier, but Ag Bullet ran over a firm course and rain had changed it to good when Shisospicy ran. Her win was a very good performance, both on the clock and in terms of what she beat and how she beat them. Soon in front, she proved much too good for her 11 rivals, running on strongly through the last furlong to win the race by 3 lengths from her barnmate Cloe, who beat Tabiti by 1 1/4 lengths for second place. Cloe, a stakes winner in the spring and placed in three other graded stakes prior to Kentucky Downs, improved her form in the Music City, while Tabiti was an English raider coming off a shared G3 win at Goodwood (but only fifth in the Valley View at Keeneland on Oct. 24). Shisospicy improved to **Globeform 115p**. She had performed close to the same level when beating subsequent Test Stakes winner Kilwin easily by 4 1/4 lengths in the 5.5-furlong Mamzelle Stakes at Churchill Downs in May. Flashing sharp early speed, as seen in lesser company at Gulfstream Park and Keeneland previously, she looked a top class sprinter in the making already at that stage - and she is in with a winning chance in the BC Turf Sprint. She is a bit like Ag Bullet; a very fast lady who also has the stamina to win over further than the conventional sprint distances, even over the demanding Kentucky Downs course.

BRING THEBAND HOME, trained by Mark Casse, is the best turf sprinter in North America at the minute and **William Hill's 25-1 is completely wrong** about this horse for the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint. He finished last on his most recent start, when odds-on to win the Nearctic Stakes at Woodbine, but let's draw a line through that result. Nothing came to light but he ran too bad to be true. Trainer Mark Casse has told the media that the horse did not train well leading up to the race, but Bring Theband Home has looked good in the mornings in recent weeks. He breezed 4 furlongs in 47.11 at Belmont Park on October 19; the third fastest of 122 horses on the day. Having been a late developing sort, he does not have a high profile name but his best form has been very impressive, and it's been no fluke; Bring Theband Home surprised quite a few when powering home by over four lengths in the Harvey Park Stakes at Saratoga in July, and he confirmed the form with a similar performance in Troy Stakes the following month. Both of these races were over 5.5 furlongs but this 5yo son of Into Mischief has blistering speed and 5 furlongs at Del Mar should suit him just as well. It might even be his optimum trip.

He won the Harvey Pack by outclassing Works for Me, who took second from Outlaw Kid, a course record holder at Aqueduct. Mischievous Angel followed next, ahead of Witty. To deal with the latter first; Witty was coming off a strong win in the Jim McKay Turf Sprint at Pimlico in May, and he went on to win the Van Clief Stakes impressively at Colonial Downs in August. Works for Me, who ran second in the Harvey Pack, was exiting a good allowance win at Saratoga, while Mischievous Angel is also a useful yardstick. The Troy Stakes form also stands up to inspection. Bring Theband Home took this event readily by 1 1/2 lengths from Twenty Six Black, who he was spotting 2lbs. Determined Kingdom checked in third, Alogon ran third and Senbei came home in fourth place. Twenty Six Black won the Disco Partner Stakes next time out, beating Bold Journey and Outlaw Kid, the horse who ran third to Bring Theband Home in the Harvey Pack. Determined Kingdom is a solid turf sprinter with stakes wins in the book, as is Senbei, winner of the Ashley Cole Stakes at Aqueduct on his preceding start (when Bold Journey ran second and the luckless Twenty Six Black had to settle for fourth). Bring Theband Home improved to **Globeform 118** in the Harvey Pack and he returned GF 117 in the Troy Stakes. This puts him ahead of all other males in this division based on performances this season. If he runs back to that level he has a big chance. **Update:** His Troy Stakes runner-up Twenty Six Black won the New York Turf Sprint Championship at Aqueduct on October 25

MOTORIOUS ran second to Starlust in the BC Turf Sprint last year, beaten a neck by the late charging Starlust, with **AG BULLET** just a nose behind him in third place. The battle hardened Phil D'Amato trainee performed to **Globeform 118**, his career best figure, that day and there's every chance that he can reach the same level as he has his third crack at this championship event (he was fifth back in 2023). Having had just two races earlier this season, the most recent a win through disqualification of **REEF RUNNER** (who beat him by a nose) in the Green Flash Handicap over 5 furlongs here at Del Mar in late August, he comes to the Breeders' Cup as a fresh horse. He was spotting Reef Runner 5lbs in the Green Flash and the form was franked when the latter went on to win the Eddie D Stakes over 6.5 furlongs at Santa Anita four weeks later. Reef Runner is also in good form but Motorious is the one with the best chance. He returned GF 115+ in the Green Flash, a run that will have set him up nicely for the BC Turf Sprint. He will go for this race also after a break, something that suits him well; last year's narrow defeat is the only time Motorious has beaten at Del Mar, where he is sporting an impressive 5; 4-1-0 record, 5 furlongs is ideal and he is a win contender. >>>

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ARIZONA BLAZE, a fast closing second in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint last year, is one of the best 3yo sprinters in Europe - though it needs mentioning that the sprint division is rather weak on the other side of the pond these days. This is a good colt but he is not in same league as last year's English trained winner Starlust. He moved up to GF 115 when winning the 5-furlong Sapphire Stakes at the Curragh in July, having been a close runner-up in the Commonwealth Cup at Royal Ascot in June (sub-standard G1 event), and he improved to **Globeform 116** as he took the Flying Five over the minimum trip at the same venue in September. In between these winning runs, Arizona Blaze ran well down the field in the prestigious Nunthorpe Stakes at York. He was up with speed all the way in the Sapphire Stakes, where he led a furlong out and beat Mgheera by 2 lengths. Mgheera was coming off a G2 win over **SHE'S QUALITY** a month earlier. Arizona Blaze showed early speed also in the Flying Five. Taking command two furlongs from the finish, he kept on gamely to win by a length from Nighteyes, with his barnmate **BUCANERO FUERTE** a close third. **SHE'S QIALITY** was fourth in that race, beaten 1 1/2 lengths. Bucanero Fuerte was coming off a win in the 6-furlong Phoenix Sprint in August, when he went gate to wire to beat G3 winner My Mate Alfie by 1 1/4 lengths and return **Globeform 116**. He had won the Sole Power Stakes leading every step of the way on his seasonal debut back in May, and Bucanero Fuerte has been nowhere near as busy as Arizona Blaze this term. There's nothing between these two on ratings. While Bucanero Fuerte is a horse that much prefers to lead, Arizona Blaze is more versatile (at least that's how it seemed at Del Mar last year, when he came from the clouds).

INVINCIBLE PAPA is an interesting contender from Japan. Given 111 as his official rating by the Breeders' Cup panel, he seems underrated and may be overlooked by most players in the big day. He ran to **Globeform 116p** when winning the CBC Sho, a 6-furlong sprint on good to firm turf at Chyoko in August, and this is a horse to take seriously in the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint. An Australian bred 4yo with a 6-1-1 record from 10 career starts, Invincible Papa was making only his second start on the lawn that day, having run fourth in a similar contest in June (running like he needed the run after a break; earned GF 109p). Going off at 13-1, he started from post 16 in a 17-runner field in the CBC Sho. He broke sharply and made swift headway to take the lead, dominated the race throughout and won by half a length from the closing-in runner-up June Blair, who beat Strauss by a neck. June Blair, a previous stakes winner, went on to run second in the prestigious Sprinters Stakes on his next start, beaten just a head by Win Carnelian. Win Carnelian is one of the best turf sprinters in Japan. He was second, 3/4 length behind the smart English filly Believing, in the Al Quoz Sprint on Dubai World Cup night back in April. Strauss, who was third to Invincible Papa at Chukyo, is a dual stakes winner in Japan. In beating these horses so readily, Invincible Papa booked his ticket to the Breeders' Cup and he fully deserves to take his chance at Del Mar. He showed such good speed when winning over 6 furlongs. It looked like 6 furlongs is as far as he likes to go and cutting back to five will probably suit him well; if so that's a big plus. In addition, we are here dealing with a young and fast improving runner, in fact the only such runner in the Turf Sprint field. It may or may not happen in this race, but it seems virtually certain that Invincible Papa will improve again and become a top notch speed merchant. He broke his maiden at the second time of asking last year and his placings since read 112117141; very likable consistency. Most bookmakers put him up at **16-1** a week out. That's not a bad price but he could be even bigger price on the day.

His sire, Shalaa, was a top class sprinter in Europe as a juvenile, when he won the Prix Morny at Deauville and the Middle Park Stakes at Newmarket, both over 6 furlongs. Sidelined right up to October in his 3yo season, the John Gosden trainee returned with an impressive G3 win at Ascot, but was then unplaced in British Champions Sprint at the same venue two weeks later and never raced again. Invincible Papa's dam, Shwaimsa, is a winning half-sister to Fractional, who won G3 races over 8 and 10 furlong in France, where he was trained by Andre Fabre.

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CONCLUSION: This is the most difficult race over the two days. It's close on ratings, it's got a number of unknown factors; and good starts, bad starts, good trips, bad trips will play a part. One can make a case for about half the field but the approach in this office is to use to against the lot; the proven top level turf sprinter Ag Bullet - who beats them all if she runs up to her best - *unless* the 3yo Shisospicy improves again, that is, and unless the Japanese raider Invincible Papa is even better than his current rating. He can also improve, and note that he overcame a wide post when impressing last time out. Pegged in at **a massive 20-1 on the morning line**, he should definitely be backed across the board or each-way. What these three have in common is that they combine speed with a bit of stamina; they have all done well over further than this 5-furlong trip. With plenty of pace signed on the last half-furlong will be tough for many of these sprinters. Bring Theband Home, recommended at 12-1 as a good value future bet and again at 25-1 a week ago, is part of the speed - he could be *the* speed - so will he be vulnerable? Yes he could, but his best form has been over 5.5 furlongs and he won over six on the main track as a 3yo (lesser company). He is also too big on the morning line, **12-1 does not reflect this gelding's chances.** Nicely drawn in 5 he has a good starting point. Motorious, second last year and coming here in fine form, and Arizona Blaze, who is also exiting a win and showed that he handles Del Mar when runner-up in the Juvenile Turf Sprint twelve months ago, should also be respected. How to play the race? Daringly; with Ag Bullet and Shisospicy to run 1st & 2nd or 1st & 3rd in a Tri plan. Throw in as many others as the budget allows; this is a race where strange things might happen.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	**8 AG BULLET, 10 SHISOSPICY**
B	1 MOTORIOUS, 5 BRING THEBAND HOME, 12 INVINCIBLE PAPA
C	3 ARIZONA BLAZE

Motorious 2nd / Ag Bullet 3rd / B Cup Turf Sprint '24: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ch00_XcWai8&t=16s

Ag Bullet / Kentucky Downs Ladies Turf Sprint: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=32mofBdw5oM

Shisospicy / Music City Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NuCQqa_RFxY

Ag Bullet / Jaipur Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MfoCZ-sV0ik

Bring Theband Home / Troy Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rRuJbfzXyYg

Bring Theband Home / Harvey Pack Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ya9igNA4vTI

Motorious / Green Flash Handicap: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GaPhUJoEWUI&t=77s
Reef Runner 1st past post, disqualified

Invincible Papa / CBC Sho Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z2njDRrrJE0

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BREEDERS' CUP SPRINT (G1) | 6 furlongs Del Mar Sat. Nov. 1

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

Rank		Name of horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs From right to left (most recent first)	Trainer / Jockey
0	12	**STRAIGHT NO CHASER** *GF 129 B Cup Sprint '24*	129	111+ 0 - 124 - 129	Blacker / Velazquez
3	10	**BENTORNATO**	126	125+ 126 - 111	D'Angelo / I Ortiz Jr
3	1	**KOPION** **	123	116 - 116 - 123	R Mandella / Smith
4 / 9	11	**MULLIKIN** *GF 125 in Aug '24*	125 / 120	97 - 119 - 120	Brisset / Prat
10p	7	**IMAGINATION**	119p	119p - 109 - 111	Baffert / J J Hernandez
10	2	**BANISHING** *GF 119 in Mar, Apr & May '25*	119	109 - 115 - 115+	Jacobson / Gaffalione
12	4	**PATRIOT SPIRIT**	117	117 - 114p - 110	Campbell / Castellano
12	3	**LOVESICK BLUES**	117	114+ 117 - 103	Barocio / G Franco
12	8	**NAKATOMI** *GF 117 in July '24*	117 / 114+	114+ 108 - 107+	W Ward / J L Ortiz
13	5	**BIG CITY LIGHTS**	116	?+ / 116 - 112	R Mandella / Kimura
14	6	**DR. VENKMAN** *GF 113 also in July '24*	115	115 - 113 - 103	Glatt / Rispoli
17	13	**MAD HOUSE** *3yo* *	111p	111p - ?p - ?p	Van Winkle / L Saez
21	14	**WATCHATALKINABOUT** AE1 *GF 108 in Jan & May '25*	108	104 - ? - 0	W Ward / Jaramillo
23	9	**AMERICAN STAGE** *3yo* *	105	105 - 103 - 99	Yahagi / Sakai

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*

** **PLEASE NOTE:** 3yos get a 2lbs weight allowance in this race.*

Globeform weight-for-age is 1lb over 6 furlongs in early November.

*** **Fillies** get a 3lbs sex weight allowance;*
add 3lbs to GF rating for direct comparison with the males

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Most recent winners of the Breeders' Cup Sprint

2024	**STRAIGHT NO CHASER**	**GF 129**	Dan Blacker	John Velazquez
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 Santana Jr
2018	**ROY H**	**GF 130**	Peter Miller	Paco Lopez
2017	**ROY H**	**GF 126**	Peter Miller	Ken Desormeaux
2016	**DREFONG**	**GF 126p**	Bob Baffert	Martin Garcia
2015	**RUNHAPPY**	**GF 124**	Maria Borell	Edgar Prado

Average winning Globeform: 125.6

Historically, the Breeders' Cup Sprint is a race where we have often seen horses returning to run well also a second time. Midnight Lute took the race back to back in 2007-2008, Roy H did the same in 2018-2019 and then came Elite Power, who emulated them in 2022-2023. In addition, there have been strong repeat performances by Whitmore (third in 2028, won in 2020), Kona Gold (second in 1999, won in 2000), Safely Kept (second in 1989, won in 1990) and Meafara (second in 1992, second in 1993). Could it be that we'll see the same duo as last year filling the exacta?

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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

STRAIGHT NO CHASER put up a seriously good performance when beating **BENTORNATO** to win the Breeders' Cup Sprint last year. Bentornato was a 28-1 shot on the day and some may have thought that beating him by half a lengths wasn't top class form. Well, having seen what Bentornato was able to do on his late seasonal debut this season, the number of such doubters ought to be dwindling.

Champion sprinter in 2024, when he performed to **Globeform 129** here at Del Mar, Straight No Chaser was beaten when odds-on to make a successful return to action in the Santa Anita Sprint. It was a bit disappointing but it would be a mistake to dismiss him as he tries to win the big race back to back. He was readily beaten into third place behind the vastly improved winner **IMAGINATION** and **DR VENKMAN**, but John Velazquez did not give Straight No Chaser a hard time once it was obvious that his winning chance had gone. The son of Speightster ran very much like a horse in need of the outing after a long break. His old zip was there - he set solid fractions after breaking well from post two, but tired inside the final sixteenth and was caught. When his rider sensed that he weakened he made sure the horse did not get a hard race. The run should have brought him on and Straight No Chaser is still number one on ratings. That's based on his win last year but he was pretty explosive also when winning in Saudi Arabia in February. His performance at Santa Anita was good enough to suggest that he is on track for another big run at Del Mar, a course that suits him really well (probably better than Santa Anita). Imagination must also be considered of course, and Bentornato was very impressive on his late seasonal debut; we are probably going to be treated to some race when we get to this event.

BENTORNATO entered the big stage when second in this race last year, and he was being aimed at Santa Anita's Malibu Stakes in late December, only to be scratched from the race due to a sore foot. Having gone down by just half a length to **STRAIGHT NO CHASER** at the Breeders' Cup, he would have been favorite for the Malibu. He was not seen again until mid-September, when he returned in the 6-furlong Louisville Thoroughbred Society Stakes at Churchill Downs. That's only a Listed race but it drew a solid field and Bentornato went off at 9-5, not as an odds-on chalk which would normally happen with a G1 horse at that level. He did win like an odds-on horse though, powering home by 5 1/4 lengths from Here Mi Song, who was a head better than Skelly. Roll On Big Joe finished fourth, beaten almost nine lengths. He had beaten **DR VENKMAN** to win the Kelly's Landing Stakes over the same course in June, and then run fifth, 5 lengths behind **LOVESICK BLUES** in the Bing Crosby at Del Mar. Here Mi Song was coming off an easy allowance win and he went on to be fourth, 3 1/2 lengths behind **NAKATOMI** in the Phoenix at Keeneland. Skelly was last in that event but he is also a solid sprinter with stakes wins in the book. Bentornato absolutely crushed these horses, running to GF 125+. He produced **Globeform 126** in last year's BC Sprint, and there must be a chance that he can better even that high figure. A speedy runner who races with great zest and finishes his race off strongly, this son of Valiant Minister has a big chance.

KOPION has been below par in her two most recent races but runner-up efforts behind Filly & Mare Sprint favorite Sweet Azteca in the Great Lady M. Stakes and behind Seismic Beauty in the Clement L. Hirsch Stakes were respectable form, albeit not up her best. It's been reported that she lost a shoe in the Great Lady M. and the 8.5-furlong trip in the Hirsch was probably a bit too long for this talented sprinter. She was coming back after a two-month break since winning the 7-furlong Derby City Distaff at Churchill Downs in May when running in the Great Lady M. The Derby City Distaff was her third straight success at the top level. Kopion returned her best figure to date, **Globeform 123**, as she outclassed subsequent Ballerina Stakes winner Hope Road to win by 3 lengths at Churchill Downs. Ways and Means finished third, ahead of Scylla, Emery, Positano Sunset and Vahva. It was a deep field. The sloppy track did not suit everyone but Kopion probably would have slammed them also on a fast track.

Heading to Churchill Downs, Kopion had been extremely good at Santa Anita, with two impressive wins since having been off from April to December break last year. Going off at 37-1, she absolutely destroyed the field in the 7-furlong La Brea Stakes on December 26, beating Splendora easily by 2 3/4 lengths while spotting her 2lbs. Kopion was a well kept secret, that's for sure, and - racing in the first two all the way - she seemed to produce abnormal improvement. Was it a fluke? The answer came when she met solid horses in the Santa Monica Stakes over the same course and distance just over a month later - and it was a >>>

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>>> resounding 'no'. She was even better in this event, moving up from her GF 118p in the La Brea to GF 122p, a figure she earned by beating Hope Road comfortably by 4 1/2 lengths. Hope Road was well beaten also in the La Brea Stakes. Her win in the Ballerina at Saratoga franked the Richard Mandella trained star's form even further and Kopion is one of the best sprinters around. She ran to GF 122p in the Santa Moica and moved slightly up in the Derby City Distaff, returning **Globeform 123**. With her 3lbs weight allowance, she should be treated as a horse capable of GF 126 as she meets the boys. If she is back to her best, *and* capable of running to her best over 6 furlongs, then she has a winning chance. Her best form has come over 7 furlongs and she has never raced over six.

MULLIKIN appears to have become the forgotten horse as we are leading up to this year's Breeders' Cup Sprint. Having been third in the race 12 months ago, beaten by **STRAIGHT NO CHASER** and **BENTORNATO** on a day when he was not at his best, he is as big as 10-1 in the early betting. Just a quick reminder; Mullikin went of as the 3-1 favorite last year. His form going into the big race then was stronger then but it could be a mistake to write him off. He ran too badly to be true when he was beaten a long way in seventh place behind Book'em Danno in the Forego Stakes at Sartaoga in August; something must have been amiss; and he has been rested since. His wide margin win in last year's Forego was very impressive and he did well also when running second to Locked in the Cigar Mile at Aqueduct, beaten 1 1/2 lengths when trying to give the winner 5lb. The Rodolphe Brisset trainee returned to action in the highly completive Churchill Downs Stakes in May, when he was a close fifth to Mindframe, who took the race narrowly from **BANISHING** and Nysos. After this, Mullikin ran two good races in defeat against the top class sprinter Book'em Danno at Sartoga; beaten 1 1/4 lengths in the 6.5-furlong True North and 2 1/2 lengths in the 6-furlong Vanderbilt Stakes. On his day, he is one of the best sprinters in the land but his peaks have come at Saratoga - so perhaps Del Mar is not ideal, perhaps that's why he did not fire 100% here in 2024.

IMAGINATION produced significantly improved form when coming from off the pace to beat **DR VENKMAN** by 1 3/4 lengths in the 6-furlong Santa Anita Sprint Championship in late September. He had not raced since running fourth in San Pasqual Stakes over 9 furlongs eight months earlie, and the Baffert team had clearly done a good job at turning him into a sprinter. Imagination powered home to win the race quite snugly, looking very much like a horse capable of better still. With last year's champion **STRAIGHT NO CHASER** back in third place, he improved to **Globeform 119p**. Another step up, which does not at all seem unlikely, and this 4yo son of Into Mischief becomes a danger to all.

BANISHING must be the best buy from a horses of racing age sale in a long time. Picked up for $80,000 at the Fasig-Tipton July Sale last year, he has developed into a high class, and above all very tough and hardy, performer who can turn it on over a variety of distances. He was in great form in the first part of the season, running to **Globeform 119** three times on the bounce, including when he was beaten just a neck by Midframe in the 7-furlong Churchill Downs Stakes in May. That was a really good sprinting performance by Banishing, who came with a strong run from off the pace and had some accomplished speed merchants behind him as he passed the winning post. His most recent form has not been as good, however, and he looked like a tired horse when beaten 4 1/2 lengths in third place behind Mystik Dan in the Lukas Classic at Churchill Downs in September.

PATRIOT SPIRIT lived up to expectations when going for the Vosburgh Stakes over 7 furlongs at Aqueduct in late September, taking the race quite comfortably by 1 1/2 lengths from Crazy Mason and improving to **Globeform 117** in the process. He was the best speed horse in the race - and this colt does have good speed - so one can say that things panned out perfectly for him and not so well for the closer who got up for second, but Patriot Spirit is an improving runner and he deserves to take his chance here. Stepping up in class and cutting back in trip will make this a tough race for him though. He was very solid in the Vosburgh, a race that came after a two-month break from an impressive 4-length win in the Reigh Count Stakes over 7 furlongs at Colonial Downs, where he was cruising home under a hand and ran to GF 114p. >>>

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LOVESICK BLUES was an 18-1 surprise winner of the Bing Crosby Stakes over 6 furlongs at Del Mar in late July. He had decent form in the book already but nothing close to **Globeform 117**, which was what he produced to beat Hejazi by 1 3/4 lengths. World Record, who has disappointed since, checked in third, while **DR VENKMAN**, who went on to be second behind **IMAGINATION** in the Santa Anita Sprint Championship, was fourth. Lovesick Blues did not run back to the same rating when getting his Breeders' Cup prep in the California Flag Stakes in October, but that was on turf and his GF 114+ in that event confirmed that he is in the form of his life. He was beaten a nose by Man O Rose after strong kick from off the pace. There is a lot of speed signed on in this Breeders' Cup Sprint and an exaggerated pace is not unlikely; making it possible for a runner like Lovesick Blues to come rolling late to get a piece of it.

BIG CITY LIGHTS takes a big step up in class but this Del Mar specialist should not be underestimated. Coming off wide margin wins in the 7-furlong Carey Grant over this track and in the 6-furlong California Cup Sprint, he is in the form of his life. He has good speed but can be ridden just off the pace - probably an advantage in this race - and that she stays 7 furlongs is another plus. He could hit the board at a big price.

CONCLUSION: Like with the Breeders' Cup Classic, the Sprint is a race where we will see the first three home in the 2024 edition meet again. Could it be that we will also witness a race where this trio, Straight No Chaser, Bentornato and Mullikin, fill the trifecta once more? It's not impossible. Mullikin seems top be the forgotten horse, by the way, and he may offer some value in the betting. Bentornato is the now horse though, and the logical selection. His comeback was so impressive and he is probably sitting on a big race. Straight No Chaser still owns the highest rating, however, and Imagination is a horse that can improve. Kopion's best form gives her a big chance too, but post one is hardly what her connections would have hoped for. Her advantage is that she stays 7 furlongs. With so much speed signed on that will come handy. The main play would have to focus on these five, but the two C-horses should also be used in Trifecta plans.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	**10 BENTORNATO**
B	1 KOPION, 7 IMAGINATION, 11 MULLIKIN, 12 STRAIGHT NO CHASER
C	3 LOVESICK BLUES, 5 BIG CITY LIGHTS

Straight No Chaser / Breeders' Cup Sprint '24: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SFgScO9iy6Q
2nd Bentornato

Straight No Chaser / Riyadh Dirt Sprint: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vvOZA56Un4w

Kopion / Santa Monica Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OFZ_yPyi-W8&t=1s

Kopion / Derby City Distaff: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f1h6ofZIgic

Bentornato / Louisville Thoroughbred Society St.: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eJk5G2R-Wc4

Imagination / Santa Anita Sprint: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qfkRfHhsGjE&t=75s
2nd Dr Venkman 3rd Straight No Chaser

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BREEDERS' CUP DISTAFF (G1) | 9 furlongs Del Mar Sat. Nov. 1

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

Rank		Name of horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs From right to left (most recent first)	Trainer / Jockey
0	12	**DORTH VADER**	**122**	122 - 114+ 116	Weaver / TBA
1	8	**SEISMIC BEAUTY**	**121**	121 - 120 - ?p	Baffert / TBA
6	7	**GIN GIN**	**116**	116 - 0 - 109 - 110p	Walsh / L Seaz
6	1	**NITROGEN** *3yo*	**116**	115 - 116- 108	M Casse / J L Ortiz
8	4	**SCYLLA** *GF 114 B Cup F&M Sprint '24*	**114**	112 - 112 - 105	W Mott / Alvarado
8	10	**GUN SONG** *GF 114 in Sep '24*	**114 / 112**	112 - 0 - 102	Hennig / Gaffalione
9	9	**MAJESTIC OOPS** *GF 113 also in May '25* *Alt. BC F&M Sprint*	**113**	89 - 102 - 113	D Ward / Rispoli
11	3	**CLICQUOT** *3yo*	**111**	111 - 109p	Walsh / Prat
11		**REGALED**	**111**	111 - 102 - 105	Beckman / TBA
11	6	**ALICE VERITE** *Alt. Filly & Mare Turf*	**111**	97 - 111 - 106	Nakatake / Frey
12	2	**SARAWAK RIM**	**110?**	110? - 90? - ?p	Correas / I Ortiz Jr
14	11	**DRY POWDER** *3yo*	**108**	108 - 108 - ?	Summers / Fresu
	5	~~**SCOTTISH LASSIE** *3yo*~~ ~~*GF ?p CCA Oaks July '25*~~ ~~*GF 108p in Frizette S. '24*~~		~~108 - ?p - 105~~	~~Abreu /~~

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

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Most recent winners of the Breeders' Cup Distaff

2024	**THORPEDO ANNA**	**GF 121+**	Kenneth McPeek	Brian Hernandez Jr
2023	**IDIOMATIC**	**GF 118**	Brad Cox	Florent Geroux
2022	**MALATHAAT**	**GF 120**	Todd Pletcher	John 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 Correas 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
2015	**STOPCHARGINGMARIA**	**GF 117**	Todd Pletcher	Javier Castellano

Average winning Globeform: 119.6

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DORTH VADER, recommended as a **value future bet at 10-1** in GF News, September 2, is in a good spot to give us a profit here. She was as big as 8-1 right up to October 4. Beaten just a nose by reigning champion Thorpedo Anna as they drew well clear of the rest in the Personal Ensign Stakes over 9 furlongs at Saratoga in August, this is an underestimated horse. It was simply luck that decided who would be heading to the winners' circle at Saratoga. Thorpedo Anna's nose happened to hit the line first and all the focus was on how brave she was to prevail after such a stretch duel. I was actually just as impressed by Dorth Vader and this late maturing mare is a horse people should start believing in now.

A big, scopey daughter of Girvin, she has been steadily improving this season, and she looks the type to continue her progress as we are heading into the fall. Her trainer George Weaver was obviously disappointed to lose a nose bob in an important Grade One, but one of his comments after it was all over was "we are looking forward to the Breeders' Cup". It was easy to understand why. Dorth Vader is a top class performer. As the two drew almost ten lengths clear of the impressive Shuvee Stakes winner Leslie's Rose, Dorth Vader kept finding and she improved to **Globeform 122**. Did she run 'a winning race'? Absolutely she did; and she galloped out well after the winning post too. One thing to note about this contender; she is a very big unit, bigger than Thorpedo Anna in fact; such horses often need a lot of time to fully develop, and that is without doubt the story behind this year's unlucky Personal Ensign runner-up. If she moves up another notch, which seems likely, she will be hard to beat in the Distaff.

She had previously won the 9-furlong Ogden Phipps Stakes with ease (when the sloppy track appeared to move her up; we now know that this was not the case) and she had run another good race in fourth behind the massively weight favored Randomized in the 8.5-furlong Molly Pitcher at Monmouth Park, where the moderate pace was as perfect for the winner as it was detrimental to Dorth Vader's chances. The cut back in distance was also a challenge that day. She ran to GF 116p in the Ogden Phipps and she returned GF 114+ in the Molly Pitcher. The gap up to breaking the 120-barrier wasn't that big and she bridged it when she got a true stamina test in the Personal Ensign.

Will she be suited by Del Mar? That's another question and we simply don't know the answer - a short straight might not be what she ideally wants but Dorth Vader traveled strongly just off the pace at Saratoga and getting a good position is just as important as knowing the track. She has been around the block a few times, taking in racing action at six different venues, so there's plenty of experience in this contender.

SEISMIC BEAUTY, representing Bob Baffert, is also a strong contender for the Distaff. Coming off three straight wins, the most recent in the 8.5-furlong Clement L. Hirsch Stakes here at Del Mar, she takes a high class form to the table and she could be improving still. Course experience is a plus and her prominent running style may be an advantage. The one question that remains unanswered though, is regarding her stamina. Yes, she won the Santa Margarita Stakes over 9 furlongs by 5 lengths at Santa Anita back in May, but that was in a five-runner field and she beat the non-staying Splendora and Princess of Time, whose two wins have both come over 6 furlongs. Seismic Beauty led every step of the way, absolutely outclassed them and produced GF 120 but there was never any pressure that could have told us more about her staying abilities. Rested over two months afterwards, she resurfaced in the CL Hirsch, where she met much stronger opposition in Kopion and Richi. They had to settle for second and third as Seismic Beauty made all once again and won the race readily by 1 1/2 lengths. Spotting Kopion 2lbs, she improved to **Globeform 121**. Kopion is one of the best sprinters in the land and Richi, beaten 5 lengths in third place, is also a very smart performer. Seismic Beauty obviously has a *good* chance in the Breeders' Cup Distaff - if she *truly* stays the 9 furlongs she has an *excellent* chance. She has displayed a lot of speed, however, and her pedigree leans more toward speed than stamina.

By Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner Uncle Mo, Seismic Beauty is out of Knarsdale, a 5-furlong turf winner who was third in the Safely Kept Stakes over that distance as a 5yo. Knarsdale (Medaglia d'Oro) is a daughter of Secret File, a G2-placed mile winner, and she is a half-sister to American Lincoln (Street Cry), an ordinary six-time winner who romped in a 9-furlong maiden at three but did all his winning over a mile thereafter. >>>

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GIN GIN booked her ticket to the Breeders' Cup when causing an upset in the 9-furlong Spinster Stakes at Keeneland in early October. Leading all the way, as she had done also when winning the Doubledogdare Stakes over 8.5 furlongs at the same track in April, she kept on on good style to fend off a late challenge from **NITROGEN** and win by a head. **SCYLLA**, making up ground inside the final furlong, was 1 1/4 lengths behind them in third place. The story of the Spinster wasn't only about how Gin Gin had improved though, as the 1/2 favorite Thorpedo Anna was a very tame fourth, beaten almost nine lengths. That was to be her exit from the big stage, while Gin Gin stepped onto it. She improved to **Globeform 116** , making her the joint third highest rated horse in this field. She deserves to take her chance in the Distaff. Better still will be needed if she is to match strides with the top two (if they run to form), but Del Mar should suit Gin Gin and one can't rule further improvement out entirely from this daughter of Hightail. One problem is likely to be Seismic Beauty. She is a strong front-runner and Gin Gin is not going to get the same setup in the championship race. If she is a horse that needs the lead to perform well it's going to tough.

NITROGEN was put in her place by **GIN GIN**, albeit by a narrow margin, when they met in the Spinster Stakes over 9 furlongs at Keeneland in early August. She ran close to her career best, **Globeform 116** produced when she won the Alabama Stakes over 10 furlongs at Saratoga in August. A versatile runner with good form both on turf and dirt, she may be better suited by a stamina test like the Alabama. If so, covering nine panels at Del Mar might not be ideal. She beat the Kentucky Oaks winner Good Cheer by 1 1/2 lengths in the Alabama, a race she took by racing prominently from start to finish. Nitrogen is good enough to get into the first three in the Distaff - but what happened at Keeneland probably told us that she has stopped improving. She was doing on turf what Good Cheer did on dirt in the first half on 2025, winning race after race without facing top notch competition. Her winning run came to an end when Fionn caught her in the very last stride and snatched the Belmont Oaks by a nose at Saratoga in July. Losing that race didn't seem too bad at the time but Opulent Restraint, who was only 3/4 length behind the two in third place, was a 19-1 shot without strong form in the book; and she was beaten much further when third to Laurelin in the Saratoga Oaks next time out. Nitrogen failed to run up to her best in the Belmont Oaks, no doubt about that, but she enjoyed a most comfortable 17-length win in the Wonder Again Stakes, run over a sloppy dirt track on Belmont Stakes day. Her time was not far off Raging Torrent's clocking in the Met Mile and she won in a canter. That was her main track debut and she is now set for a dirt championship race on dirt. Not bad for a filly who was a staying-on third in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf last year.

SCOTTISH LASSIE's performance in the Coaching Club American Oaks was very impressive but, with just four runners (one of them virtually pulled up), the race can't be rated with any confidence. There's no doubt that Scottish Lassie, who came home in splendid isolation 15 1/2 lengths in front of last year's Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies winner Immersive, was vastly improved. The problem with assessing the form for ratings purposes is partly that Immersive does not appear to have trained on at three, and partly because Take Charge Milady folded completely and was a distant last. She was the one with good results earlier in 2025 who could have tested Scottish Lassie. As things turned out, Scottish Lassie had little to beat - but the way she ran one can safely say that it would have taken a very good one to beat her. She made all, was strong coming down the lane and won as she pleased in a good time. Her task was made easier when Take Charge Milady was driven and beaten already heading into the far turn, and easier still when the same thing happened to Immersive halfway around the turn. The race was over as she hit the top of the lane.

The form was given a boost when the third placed runner, **DRY POWDER**, ran out an easy winner of the Cathryn Sophia Stakes at Parx a month later. It was her turn to improve and she ran by far her best race to date, beating Ourdaydreamgirl comfortably by 4 1/4 lengths. Ourdaydreaminggirl was coming off a 7 1/4-length win in allowance company. Fast forward another month and Immersive also advertised the CCA Oaks form by winning, albeit in the not so competitive Seneca Overnight Stakes at Churchill Downs. Hard as it is to know the importance of these results, it's not hard to appreciate that Scottish Lassie really *did* deliver high class form in the CCA Oaks. She ran one big race also at two, winning Frizette by 9 lengths at Aqueduct; so this daughter of McKinzie *might* be capable of Globeform 120 and really deliver one day. >>>

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CLIQUOT's best form ties indirectly in with Scottish Lassie, as she beat **DRY POWDER** by a neck to win the Cotillion Stakes over 8.5 furlongs at Parx in September. Exiting an 11-week break since winning the Indiana Oaks with ease, she was spotting her runner-up 2lbs at Parx, and she improved to **Globeform 111** with this, her fourth win from five starts. Cliquot, who was a May foal, has needed time to develop and she could improve again; though she was all out to win the Cotillion - and this year's 3yo filly crop is not particularly strong, so the daughter of Quality Road can only be seen as one of the outsiders.

SCYLLA ran to **Globeform 114** when beaten just a length to be fourth behind Soul Of An Angel in the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint last year, and she has returned GF 112 on both of her most recent starts; taking second 2 lengths behind Hope Road in the 7-furlong Ballerina Stakes at Saratoga in August and third behind **GIN GIN** and **NITROGEN** in the 9-furlong Spinster Stakes at Keeneland in October. She ran on well enough at the finish in that contest but her best sprint form is still a touch better. It's interesting that Bill Mott elected to run her in the Distaff. He probably feels that it might be an easier race and perhaps he's right; but Scylla winning the Distaff would be a bit of a surprise.

GUN SONG, who sent so close to getting the better of Thorpedo Anna in the 8.5-furlong Cotillion Stakes at Parx last year, returned to winning form when beating Randomized by 1 1/4 lengths in the Beldame Stakes over 9 furlongs at Aqueduct in late September. It was a game performance, as she came out 1 1/4 lengths in front of her nearest rival, but Randomized isn't what she once was. Gun Song's best form is still the narrow defeat against Thorpedo Anna, a run worth **Globeform 114**, and it seems unlikely that she will improve.

REGALED, whose two preceding performances were worth no more than GF 105 and GF 102, improved to **Globeform 111** when taking the 9-furlong Delaware Handicap over a muddy track in late September. Given a patient ride, she came through from off the pace and won by 6 1/4 lengths from Runaway Diva, with Dazzling Move a distant third. Runaway Diva (a Colonial Downs allowance winner) was coming off a runner-up effort in the Twixt Stakes at Laurel (4 3/4 lengths behind Foxy Junior) and this is a big step up in class for Regaled. Given the track conditions, her rating earned at Delaware may be a bit unreliable.

ARGINE has been unusually consistent in Japan, running to **Globeform 113** in each of her three most recent races, all on turf. A daughter of champion sprinter Lord Kanaloe (who has sired classy horse staying further than he did), she is out a G3 winner over 9 furlongs, and Argine's best form has come over a mile. She beat Beyond the Valley (who beat Filly & Mare Sprint contender Fee Blanche in October) by a length in a G3 over that distance in August, having run fourth in the G1 Victoria Mile in May. She was beaten 1 1/4 lengths behind the smart filly Ascoli Piceno, who ran sixth, 3 1/2 lengths behind Diego Velazquez, in the Prix Jacques le Marois at Deauville in August.

ALICE VERITE ran to GF 107 when finishing fourth in the Breeders' Cup Distaff last year. She was fifth in the Victoria Mile in May (running to **Globeform 111**), passing the winning post 3/4 length behind Argine after setting the pace and tiring late, but she was much further behind her when they ran first and fifth in a G3 in August. Alice Verite is not far behind Argine on ratings, but she does not have the same consistency.

SARAWAK RIM won the Gran Premio Criadores, a G1 event over 10 furlongs on a fast track at Palermo in Argentina in May. She was held up just off the pace, advanced on the home turn, led narrowly inside the last furlong and stayed on to beat Martana by a length. Precencial ran third. Martana had beaten Sarawak Rim by as much as 9 lengths when they filled the exacta also in a G2 over the same course and distance back in May (though contested over a heavy track), and after the Gran Premio Criadores Martana ran second in another top level event (with Precencial back in eighth place). Sarawak Rim is clearly talented but there has been no subsequent top level winner to come out of the Criadores and she has been given a provisional **Globeform 110** for that effort.

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CONCLUSION: This looks a two-horse race on paper. It's not a surprise to see Seismic Beauty being the favorite, but it is surprising to see Dorth Vader, who practically ran a dead heat with Thorpedo Anna as they drew way clear in the Personal Ensign, as big as **5-1 on the morning line**, one point bigger than Nitrogen even. 5-1 is not the main reason for siding with Dorth Vader but she looks a value bet at such odds and she must be backed. She was the first value future bet recommended when 10-1 as this service kicked off in September. This race is shaping up to be just perfect for her; while maybe not as perfect as the locals anticipate for Seismic Wave. The Baffert filly has superior speed but she is not the only speed horse in the mix, far from it, and she could become vulnerable in the closing stages. A strong pace will be just what Dorth Vader wants; she stays well and she will be moving up sooner than most such horses do. Seismic Wave has been impressive, absolutely, but she has never met anything even close to the class of Thorpedo Anna. The same can safely be said for Gin Gin and Nitrogen, but the 'Spinster two' are in with a good chance of hitting the board. The third in that race, Scylla, may also put up a good fight. None of the others make much appeal and an easy Trifecta beckons.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	**12 DORTH VADER**
B	8 SEISMIC BEAUTY
C	1 NITROGEN, 4 SCYLLA, 7 GIN GIN

Dorth Vader 2nd / Personal Ensign: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=flk-bCOPs6U

Dorth Vader / Ogden Phipps Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eJrmF8Bva9k

Seismic Beauty / Clement L Hirsch Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xmTy5NGnId4

Seismic Beauty / Santa Margarita Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pk3aRe8wxNM

Nitrogen / Alabama Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w78igRnf_sI&t=16s

Gin Gin / Spinster Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eh4F3D64mWw
2nd Nitrogen

Sarawak Rim / Gran Premio Criadores: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FzmzV1idT_U

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GLOBEFORM RATINGS

BREEDERS' CUP TURF (G1) | 12 furlongs Del Mar Sat. Nov. 1

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

Rank		Name of horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs	Trainer / Jockey
				From right to left (most recent first)	
0	8	**MINNIE HAUK** *3yo * filly ***	**124**	124 - 120p - 114+	A O'Brien / Soumillon
0 / 2	2	**GOLIATH** *GF 125 in July '24*	**125 / 122**	122 - 119 - 0	Graffard / Barzalona
3	1	**REBEL'S ROMANCE** *GF 122 B Cup Turf '24*	**122**	120 - 116 - 119	C Appleby / Buick
8p	4	**REDISTRICTING**	**117p**	114 - 117p - 112p	C Brown / Prat
10	10	**EL CORDOBES**	**115**	113 - 115 - 112p	C Appleby / Loughnane
10	9	**GOLD PHOENIX** *GF 115 B Cup Turf '24*	**115**	112 - 110 - 104	D'Amato / Rispoli
13	3	**AMILOC** *3yo *	**114**	114 - 113 - 110p	Beckett / Ryan
13	6	**WIMBLEDON HAWKEYE** *3yo**	**114**	114 - 110 - 107	Owen / Dettori
13	5	**REBEL RED** *GF 112 also in June '25*	**112**	108 - 112 - 105	DeVaux / I Ortiz Jr
14	14	**ETHICAL DIAMOND**	**111**	111 - 105	Mullins / McMonagle
15	7	**SILAWI**	**110**	110 - 110 - ?	Al Jehani / J Doyle
16	11	**RASHABAR** *3yo *	**111**	108 - 111 - 110	Meehan / Leavy
16	12	**TAWNY PORT**	**109**	109 - 108 - 104	Clement / M Franco
17	13	**HILL ROAD** *3yo* *GF 109 Belmont St., dirt, June*	**109**	100 - 105 - 104+	C Brown / D Egan

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*

** 3yos get 4lbs weight allowance*
GF weight-for-age European based 3yos vs. older horses 12 fur early Nov: 6lbs
GF weight-for-age North American based 3yos vs. older horses 12 fur early Nov: 5lbs

*** Fillies & mares: 3lbs sex weight allowance*

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Most recent winners of the Breeders' Cup Turf

2024	**REBEL'S ROMANCE**	**GF 120**	Charlie Appleby	William Buick
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 Barzelona
2016	**HIGHLAND REEL**	**GF 122**	Aidan O'Brien	Seamie Heffernan
2015	**MAGICIAN**	**GF 121**	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore

Average winning Globeform: 120.7

Del Mar, where the turf meets the surf

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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

MINNIE HAUK deserves to be favorite for the Turf, after having gone so close to winning the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe over 12 furlongs on testing ground at Longchamp in early October. It will be interesting to see how the betting shapes up in this race though. As there has been so much hype about Rebel's Romance in the US media, he could well be the one who goes off at the shortest odds. Minnie Hauk is the better horse and if she runs like she did in Paris she will be hard to beat. Yes, she enjoyed a near perfect trip, as did the winner Daryz, but it was a top class performance. The two drew 5 1/2 lengths clear the three-time G1 winner Sosie, who took third by a head from Giavellotto. Giavellotto was coming off a win against Kalpana - who failed to fire in the Arc but came back to win the British Champions Filly & Mare Stakes with ease 13 days later. Daryz, a nice 16-1 winner for us, outstayed Minnie Hauk to edge past her in the closing stages. Tasting defeat for the first time this year, she improved to **Globeform 124**, having notched up wins in the Epsom Oaks, Irish Oaks and Yorkshire Oaks on her way to Longchamp. She handled the ground well at Longchamp and, given that it is her best piece of form, on might suspect that very soft is what she prefers, but she was impressive on good to firm ground in the Yorkshire Oaks and appears to be a runner acting on any ground.

The daughter of Frankel ran what's often called 'a winning race' in the Arc. Now, that, plus a couple of other factors, *can* be used as an argument to bet against her at Del Mar. Firstly, no Arc winner has been able to follow up with a win in the Breeders' Cup Turf, secondly we should not forget how different Del Mar is compared to Longchamp. Longchamp is a right handed course with a long straight. Del Mar is a left handed oval with a particularly short straight. A third argument is the fact that Ryan Moore is sidelined and Minnie Hauk has super-sub Christophe Soumillon as her partner. He rode her also in France, but what some like to mention is that he does not have as impressive a record in the US as Moore has. Well, no, but he hasn't ridden as much here and when he has it has not been on the types of horses Moore has been on. Soumillon is a world class jockey; if the horse is good enough (and in this case she is) then he is good enough.

Will Minnie Hauk handle Del Mar? The good news in this regard is that her prep race for Epsom was a win at Chester, a sharp track not dissimilar to Del Mar, and she has won races over six different courses in Europe. so there must be a very good chance that she will be fine at Del Mar. She also has the advantage of possessing good tactical speed, not to forget that she is the best horse in the field. That often helps.

GOLIATH, who came back to form with a very strong win in the Grosser Preis von Baden in early September, was recommended as a value future bet at 20-1 for the BC Turf the following week. He dominated throughout in the 12-furlong contest and kept on far too strongly for Dubai Honour at the finish, beating him readily by 1 1/4 lengths as the useful German yardstick Straight took third 1 3/4 lengths further adrift. Dubai Honour was second in this race in 2024. He won the prestigious Tancred Stakes, and he ran second to Via Sistina, one of Australia's top performers, in the Queen Elizabeth Stakes early this year - and he was a good second to Convergent in the Prix du Conseil de Paris in October. Subscribers who had not joined in at the early stage when he was 20-1 and 14-1 should consider backing him at 10-1 now. He is one of three top class horses in the field and it looks a good each-way bet.

A 5yo son of Adlerflug, Goliath is just the right type for the Breeders' Cup Turf and he has absolute top class form in the book, including an impressive win in the King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot last year, when he beat the subsequent Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner Bluestocking easily by 2 1/4 lengths. Rebel's Romance and Auguste Rodin were further behind. Because Goliath is a gelding he could not go for the 'Arc'. Instead, he followed up with a gutsy half-length win against the good mudlark Hamish in a G2 on heavy ground at Longchamp, before running a respectable race to finish sixth in the Japan Cup in Tokyo.

He disappointed badly - running as if something was amiss - in the Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud in June, but signaled that he was on his way back when beaten just a head by First Look (who was in receipt of 2lbs) in a G3 over 10 furlongs at Deauville in August, three weeks before his win in Germany. Goliath has the right qualities and running style for a 12-furlong race at Del Mar, and his experience from racing over different courses in Europe will stand him in good stead at the Breeders' Cup.

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REBEL'S ROMANCE will get plenty of attention. Having won the Breeders' Cup Turf twice and picked up G1 wins also in Germany, Hong Kong and Dubai, he has an impressive CV, including an effortless win in the 12-furlong Hirsch Turf Classic at Aqueduct in late September. He is trying to emulate Goldikova and as a three-time winner of the same Breeders' Cup event. He is not one of the very best performers in Europe but he's not far behind them either. He took the 14-furlong Yorkshire Cup by a head at York in May, before winning the Hardwicke Stakes over 12 furlongs at Royal Ascot in June, winning by 1 13/4 lengths from fellow G1 winner Al Riffa, who outclassed **AMILOC** by 4 lengths in the Irish St Leger to become favorite for the Melbourne Cup.

The Hardwicke was used as a stepping stone to the prestigious King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes over the same course and distance in July. Calandagan and Kalapana both proved too good for him there but Rebel's Romance was a game third, beaten 3 1/2 lengths by the winner. Calandagan went on to win the Champion Stakes impressively at Ascot in October and on the same day Kalpana took the British Champions Filly & Mare Stakes with ease. Rebel Romance's next task was the much easier Grosser Preis von Berlin over 12 furlongs at Hoppegarten in August. He went off as the 1/5 favorite and he won, albeit not as easy as the betting had suggested he would. He battled home gamely by 3/4 length from Junko, who had been 6 lengths behind Calandagan in the Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud on his preceding start.

Rebel's Romance ran to **Globeform 122** when beating Rousham Park by a neck in the Breeders' Cup Turf at Del Mar last year; and he produced GF 120 when winning the Hirsch Turf Classic. That run told us that he is as good as he was last year and he has a good chance as he tries to make racing history.

REDISTRICTING was beaten 3 1/2 lengths when second to **REBEL'S ROMANCE** in the Hirsch Turf Classic over 12 furlongs at Aqueduct last time out, but that was not his best piece of form. He has always threatened to become a high class horse though it has taken its time to get everything right for this gelding. Things seem to have fallen into place this season. He moved up to GF 112p when winning the 9-Monmouth Stakes in June, and improved again with a very solid performance in the United Nations Stakes over 11 furlongs at the same venue in July. Taking the race by 1 1/2 lengths from Grand Sonata (with **REBEL RED** back in seventh), he improved to **Globeform 117p** and there could be better still to come from this lightly raced 5yo. Redistricting was a bit keen early but eventually settled while racing just off the pace by the rail, and he quickened well to put the race to bed inside the final furlong. He was giving 4lbs both to Grand Sonata and Major Dude, who finished third. Grand Sonata went on to take second, half a length behind Fort Washington, in the Arlington Million next time out, while Major Dude was a respectable fifth in the Mint Million at Kentucky Downs on his subsequent outing and has won an allowance heat since. Redistricting, a well backed favorite for the United Nations, galloped out with energy after the contest. The Chad Brown trainee did not run as well in the Hirsch Turf Classic but it was a respectable performance and he remains an interesting horse in this division.

EL CORDOBES, like Redistricting without a chance when Rebel's Romance attacked from the front in the 12-furlong Hirsch Turf Classic at Aqueduct, is also a contender whose best piece of form lies two starts back. He took a nice step forward when beating **REBEL RED** by half a length to win the Sword Dancer Stakes over 12 furlongs at Saratoga in early August. With his stable companion Nations Pride 3/4 length further back in third and the rest, including the solid route horse Far Bridge, well beaten, El Cordobes improved to **Globeform 115** with that performance. He raced with good zest all the way around, saving ground by the rail, and came with a good kick at the finish under Flavien Prat. When he was sent to Saratoga El Cordobes was coming off a good win over 12 furlongs in the Princess Of Wales's Stakes at the Newmarket July course, a course with emphasis is on stamina. Traveling well just off the pace in the four-runner field, he made his move inside the last furlong and stayed on for an easy 2-length win. His runner-up, **WIMBLEDON HAWKEYE**, had previously run fifth in the 2,000 Guineas and fourth in the King Edward VII Stakes (often billed as the 'Ascot Derby'), was beaten just a nose by the hot favorite Merchant in the Gordon Stakes at Goodwood next time out - and then he won the Nashville Derby at Kentucky Downs. El Cordobes stays a mile and a half well and he could well be open to further improvement, something we can't say about Wimbledon Hawkeye. He ran a game race at Kentucky Downs but he was all out to win a photo finish against Burnham Square, with **HILL ROAD** third, and this field is too tough for these three-year-olds.

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GOLD PHOENIX, who was fourth 3 1/2 lengths behind **REBEL'S ROMANCE** in the Breeders' Cup Turf last year, is coming off two straight wins as he goes for the big race once more; he was fourth also in the 2023 edition, staged at Santa Anita. Having returned a career high **Globeform 115** at the Breeders' Cup twelve months ago, he ran to GF 110 to take the Del Mar Handicap in late August and to GF 112 when following up in the John Henry Turf Cup at Santa Anita a month later. With a 5-for-9 record over this course, he hold home court advantage but it's going to be harder to sneak into the Superfecta this time.

AMILOC is a bit of a dark horse in the mix. One would think that we know all there is to know about a horse that has graduated through the grades with five straight wins before being beaten 4 lengths as a runner-up in G1 company; but perhaps not. Amiloc came up short when Al Riffa turned it on late in the Irish St Leger but that was over 1 3/4 miles, which may be too far for Amiloc, and note that Al Riffa is favorite for the Melbourne Cup, set to be run on November 4. Al Qazeem, a really tough stayer in England, was third, well behind Amiloc in Ireland; and he came back to win a G3 event on his next outing and was then third in British Champions Stayer Cup. Amiloc had previously captured the King Edward VII Stakes at Royal Ascot, winning the 12-furlong race by 3/4 length from Zahrann. **WIMBLEDON HAWKEYE** was fourth. Zahrann franked the form by winning a G3 next time out; but he could beat just one home when going off at 11-2 for the Irish Champion Stakes. Amiloc has run to **Globeform 114**, the same figure as Wimbledon Hawkeye returned in the Nashville Derby, but - although Amiloc has not earned a "p" to go with his rating - does have profile of a possible improver. He is a longshot to consider including in Trifecta plans.

CONCLUSION: Three horses stand out; Minnie Hauk, Goliath and Rebel's Romance. It's impossible to oppose Minnie Hauk. She is simply the best horse in this field and, as 3yo filly, she could be improving still. The only worry would be if she were to bounce after such a big performance in the Arc, but Aidan O'Brien is a master at making sure these things seldom happen. Rebel's Romance could get enough attention to start favorite, in which case Minnie Hauk becomes a win bet. Goliath, recommended at 20-1 early on in this service, is just a big a threat at Rebel's Romance, and his 8-1 price is still too big. His best form in Europe is better than anything Rebel's Romance has done and he should be backed across the board / each way. There's a good chance, as always, of an all European trifecta in the Turf, but one horse that could make sure this doesn't happen is Redistricting. He ran a huge race here at Del Mar last year and his form in the United Nations puts him right in the mix for a top three or four placing in this race. At 15-1 on the morning line, and as big as 25-1 with the bookmakers, he the one that can create some value in these exotics.

A Trifecta plan with Minnie Hauk on top and Rebel's Romance and Goliath in second / third with the four C-horses is unlikely to give us a massive return, but exotics often pay over the odds at the Breeders' Cup and this is the sensible way to get involved.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	**8 MINNIE HAUK**
B	1 REBEL'S ROMANCE, 2 GOLIATH
C	3 AMILOC, 4 REDISTRICTING, 9 GOLD PHOENIX, 10 EL CORDOBES

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BREEDERS' CUP CLASSIC (G1) | 10 furlongs, Del Mar Sat. Nov. 1

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

Rank		Name of horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs From right to left (most recent first)	Trainer / Jockey
0 / 5+	1	**FIERCENESS** *GF 128 in Aug '24*	128 / 123+	123+ 110 - 116	Pletcher / Velazquez
1 / 6+	7	**SIERRA LEONE** *GF 127 in Nov '24*	127 / 122+	114+ 122+ 122+	Brown / Prat
4	8	**MINDFRAME**	124	Lost rider - 124 - 120p	Pletcher / I Ortiz Jr
4	5	**FOREVER YOUNG**	124	?+ 109 - 124 - 121	Yahagi / Sakai
4	9	**JOURNALISM** *3yo*	124	116 - 120 - 123	McCarthy / J L Ortiz
5	2	**BAEZA** *3yo* *GF 123 in May '25*	123	121+ 119+ 116	Shirreffs / Berrios
8p	3	**NEVADA BEACH** *3yo*	120p	120p - 110p - 102p	Baffert / Smith
11	10	**ANTIQUARIAN**	117	117 - 116 - 112	Pletcher / L Saez
29	4	**CONTRARY THINKING**	99	97 - 0 - 99	C Brown / Geroux
	6	~~**SOVEREIGNY**~~	~~130p~~	SCRATCHED	W Mott /

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 Breeders' Cup Classic

2024	SIERRA LEONE	127	Chad Brown	Flavien Prat
2023	WHITE ABARRIO	124+	Richard Dutrow	Irad Ortiz Jr
2022	FLIGHTLINE	147	John Sadler	Flavien Prat
2021	KNICKS GO	130+	Brad Cox	Joel Rosario
2020	AUTHENTIC	128	Bob Baffert	John Velazquez
2019	VINO ROSSO	129	Todd Pletcher	John Velazquez
2018	ACCELERATE	124	John Sadler	Joel Rosario
2017	GUN RUNNER	127	Steve Asmussen	Florent Geroux
2016	ARROGATE	139	Bob Baffert	Mike Smith
2015	AMERICAN PHAROAH	128	Bob Baffert	Victor Espinoza

Average winning Globeform: 130.3

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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

FIERCENESS came back to high class form when beating **JOURNALISM** easily by 3 1/4 lengths in the Pacific Classic over 10 furlongs here at Del Mar in late August. Performing to GF 123+ on the day, he was not at his absolute best but he didn't need to be, and one can also argue that he might have returned a higher ratings with a less erratic run. He ducked left after the start and almost crashed into the rail. John Velazquez did well to correct him and the colt was soon back on an even keel and ready to put up a solid performance. Never far off the pace, he did race a bit freely though and was clearly lit up. Velazquez made his move as they headed into the far turn, sending his horse to the lead going between horses, and he got the first jump on Journalism, who was beginning to make up ground from last place. He was never going to get to Fierceness, who was very strong coming down the lane. He may have been slightly flattered by the margin, as Journalism was eased a bit close home, but he was so much the best. Having run a huge race when second in the BC Classic over this course last year, he once again showed us that Del Mar suits him really well.

His Pacific Classic win came when many would have doubted that Fierceness would regain top form as a four-year-old; he was not at his best when second to Raging Torrent in the Met Mile at Saratoga in June (wrong distance, sloppy track) and he was well below his best when fifth, 5 3/4 lengths behind **SIERRA LEONE**, in the Whitney Stakes over 9 furlongs at the same venue in August. Coming off a two-month break, Fierceness may have needed the run that day.

He was beaten by **SIERRA LEONE** in the Breeders' Cup Classic last year - but lost nothing in defeat that day. After sitting close to a wicked pace that played the cards right into Sierra Leone's lap, he surrendered late and went down by 1 1/2 lengths in the championship event. Japan's champion **FOREVER YOUNG** was 1 1/4 lengths behind Fierceness in the BC Classic. It's quite neat that we get to see these three clash again in the Breeders' Cup Classic. Fierceness could well be the one who does best of these three; he is a win contender for sure.

Having won the 2023 Breeders' Cup Juvenile and the 2024 Florida Derby, Fierceness was favorite for the Kentucky Derby last year - but he faded tamely to finish second last at Churchill Downs. He bounced right back with a win in the Jim Dandy Stakes over 9 furlongs at Saratoga in July, when he beat **SIERRA LEONE** by a length, and he followed up with an even better performance to land the 10-furlong Travers Stakes the following month, beating champion filly Thorpedo Anna by a head while conceding 5lbs. Sierra Leone ran third in the Travers, beaten almost two lengths by Fierceness. His Travers win, and his 13 1/2-length stroll in the Florida Derby, were both worth **Globeform 128**, while he ran to GF 124 at the Breeders' Cup. He performed to GF 126p when taking the Breeders' Cup Juvenile (on what was only his third start) and he has been operating at the top level since.

SIERRA LEONE comes here in an attempt at emulating Tiznow, who won the Breeders' Cup Classic back to back in 2000 - 2001. After a set back that held him up at the beginning of the year, this 4yo has enjoyed a near perfect progression leading up to the big day. He should have been coming off two big wins. His one-length win over Highland Falls in the 9-furlong Whitney Stakes at Saratoga in early August was expected to be followed up by another success in the 10-furlong Jockey Club Gold Cup at the same track four weeks later, but the horrible incident caused by Phileas Fogg at the start almost brought him to his knees, and the race was ruined, not just for Sierra Leone though. He did well to recover sufficiently to get up for second, beaten 1 1/2 lengths behind **ANTIQUARIAN**, who was a fortunate winner. Sierra Leone ran to GF 122+ in the Jockey Club, the same rating he produced when winning the Whitney. His Breeders' Cup Classic win last year was worth **Globeform 127** and it's fair to assume that he can get back to that level - but, like most things in racing, it's not a given. The strong pace set things perfectly up for him twelve months ago, though it is also worth noting that he was able to race much closer to the action than he had been in the past that day. Sierra Leone's earlier races were nerve racking; he was way back, and came with relentless runs to pass horses. Hi finish in the BC Classic was also relentless; he got to Fierceness, who was beginning to pay the price for having been part of a wicked pace, and edged past him to win by 1 1/2 lengths, with **FOREVER YOUNG** back in third place. Can he beat them again this year? Of course he can. Give him a strong pace to close into and Sierra Leone is a danger to all in this race and, with his team running the pacemaker Contrary Thinking a strong pace is probably what we will see. >>>

>>> Sierra Leone met another Classic contender, **MINDFRAME**, in the Stephen Foster Stakes over 9 furlongs at Churchill Downs back in June - and lost to him - but turning the tables on that rival, as they meet over 10 furlongs, should be a formality. Mindframe, who had won the 7-furlong Churchill Downs Stakes in May, beat Sierra Leone by a length, but Sierra Leone was every bit as impressive as the winner. The race suited Mindframe better, and he went off favorite. Sierra Leone was up against it coming from last to second off a moderate pace and he closed in strongly at the finish.

MINDFRAME lost his rider at the start of the Jockey Club Gold Cup, and he has not raced since, meaning that he is now coming off a four-month break. It must be unprecedented and it was certainly not the kind of preparation his connections had wanted. Of course, he had been trained for the Jockey Club Gold Cup (run on August 31) so he was fit two months ago - but he did not get to race. Quite how it may affect him to go for the biggest race of all in what is almost like a seasonal debut is impossible to say.

He raced up with the pace throughout and improved to **Globeform 124** when winning the Stephen Foster Stakes over 9 furlongs at Churchill Downs in June. Mindframe kept on gamely to win by a length from **SIERRA LEONE**, who finished best of all and got second, 1 1/4 lengths in front of Oaklawn Handicap winner First Mission. Mindframe was coming off a win in the 7-furlong Churchill Downs Stakes on Kentucky Derby day, a race he took impressively by coming from off the pace over a sloppy track. Showing what a versatile performer he is, he ran to GF 120p, the same figure he had earned as runner-up to Dornoch in the 10-furlong Belmont Stakes last year. He was a good second to that rival also in the Haskell at Monmouth Park, he has improved this season and one thing to bear in mind is that Mindframe was a late developing horse last year; his mileage is considerably lower than Fierceness and Sierra Leone - so perhaps he can improve past them, but; if that happens, will it be over 10 furlongs? He did well over this distance against Dornoch twice last year though on both occasions it was the latter's superior stamina that won the day. Mindframe's optimum trip appears to be 9 furlongs.

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FOREVER YOUNG is set for a second crack at the Breeders' Cup Classic, having finished third behind **SIERRA LEONE** and **FIERCENESS** last year. That was a strong performance but he was even better when winning the 9-furlong Saudi Cup in February, a race he captured by outstaying the Hong Kong champion Romantic Warrior to beat him by a neck. The two drew over ten lengths clear of another highly rated Japanese horse, Ushba Tesoro, and it was some race. Romantic Warrior, a turf horse coming off eight straight wins, looked all over the winner as his rider unleashed him at the top of the lane - but Forever Young rallied late to deny him. Romantic Warrior was held at the world's best horse by the (Euro / Hong biased) official handicappers. I'm not so sure about these World Rankings, by the way; this year they are telling us that Ombudsman is a better horse than Sovereignty, and US based runners are all too often underrated.

That the Saudi Cup was rated too highly may or may not have become evident when Forever Young and Romantic Warrior ran at Meydan in early April; Forever Young finished third behind Hit Show and Mixto in the Dubai World Cup and Romantic Warrior lost to Soul Rush as the 2/5 favorite for the Dubai Turf. It was probably a case of finally revealing what Romantic Warrior was all about - but when it comes to Forever Young it was different story. His trainer opened up about what had happened a few weeks later, telling the media that his horse had been subjected to highly unsatisfactory treatment leading up to the race, and that he had sent a letter of complaint to the Emirates Racing Authority.

In his letter, trainer Yahagi raised concerns over Forever Young's pre-race treatment, specifically an episode where the horse was confined in a dark room for approximately 40 minutes for urine sample collection. According to Yahagi, the ERA staff assigned to the task gave conflicting instructions, resulting in confusion and disarray at the scene. Ultimately, no urine was collected, and with minimal time left before heading to the saddling area, the horse became agitated, exerted undue effort, and depleted his energy reserves. Yahagi wrote candidly, "I deeply regret that he ended up being the greatest victim of this incident."

Forever Young was the only horse in the Dubai World Cup lineup asked to provide a urine sample prior to the race. In light of the unique burden placed on his horse, Yahagi questioned the legitimacy of such treatment and also stressed the ERA's duty to provide clear explanations to the Japanese public, international fans, and media, given the global wagering on the event. The letter urged the ERA to provide a clear, non-misleading account of the situation and requested an apology, emphasizing the need for constructive dialogue to prevent similar occurrences in the future.

The horse ran so far below his true form that it's easy to accept that something had affected him in a negative way. Having been beaten a short head when third to Mystik Dan in last year's Kentucky Derby and 2 3/4 lengths when third to Sierra Leone at the Breeders' Cup, he is much better than Hit Show and Mixto, that's for sure. He performed to GF 121 at Del Mar last year and he moved up to **Globeform 124** in the Saudi Cup. Whether he can improve again is hard to say but this son of Real Steel has been specifically trained for the Breeders' Cup Classic, he comes here a fresh horse and he comes here with a chance. He bypassed the Japan Dirt Classic this year (a race he used as Breeders' Cup prep in 2024) and instead ran in the Nippon TV Hai, a 9-furlong race where he met vastly inferior rivals and won readily. Coming from off the pace, he took it by 2 1/2 lengths from minor stakes winner Revontulet. Forever Young idled through the last half-furlong, with more up his sleeve. He ran to approximately GF 115+ and it was a fully satisfactory comeback.

JOURNALISM, who gets a new rider in Jose Oriz, was no match for **FIERCENESS** in the Pacific Classic, where he stayed on from the pack to get second, beaten 3 1/4 lengths (but eased a bit close home), and it's a bit hard to see how this 3yo can beat the best in the Breeders' Cup Classic. He has been put in place twice by Sovereignty but the main point when we assess his chances is that he has had a hard season already. He ran in all three Triple Crown races, then he went for the Haskell Invitational at Monmouth Park, where he beat Gosger, who was his runner-up also in the Preakness, before meeting Fierceness in the Pacific Classic. Journalism is a tough horse with a great racing attitude but he would need to improve to win the big race; and is it fair to expect improvement from this son of Curlin? He was head and shoulders the best horse going into the Haskell, having been second in the Kentucky Derby and Belmont Stakes, and won the Preakness in dramatic fashion in between. He added the Haskell to his CV but he left it late as he came with a sustained run to beat Gosger by half a length in the 9-furlong contest. >>>

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Journalism gained a most remarkable and well deserved win in the 9.5-furlong Preakness Stakes. Having almost been brought down when bumped around between rivals at the finish, he showed great guts to get the job done - picking up momentum once he was in the clear to pass Gosger for a half-length win also in that race. It was impressive but perhaps a bit too much was made of this performance by the media. Gosger is a nice colt though it would not have been possible to get by him like that if he were a proper G1 performer and beating him was all it too to win the Haskell too. Gosger went from that race to the Pennsylvania Derby, and could manage only sixth place, almost twelve lengths behind **BAEZA**. That was an off day for Gosger but it's still a piece of the puzzle.

Ratings tell us that Journalism ran his best races in the Kentucky Derby and in the Belmont Stakes, so the 10-furlong distance is clearly to his liking. He produced a career best **Globeform 124** when beaten 1 1/2 lengths by Sovereignty at Churchill Downs, the Preakness win required no more than GF 116 and his Belmont effort was worth GF 123. He would have run to a higher figure at Pimlico given a clean trip and he has been given GF 120+; in other words rated as a 2 1/2-length winner of that contest.

BAEZA got his well deserved Grade 1 win in the Pennsylvania Derby, taking the 9-furlong event with authority after having been held up at the back. He made smooth progress going around the home turn and could be called the winner well before coming into the lane. He opened up a clear led and held on to it to score by 2 1/4 lengths from Louisiana Derby winner Magnitude who was running on late and beat Goal Oriented by 2 lengths for second place. Baeze was simply too good for his rivals but it's worth noting that he carried 4lbs less than Magnitude - so perhaps we should not get too excited by the performance. He is a relatively lightly raced 3yo though, a horse that ran just once at two, and he may have room for further improvement. This will be his first start at Del Mar since his debut last December, when he finished ninth of eleven runners. The well bred Baeza has come a long way since that run.

His best piece of form came in the Kentucky Derby, where he produced **Globeform 123** to get third, beaten 1 3/4 lengths behind the mighty **SOVEREIGNTY**, who beat **JOURNALISM** by 1 1/2 lengths. Baeza has not been able to reproduce that figure since but his third in the Belmont Stakes and his close second in the Jim Dandy, where he was just a length behind Sovereignty, were also solid runs - and he ran to GF 121+ in the Pennsylvania Derby. It was all he needed to get the job done. It was a timely win and the best thing about it was that Baeze won without having a particularly hard race. He is a possible improver and should not be dismissed. It's a bit hard to see him winning the Classic but he could sneak into the Trifecta.

NEVADA BEACH is the dark horse in this year's Breeders' Cup Classic. Does anybody actually know how good this colt is? A late developing 3yo trained by Bob Baffert, he captured to the 9-furlongs Goodwood Stakes at Santa Anita in late September. He outstayed the odds-on favorite Full Serrano to win the race readily by 1 1/2 lengths, with his barnmate Privman 3 1/4 lengths further adrift in third place. It was not a particularly deep field for a top level contest and Full Serrano failed to stay the trip, but Nevada Beach was still a bit impressive. Improving markedly from his win against just two rivals in the 9-furlong Los Alamitos Derby two months earlier, he returned a career best **Globeform 120p**. He came from off the pace in the Goodwood and stayed on gamely at the finish, signaling that another furlong would be very welcome. There are two reasons to expect further progress from this son of Omaha Beach. Firstly, he is likely to step up again with more experience; secondly, the 10-furlong trip is probably going to suit him even better than nine furlongs did. He has a fair bit to find with Sovereignty of course but - on this year's form - Nevada Beach actually isn't all that far behind Sierra Leone, Fierceness, Sierra Leone, Journalism and Baeza. He is definitely a horse that should be considered by Trifecta players.

Getting 'boosting help' from a Baffert trained longshot in exotics is not exactly common but we only need to look a year back to find one that did. Baffert's 15-1 chance Newgate finished fourth in the 2024 BC Classic. With Sierra Leone winning the race from Fierceness and Forever Young, there's little doubt as to which horse contributed most to a massive 2024-1 Superfecta return that day. Nevada Beach's credentials are just as good and, unlike Newgate, he comes into the big race as a potential improver. >>>

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CONCLUSION: Losing Sovereignty was a real blow, not just to the Classic but the entire weekend. The good news is that he did not defect due to injury and hopefully he will stay in training. With him out, this race becomes wide open; you can make a case for most of the runners, with exception of the pacemaker of course. Contrary Thinking's job is to set a strong pace for his barnmate Sierra Leone, who won last year. There's enough speed in the field anyway, and this should set things up well for Sierra Leone. He is by no means a confident selection but he has a good chance of winning the race back to back. Fierceness, Forever Young, Mindframe, Journalism, Baeza and Nevada Beach... well, there are six legitimate dangers here, so this gets complicated. Perhaps so much so that the wise move is to pass on the race. Pass on the Breeders' Cup Classic? Really? I never thought I would even contemplate such a move.

This is the ultimate test of being a disciplined horseplayer - and we will probably fail. Let's play the race, though it should be to small stakes I think. Sierra Leone is the narrow selection, so here goes; how about using him as the winner, with Baffert's improving 3yo Nevada Beach as the main horse underneath. Nevada Beach is not *that* far below the best on ratings and if there is a horse ready to take a big step forward in this field it's him. His win against Dirt Mile contender Full Serrano in the Goodwood was a better performance than most people seem to realize, and the way he won that race suggested that this step up in distance will suit him well. On what these horses have shown in 2025, Nevada Beach is just a couple of lengths off the top ranked runners in this field. Nobody should be surprised if he improves by at least two lengths.

His 20-1 morning line (surprisingly unchanged after Sovereignty's scratch) **is way too big**, that's for sure. At that sort of price **Nevada Beach is well worth a wager**, while the Trifecta / Superfecta plan can be with Sierra Leone on top and Nevada Beach getting into the first four, with all others included (Contrary Thinking can be left out but 'never leave one out' in a plan like this *is* a good rule). Doing the same plan with Nevada Beach on top, to smaller stakes, also makes sense.

This is not an expensive play and, Given that Nevada Beach is 20-1, it gives us a shot at a decent return

Then there's the temptation of doing a couple of form-linked, speculative (and optimistic) horizontal bets; Pick 3 and Pick 4 plans where we single Nevada Beach in the Classic and Full Serrano in the Dirt Mile.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	**7 SIERRA LEONE**
B	3 NEVADA BEACH
C	1 FIERCENESS, 2 BAEZA, 5 FOREVER YOUNG, 8 MINDFRAME, 9 JOURNALISM

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2nd Baeza

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2nd Journalism 3rd Baeza

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2nd Journalism 3rd Baeza

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2nd Journalism

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2nd Sierra Leone Lost rider: Mindframe

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BREEDERS' CUP MILE (G1) | 8 furlongs Del Mar Sat. Nov. 1

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Rank		Name of horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs From right to left (most recent first)	Trainer / Jockey
0	2	**NOTABLE SPEECH** *GF 121 in May '24*	121	116+ 119+ 112+	C Appleby / Buick
2	7	**JOHANNES** *GF 119 B Cup Mile '24*	119	115+ 108+ 115+	Yakteen / Rispoli
5p	3	**SAHLAN** *3yo **	117p	117p - 110p - ?	Graffard / Barzalona
5p	8	**FORMIDABLE MAN**	116p	116p - 113p - 109	McCarthy / Velazquez
5	9	**ARGINE** *mare ***	113	113 - 113 - 113	Nakauchida / Dettori
6p	11	**RHETORICAL**	115p	115p - 106p - 106p	Walden / I Ortiz Jr
4p / 13+	1	**ONE STRIPE** *GF 117p South Africa*	117 / 108+	108+ / ?++ 117p	Motion / J J Hernandez
5p / 8+	5	**PROGRAM TRADING** *GF 116 in May '24*	116 / 113+	113+ 112 - 111	Brown / Prat
6	4	**THE LION IN WINTER** *3yo **	116	115 - 116 - 99	A P O'Brien / Soumillon
7	13	**QIRAT**	114	112 - 113 - 114	Beckett / Ryan
7 / 12	10	**JONQUIL** *3yo ** *GF 115 in May '25*	115 / 110	107+ 110 - 95	Balding / Keane
9	6	**GRAN ORIENTE**	112	112 - 0 - 104	Alvarez / Berrios
12	12	**GAS ME UP**	109	109 - 107p - 107p	K Attard / J L Ortiz

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*

** 3yo; 3lbs weight allowance*
GF weight-for-age 3yo vs older 1 mile early Nov: US trained 3lbs | Euro trained 4lb

*** Fillies / mares: 3lbs sex weight allowance, add 3lbs to GF rating for direct comparison with males*

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Most recent winners of the Breeders' Cup Mile

2024	**MORE THAN LOOKS**	**GF 122p**	Cherie DeVaux	Jose L Ortiz
2023	**MASTER OF THE SEAS**	**GF 120+**	Charlie Appleby	William Buick
2022	**MODERN GAMES**	**GF 120+**	Charlie Appleby	William Buick
2021	**SPACE RULES**	**GF 118**	Charlie Appleby	William Buick
2020	**ORDER OF AUSTRALIA**	**GF 118**	Aidan O'Brien	Christophe Soumillon
2019	**UNI**	**GF 119**	Chad Brown	Joel Rosario
2018	**EXPERT EYE**	**GF 118p**	Sir Michael Stoute	Frankie Dettori
2017	**WORLD APPROVAL**	**GF 119**	Mark Casse	John Velazquez
2016	**TOURIST**	**GF 118**	William Mott	Joel Rosario
2015	**TEPIN**	**GF 117**	Mark Casse	Julien Leparoux

Average winning Globeform: 118.9

BREEDERS' CUP WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS POST TIMES & TELEVISION SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31 • FUTURE STARS FRIDAY

Network	Post Time PDT/EDT	Race #	Race Name
FANDUEL TV peacock	11:35 a.m./2:35 p.m.	Race 1	The Pacific Shore (1xm Allowance)
	12:10 p.m./3:10 p.m.	Race 2	The Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance Stakes
	12:45 p.m./3:45 p.m.	Race 3	Golden State Juvenile Fillies Stakes
USA Network peacock	1:25 p.m./4:25 p.m.	Race 4	Senator Ken Maddy Stakes (L)
	2:05 p.m./5:05 p.m.	Race 5	Golden State Juvenile Stakes
			OPENING CEREMONIES
	2:45 p.m./5:45 p.m.	Race 6	Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint (G1)
	3:25 p.m./6:25 p.m.	Race 7	NetJets Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (G1)
	4:05 p.m./7:05 p.m.	Race 8	John Deere Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf (G1)
	4:45 p.m./7:45 p.m.	Race 9	FanDuel Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) *Presented by Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance*
FANDUEL TV peacock	5:25 p.m./8:25 p.m.	Race 10	Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf (G1)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1 • CHAMPIONSHIPS SATURDAY

Network	Post Time PDT/EDT	Race #	Race Name
FANDUEL TV peacock	10:05 a.m./1:05 p.m.	Race 1	The Sunrise (1xm Allowance)
	10:40 a.m./1:40 p.m.	Race 2	The Ocean View (1 xm Allowance)
USA Network peacock	11:15 a.m./2:15 p.m.	Race 3	Goldikova Stakes (G3) *Presented by Yaamava'*
			OPENING CEREMONIES
	12:00 p.m./3:00 p.m.	Race 4	PNC Bank Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint (G1)
NBC | peacock	12:41 p.m./3:41 p.m.	Race 5	Prevagen Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint (G1)
	1:21 p.m./4:21 p.m.	Race 6	Cygames Breeders' Cup Sprint (GI)
	2:01 p.m./5:01 p.m.	Race 7	Longines Breeders' Cup Distaff (GI)
	2:41 p.m./5:41 p.m.	Race 8	Longines Breeders' Cup Turf (GI)
	3:25 p.m./6:25 p.m.	Race 9	Longines Breeders' Cup Classic (GI)
peacock USA Network	4:05 p.m./7:05 p.m.	Race 10	FanDuel Breeders' Cup Mile (G1) *Presented by PDJF*
	4:45 p.m./7:45 p.m.	Race 11	Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (GI)
FANDUEL TV peacock	5:25 p.m./8:25 p.m.	Race 12	Maker's Mark Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf (GI)

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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

NOTABLE SPEECH didn't beat much when taking the Woodbine Mile, which has often been a good pointer to the Breeders' Cup Mile, but he did it well after what was anything but a smooth trip, and he must have a good chance of becoming a Breeders' Cup winner. In beating My Boy Prince and **GAS ME UP**, he performed to GF 116+ in Canada.

An impressive winner of the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket last year - when he also captured the Sussex Stakes at Goodwood - his European campaign has not been a success this year but that's down to bad luck; he ran a winning race when beaten a head by Diego Velazquez in the Prix Jacques le Marois at Deauville in August; flashing home strongly from well off the pace after a troubled run to miss out by just a head. Another stride or two and he would have won that race. With high class milers Dancing Gemini and Docklands filling third and fourth behind him, it was an excellent performance.

The son of Dubawi returned GF 119+ at Deauville. His career best came when he won the 2,000 Guineas, as he produced **Globeform 121** to beat Rosallion, who went on to win the Irish 2,000 Guineas on his next start. Notable Speech, a natural miler, ran a fine race also when third, beaten a length behind More Than Looks, in last year's Breeders' Cup Mile; and he can go two places better this time. His team did the Woodbine Mile / Breeders' Cup Mile double with Modern Games in 2022 and again with Master Of The Seas in 2023. Notable Speech is every bit as good as those two; he was struggling a bit to find his form after being held up in the spring, but his most recent runs suggest that he is back to his best. He prefers races with good pace though he does not need to be far back to race efficiently.

JOHANNES beat **NOTABLE SPEECH** by a head when they ran second and third in the Breeders' Cup Mile last year, and he is a strong contender once more. Having enjoyed a comfortable win in the City of Hope Mile at Santa Anita in late September, he comes here a fresh horse with just two runs this year under his belt. In effect, it's more like just one - as his trip to Saratoga turned out to be fruitless. He was one of the best turf performers in North America last year, when he also won the City of Hope en route to the Breeders' Cup. Unfortunately, injury paused him from late December to early August, when he resurfaced in the Fourtstardave Stakes at Saratoga. He met horses he would normally beat - but there was nothing normal about his experience of racing around the inner course at the Spa. Tardy as the stalls opened, he ended up right at the back of the ten-runner field and was pulling ferociously. The race was over already on the clubhouse turn for Johannes. He ran on a bit at the finish but had far too much to make up. His rider was easy on him inside the last sixteenth, still Johannes performed to GF 108+; beaten 5 lengths behind Deterministic, who was prominent throughout and followed up on his win in the Manhattan Stakes on his previous start.

Due to a set back in January, Johannes had been absent since beating the Seabiscuit winner Mi Hermano Ramon by 3/4 length in the San Gabriel Stakes over 9 furlongs at Santa Anita last December. That was meant to be his prep for the Pegasus World Cup Turf but a bone bruising ruled him out of that race and he was given plenty of time to recover. He was an excellent runner-up the Breeders' Cup Mile at Del Mar last fall. Running on well at the finish, the son of Nyquist lost by just three parts of a length to the late charging More Than Looks, improving to **Globeform 119**. He needed only GF 115+ in his prep race, where he had Almendares 1 1/2 lengths behind him in third place, and there's no reason to doubt that he can peak at the Breeders' Cup once more. If he does he has a winning chance. >>>

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FORMIDABLE MAN is an interesting 4yo that has been showing steady improvement this year, and he is probably underrated by most observers outside of California, where he has produced smart form over a mile both at Santa Anita and Del Mar. His best form to date came at Del Mar though, and it came on his most recent start, a win in the Del Mar Mile in late August. Formidable Man had previously won a sub-standard edition of the Kilroe Mile at Santa Anita and the Eddie Read Stakes at Del Mar (also a bit soft for its lofty reputation); but he came up with better form in the Del Mar Mile. Coming from just off the pace, he found a nice turn of foot at the finish and went smoothly past rivals to win the race comfortably by 1 1/2 lengths from Almendares, who was carrying 4lbs less than the winner. Formidable Man had more up his sleeve as he passed the winning post and he was full of energy coming back in after the event. This win moved him up to **Globeform 116p**, and his four most recent starts show a nice rating progression; GF 110, 109, 113p and 116p. This Mike McCarthy trained son of City of Light is on an upward curve and he must be respected.

SAHLAN is a fast improving 3yo for the highly successful Francis-Henri Graffard team, and he is definitely in with a chance in the Breeders' Cup Mile. He ran to **Globeform 117p** when winning the Prix du Moulin over a mile at Longchamp in early September. His runner-up, the consistent (but often luckless) G1 performer Rosallion, may have been a frustrating loser for his connections, but take nothing away from Sahlan. He stayed on resolutely from off the pace to throw down a challenge going into the final furlong and led with les than half a furlong to go. He held on by a short head from Rosallion, who was a neck better than The Lion In Winter. Rosallion is one of the best milers around; he won two G1 events over the distance last year and this was the third time he's come out second best in a G1 this season. The Lion In Winter was seen as Aidan O'Brien's best 2yo last year; he has taken his time to hit form in 2025 but it's worth noting that he ran second to Cicero's Gift (admittedly a 100-1 upset winner) in the Queen Elizabeth II at Ascot six weeks later.

Sahlan needs to improve again to end up in the winners' circle at Del Mar, but probably not by all that much. He jumped up from GF 110p (his winning form in a G3 at Deauville in August) to Globeform 117p in the Moulin, and he could well take another big step up the ratings ladder. A well balanced colt who travels well in his races, he is just the type to enjoy a two-turn mile; he likes to be held up for a late run.

ARGINE has been unusually consistent in Japan, running to **Globeform 113** in each of her three most recent races, all on turf. A daughter of champion sprinter Lord Kanaloe (who has sired classy horse staying further than he did), she is out a G3 winner over 9 furlongs, and Argine's best form has come over a mile. She beat Beyond the Valley (who beat Filly & Mare Sprint contender Fee Blanche in October) by a length in a G3 over that distance in August, having run fourth in the G1 Victoria Mile in May. She was beaten 1 1/4 lengths behind the smart filly Ascoli Piceno, who ran sixth, 3 1/2 lengths behind Diego Velazquez, in the Prix Jacques le Marois at Deauville in August.

RHETORICAL, winner of 5 of his 6 races, has been improving rapidly in his most recent races, and he caused a bit up an upset when winning the Coolmore Turf Mile at Keeneland in early October. The New York bred son of Not This Time had been impressive in an allowance race and in the restricted West Point Stakes at Saratoga, but the Turf Mile represented a big step up in class. He took it all in his stride; positioned just off the pace by Irad Ortiz Jr, he finished well and came home half a length in front **PROGRAM TRADING**, who ran on from the back to get second a neck in front of Brilliant Berti. The four-year-old William Waldfen trainee had needed GF 106p to win each of his two preceding races but he jumped right up to **Globeform 115p** at Keeneland. That puts him not too far off the top rated runners in this Breeders' Cup Mile and he is a live contender. >>>

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ONE STRIPE is an interesting longshot who could surprise. He never got into the race, was pace compromised and a bit rusty when fifth behind **NOTABLE SPEECH** in the Woodbine Mile, his first start in North America; but he showed enough on that day to be given a positive tick in the notebook. He has plenty of those already and this is a horse to consider using underneath by Trifecta / Superfecta players. He was a top class performer in his native South Africa, and he is a very interesting new name in the turf division. Given that he had a G1 win this year, and Notable Speech did not, the Graham Motion trainee had to give the English Guineas winner 4lbs - another disadvantage. One Stripe, who is a also a Guineas winner, was an improving horse when he left South Africa to join Motion, and the progress could well continue. He should have been coming to the US off three straight G1 wins, by the way, as he was badly hampered and wiped right out when making a winning move 300 meters out in the Princess Charlene Big Cap at Kenilworth in March (eased to be sixth). Prior to that nightmare day he had won the Cape Guineas and the King's Plate, both over a mile at the same venue. He came from well off the pace in the Guineas, a race he took by 1 1/4 lengths from Eight On Eighteen (a winner of three G1 events since). The King's Plate win was gained from just off the pace; One Stripe was much the best as he faced older horses; he beat 75-1 shot Montien readily by 1 3/4 lengths, with 14-1 shot Gimme A Prince a neck further back in third place. Montien was coming off a fourth in a G3 and went on to run third in a G1 next time out, while Gimme A Prince went from the King's Plate to a 5 3/4-length win in a G1 sprint; and followed up with a G2 win thereafter. One Stripe performed to GF 113p when he won the Cape Guineas and he improved to **Globeform 117p** in the King's Plate. Both of these races were on soft ground but he has four stakes wins also on good ground. He returned GF 108+ at Woodbine, plenty good enough to suggest that he has retained his ability.

PROGRAM TRADING was trying for the first time in his - interrupted - career when second to **RHETORICAL** in the Coolmore Mile at Keeneland in October. Tackling a distance that is a bit too short for him, he ran much as could be expected, staying on late to be beaten three parts of a length. He had been an odds-on loser when making his comeback in the Bernard Baruch over 8.5 furlongs at Saratoga in late August, when Donegal Momentum beat him by a neck. Program Trading won the 9-furlong Turf Classic at Churchill Downs last year, taking the race off a five-month break since winning the Hollywood Derby in 2023. He raced prominently throughout at Churchill Downs, and battled on to beat Naval Power by a head. Improving to **Globeform 116** in the process, the son of Lope de Vega looked set for more success but he ended up sidelined once more after running fifth in the Manhattan Stakes at Saratoga a month later - this time for almost 15 months. He is talented and he represents strong connections, but it would be a surprise if he wins the Breeders' Cup Mile. His presence here must be partly because the 12-furlong trip of the Turf would be too long for him; he is a typical 9- to 10-furlong performer.

THE LION IN WINTER was one of the future book favorites for classics at the beginning of the season in Europe, after having impressed as a juvenile, but he was not firing in the spring; he flopped in the 10.5-furlong Dante Stakes at York in May, then even more so in the 12-furlong Epsom Derby in June - before being dropped right down to 7 furlongs in the Prix Jean Prat at Deauville in July. He ran much better there, finishing a close third behind Woodshauna and Maranoe Charlie (a G1 winner since) and The Lion In Winter was now being aimed at the big mile races in the second half of the season. His unplaced effort in the Prix Jacques le Marois in August (tenth behind Diego Velazquez) was too bad to be true and way below the form he produced when beaten just a neck by **SAHLAN** in the Prix du Moulin at Deauville the following month. That run made him a contender for the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot in October. The Lion In Winter ran to the same level but he found one too good again, the 100-1 winner Cicero's Gift. He was sweating up really badly prior to the start at Ascot, where he had another hard race, and running back at the Breeders' Cup off just a two-week rest might be asking a bit too much of this colt. That said, the one trainer who has had some success with this move over the years is his handler Aidan O'Brien, so perhaps we shouldn't be too quick to knock his chances. >>>

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CONCLUSION: Notable Speech, coming into the race on an upward curve - not the opposite, as was the case last year - is the obvious selection, especially as he was handed such a good post position. It is still a bit of an open race though; the one thing that could go against Notable Speech is a lack of pace. Still, he had enough speed to be close in the early stages of the 6-furlong July Cup, so hopefully it won't be a problem. The progressive Sahlan and the battle hardened local hero Johannes come next - they both have a winning chance and all of the five C-horses also *are* in with a chance here. One Stripe is the intriguing one and **definitely to big at 30-1** on the morning line. His South African form puts him right up close to the best in this field and his late seasonal debut at Woodbine was very positive. Nicely drawn in stall one he can surprise on Saturday - and at 30-1 he is a must bet. A Trifecta plan with Notable Speech over seven horses is 42 lines and worth doing; as this race could well produce a 1-2-3 that pays really well, even with the favorite on top. Adding extra tickets with Sahlan and Johannes as the main horses in 2nd / 3rd, combined with the other five, will put us in a stronger position if it turns out to be totally formful.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	**2 NOTABLE SPEECH**
B	3 SAHLAN, 7 JOHANNES
C	1 ONE STRIPE, 4 THE LION IN WINTER, 8 FORMIDABLE MAN, 9 ARGINE, 11 RHETORICAL

Notable Speech / Woodbine Mile: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dSAa5F-0Lkw
3rd Gas Me Up 5th One Stripe

Notable Speech 2nd / Prix Jacques le Marois: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fUHplKNaN1A

Johannes / City of Hope Mile: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qJFYqGf07VU

Johannes 2nd / Notable Speech 3rd / B Cup Mile '24: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uK6WmdfYBSo&t=68s

Sahlan / Prix du Moulin: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=De0nTW6qxVA
3rd The Lion In Winter

The Lion In Winter 2nd / Queen Elizabeth II S.: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y0fJs0GBDQc

Formidable Man / Del Mar Mile: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Y3Lz6W2JJs

Rhetorical / Coolmore Turf Mile: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JS78kfCPjxE
2nd Jonquil

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GLOBEFORM RATINGS
BREEDERS' CUP DIRT MILE (G1) 8 furlongs dirt Del Mar Nov 1

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

Rank		Name of horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs From right to left (most recent first)	Trainer / Jockey
0	10	**WHITE ABARRIO** *GF 130 in Jan '25*	130	103++ 114 - 111	Joseph Jr / I Ortiz Jr
8	6	**FULL SERRANO** *GF 122 in BC Dirt Mile '24*	122	116+ 119+ / 122	Shirreffs / Rosario
9p	3	**NYSOS**	121p	121p - 121p - 119	Baffert / Prat
12	4	**MYSTIK DAN**	118	118 - 105 - 118	McPeek / Arrieta
13	7	**CITIZEN BULL** *3yo** *GF 115 in Feb '25* *GF 116 BC Juvenile '24*	116	?+ 110 - 0	Baffert / J J Hernandez
14	1	**WILL TAKE IT**	116	96 - 116 - 109	Stewart / Smith
14	2	**GOAL ORIENTED** *3yo**	115	114 - 115 - 102+	Baffert / L Saez
?p	9	**TOUCH OF DESTINY** *3yo* *Foaled Aug 6, 2022* ***	?p	6-for-6 in Uruguay No GF rating	McCarthy / Caceres
15	5	**TUMBARUMBA** *GF 115 also in Sep '24*	115	115 - 105+ 108	Lynch / Gaffalione
16	8	**CHANCER McPATRICK** *3y**	113	110 - 113 - 108	Brown / J L Ortiz

* ***PLEASE NOTE:*** *3yos get a 3lbs weight allowance in this race.*

** *Fillies & mares: 3lbs sex weight allowance*

Globeform 3yo weight-for-age is 2lbs for 1 mile in early November.

*** *Touch of Destiny (foaled Aug 6): GF wfa "early May" is 8lbs (see his essay)*

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2024	**FULL SERRANO**	**GF 122**	John Shirreffs	Joel Rosario
2023	**CODY'S WISH**	**GF 123**	William Mott	Junior Alvarado
2022	**CODY'S WISH**	**GF 123**	William 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 C Guerrero	Irad Ortiz Jr
2018	**CITY OF LIGHT**	**GF 125**	Michael McCarthy	Javier Castellano
2017	**BATTLE OF NORMANDY**	**GF 124**	Jerry Hollendorfer	Flavien Prat
2016	**TAMARKUZ**	**GF 120**	Kiaran McLaughlin	Mike Smith
2015	**LIAM'S MAP**	**GF 122**	Todd Pletcher	Javier Castellano

Average winning Globeform: 123.4

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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

WHITE ABARRIO, who cuts back to a mile after having tackled longer distances in his most recent starts, takes the highest rating to the table here. It is now more than nine months ago but it may be unwise to forget about his win in the 9-furlong Pegasus World Cup at Gulfstream Park in January. It was a proper, top class performance. Outclassing Locked and Skippylongstocking, who both came back with solid wins to frank the form next time out, he ran to a career best **Globeform 130**. Winning the race comfortably by 6 1/4 lengths, the 6yo showed that he was back to his best. He followed up with a smooth odds-on win in the 8.5-furlong Ghostzapper Stakes in late March, getting a prep for the Met Mile at Saratoga in early June; where things did not go so well. For whatever reason (he looked light in the preliminaries), White Abarrio did not fire at all that day; the sloppy track may also have played its part. He finished fourth, beaten 5 1/4 lengths behind gate to wire winner Raging Torrent, who took the race by 2 1/2 lengths from Fierceness. Two months later, White Abarrio and Fierceness ran fourth and fifth to Sierra Leone in the Whitney Stakes. Next up was the Jockey Club Gold Cup over 10 furlongs at the same venue. A strong field of eight was assembled but Phileas Fogg, who veered soon after the gates opened, wiped four of them out virtually before they got going. Mindframe lost his rider, while White Abarrio was one of those badly hampered. He managed to get up to good position but tired and finished fourth, 8 lengths behind the winner, Antiquarian. The Jockey Club Gold Cup is a race to forget. White Abarrio, winner of the Breeders' Cup Classic in 2023, is much better than that result suggests, but the trouble with this horse is that he had been well below par also on his two preceding runs and thus coming off three unsatisfactory results. This two-turn mile will suit him and if Saffie has managed to get him back to something like his very best, well, then White Abarrio is capable of winning. He is a bit of an 'either / or'. Nobody should be surprised if he wins, nobody would be surprised if he's off the board.

FULL SERRANO goes for back to back wins in this race and he must have a good chance of pulling it off. He failed to stay the 9-furlong trip when beaten 1 1/2 lengths by the progressive 3yo Nevada Beach in the Goodwood Stakes at Santa Anita in late September, having won well over a mile on his comeback at Del Mar four weeks earlier. Losing the Goodwood ended Breeders' Cup Classic aspirations and it's good to see him in this field. He made a pleasing return to racing action after a lengthy break when winning an allowance race hard held at Del Mar. It was his first run since last year's Breeders' Cup, and he made useful runners like American Admiral and Packs a Wahlop look like cheap claimers, beating them very comfortably by 7 1/4 lengths and a neck. The way he won suggested that he is every bit as good as he was when he won the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile last November, when he beat Post Time readily by 1 1/2 lengths and recorded **Globeform 122**. The race favorite Domestic Product was 2 1/4 lengths further adrift in third, with the useful yardstick **TUMBARUMBA** fourth. John Sadler's star was up with the pace all the way and he made all when he returned. He is a natural miler, he is one of the best horses going into this race, he is proven over the course and distance, he represents top class connections, and - last but not least - Full Serrano is a fresh horse; something that is always a plus at this time of the year.

NYSOS is a very talented runner but he has clearly been difficult to train. With an interrupted career, this 4yo has taken part on just six races, winning five of them and losing the sixth by just a neck. That happened when he made his seasonal debut in the Churchill Downs Stakes over 7 furlongs on Kentucky Derby day. Nysos had been off since winning the Robert B Lewis Stakes in March 2023, and he found himself is a really tough sprint - over a sloppy track - that day. Going off as a heavily backed favorite, he came from off the pace to run a dead heat with Banishing for second, as Mindframe swooped past them both in the closing stages. With Book'em Danno fourth and Mullikin fifth this sprint was as tough as they come. Two months later, Nysos took the Triple Bend Stakes at Santa Anita, also over 7 furlongs but over a fast track. He proved way too good for **DR. VENKMAN** and beat him by 5 1/2 lengths, improving to **Globeform 121p** in the process. A step up to 8.5 furlongs, in the San Diego Handicap at Del Mar in July, was no problem; Nysos went in again, comfortably beating his barnmate Mirahmadi by 2 3/4 lengths while conceding 5lbs. hE WAS 1/10 favorite. Baffert was now keen to stretch him out, and took aim at the 10-furlong Pacific Classic a month later. It went without Nysos though; he was scratched due to bruised hind hoof. His last work prior to the intended stamina test was on August 21 and he was absent from the work tabs up to September 22, with connections soon deciding that the Dirt Mile would be his target. It makes most sense; the 6-furlong Sprint would probably be too short for Nysos and the 10-furlong Classic would probably be too long, particularly in a field as deep as this year's edition. Can he win the Dirt Mile? Yes he can but don't let the board fool you into thinking that this local star is a surefire winner; Nysos has been hammered in all but one of his races (his debut), and we can expect him to be overbet once again at the Breeders' Cup. His presence is likely to create value in betting against him. >>>

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MYSTIK DAN, winner of the Kentucky Derby last year, has never been better than last time out, when he overcame trouble in running at the finish to win the Lukas Classic over 9 furlongs at Churchill Downs. He was blocked, then found an opening late, dashed gamely forward between horses to beat Disarm by three parts of a length, with Banishing third, 4 1/2 lengths adrift. Mystik Dan was much the best and value for more than the bare margin; judged as 1 1/2-length winner he earned **Globeform 118**. It was a good renewal of the Lukas but, as he will now be facing better horses and cutting back to a mile over quite a different track, Mystik Dan can't be seen as a strong win contender. He is, however, coming off a good run and should be considered by Trifecta players.

TOUCH OF DESTINY is the joker in the pack. Unbeaten in six races in Uruguay, where he was odds-on in all of his five most recent starts, he is set to make his US debut, having joined Michael McCarthy from Raimundo Soares after winning the G3 Clasico Asociacone Uruguaya over a mile at Maronas in late July. Having bolted up by 9 lengths and 7 lengths on his two preceding starts, he led all the way and won the race easily by 5 lengths from the second favorite Si Senor, who had won a G3 in June and went on to win three Listed races on the trot after being trounced by Touch of Destiny. His form is impossible to assess but Touch of Destiny really could be anything. One thing worth noting is that he has not been done any favors by the weight rules in the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile. He gets 120lbs, 3lbs less than US bred 3yos and 6lbs less than the older horses. Because Touch of Destiny is a southern hemisphere horse, foaled on August 6, 2022, he is six months behind Citizen Bull and Goal Oriented. In other words, early November is "early May" for this son of Midshipman. The Globeform weight-for-age for 3yos meeting older horses over a mile in early November is 2lbs and in early May it's 8lbs. Using 8lbs, Touch of Destiny should be treated as a horse carrying 128lbs in this race, two pounds more than the older horses. He is obviously good though it's hard to imagine him being *that* good; but we don't *know* his level and what do we do with a horse like this? Throw him into the smaller part of a Trifecta plan makes sense. Interestingly, his local rating going into the 'Clasico' was 109, while Si Senor was on 112 (these figures may not be on the same scale as GF ratings though).

CONCLUSION: The names stand out; last year's winner Full Serrano, the local star Nysos and the 2023 BC Classic winner White Abarrio. Slight preference for Full Serrano in this office; but remove 'slight' if Nevada Beach, who got the better of him in the Goodwood, hits the board in the Classic. Nysos has not had an ideal preparation and White Abarrio is trying to bounce back from a difficult summer. Do not forget how good he was in the Pegasus World Cup though; if he can reproduce that sort of form it's game over. **Morning line 8-1 is simply wrong** about this contender, even with a wide post.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	**6 FULL SERRANO**
B	3 NYSOS, 10 WHITE ABARRIO
C	4 MYSTIK DAN

White Abarrio / Pegasus World Cup: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gU2b3B2dqNg&t=6s

Full Serrano 2nd / Goodwood Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IlzzCk6cE6g

Full Serrano / Del Mar Allowance: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gRd6mMxJ2fI&t=109s

Full Serrano / Breeders Cup Dirt Mile '24: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nclD5cE881U&t=4s

Nysos / San Diego Handicap: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hSWVMA1PtBg

Nysos / Triple Bend Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dNvGRMBnLZQ&t=92s

Surface to Air / Iselin Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QCEqyyxWzhk

Mystik Dan / Lukas Classic: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ERTwMlDkr1A

Mystik Dan / Kentucky Derby '24: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C5Yb-2xEMzg&t=99s

Touch of Destiny / Clasico Asociacone Uruguaya: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hy2hNEoncLQ

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EXPLANATORY NOTES, GLOBEFORM RANKING & RATINGS

GLOBEFORM RANKING
THE RAZORBACK HANDICAP (G2) 8.5 fur dirt, Oaklawn Park, Feb 23

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

Rank	No	Name of horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs (From right to left (most recent first))	Trainer / Jockey
0	2	BANISHING	117	117 - 116	Jacobson / Prat
2	3	FIRST MISSION	118	96 - 111 - 118	B Cox / Geroux
6 / 11	1	CRUPI	113 / 108	108 - 103 - 95 - 113	Pletcher / Davis
6	5	SKINNER *GF 111 in Nov '23*	111	108 - 110 - 103+	DeVaux / J L Ortiz
6 / 17	10	COOKE CREEK *GF 109 in June '24*	109 / 98	96 - 98 - 108	Maker / I Ortiz Jr
7	9	HENRO *GF 108 in June '24*	108	98 - 106 - 98	Hartman / Bejarano
7	11	TONKA WARRIOR	107	94 - 106 - 107	Robertson / Esquivel
8 / 12	12	RED ROUTE ONE *GF 108 in July '24* *GF 112 in Mar '24*	112 / 108	91 - 99 / 108	S Asmussen / Torres
9	7	DIMATIC	106	101 - 106 - 85	S Asmussen / K Asmussen
10	4	ALEXANDER HELIOS	105	105 - 105 - ?+	Joseph Jr / Gaffalione
12p	8	BADDEST GOOD BOY	102p	102p - ?p	N Casse / Santana Jr
9 / 12	14	SEIZE THE NIGHT *GF 107 in Nov '23*	107 / 104	0 - 104 - 98	Milligan / H Hernandez
14	6	FULL SCREEN	101	101 - 101 - 92	M Casse / R Vazquez
9 / 17	13	CREATIVE MINISTER *GF 104 in Oct '23* *GF 114 in May '22*	104 / 96	96 - 86 - 95	McPeek / B Hernandez Jr

WHAT THE FIGURES TELL US

1 - Globeform ratings; this is the horse's best rating to date.

2 - Globeform ratings achieved most recent starts; in Banishing's case GF 117 last time out and GF 116 two starts back.

3 - Here we have two Globeform ratings: 113 / 108. It means that 113 is old form and 108 is the best recent form.

4 - Globeform 102p; the "p" means "plus" and tells us that the horse is likely to be better than his rating and will improve.

5 - Rank column; here the horses are ranked down in pounds, with the top ranked horse, Banishing, on "0". Skinner is "6lbs below" Banishing. This is worked out based on GF ratings compared to riding weights.

6 - Two "rank" figures; in this case Creative Minister is ranked 9lbs below "0" on old form but 17lbs below "0" based on recent form. For this horse it is actually a bit more complicated; 104 is used as his "old form" (from 2023) although he ran to 114 in 2022. Ratings going that far back are seldom relevant if the horse has been well below the level since.

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BREEDERS' CUP FILLY & MARE TURF (G1) | 11 furlongs

Del Mar Saturday November 1

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

Rank		Name of horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs	Trainer / Jockey
				From right to left (most recent first)	
0	13	**SHE FEELS PRETTY** *GF 120 also in May*	120	120 - 119 - 118	DeVaux / Velazquez
1	6	**DIAMOND RAIN**	119	119 - 108 - 110p	C Appleby / Loughnane
2 / 7	14	**SEE THE FIRE** *GF 118 in May*	118 / 113	111 - 113 - ?	Balding / Murphy
3	9	**CINDERELLA'S DREAM**	117	101 - 110 - 117	C Appleby / Buick
4p	5	**GEZORA** *3yo **	118p	108+ 117+ 118p	Graffard / Barzalona
7p	2	**STELLIFY**	113p	113p - 105p	B Cox / Geroux
7	12	**BELLEZZA**	113	113 - 101 - 105	Clement / Gaffalione
8	11	**BEDTIME STORY** *3yo **	114	111 - 104 - 114	A P O'Brien / Soumillon
8	7	**BE YOUR BEST**	112	109 - 111 - 112	Joseph Jr / I Ortiz Jr
9p	4	**VILLAGE VOICE**	111p	110+ / 103 - 111p	Brown / Prat
11	3	**ATSILA** *3yo **	111	96 - 111 - 108	D O'Brien / Ryan
11	1	**MISSION OF JOY** *GF 109 in June '24*	109	107 - 100 - 98	D'Amato / Rispoli
12	8	**CATHEDRAL** *3yo **	110	100 - 110 - 100	De Foy / D Egan
?	10	**LA KIKA**	?	?	O'Neill / Demuro

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*

** 3yo get a 4lb weight allowance | Globeform weight-for-age: US trained 5lbs | Euro trained 6lb*

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Most recent winners of the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf

2024	**MOIRA**	**GF 116**	Kevin Attard	Flavien Prat
2023	**INSPIRAL**	**GF 120+**	J & T Gosden	Frankie Dettori
2022	**TUESDAY**	**GF 116**	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore
2021	**LOVES ONLY YOU**	**GF 115+**	Yoshido Yahagi	Yaga 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
2016	**QUEEN'S TRUST**	**GF 117**	Sir Michael Stoute	Frankie Dettori
2015	**STEPHANIE'S KITTEN**	**GF 118**	Chad Brown	Irad Ortiz Jr

Average winning Globeform: 117.3

GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

SHE FEELS PRETTY, who ran to **Globeform 120** for a second time in her career when winning the E P Taylor Stakes over 10 furlongs at Woodbine in August, may prove to be the one to beat in the Filly & Mare Turf. This means a step up in class and a step up to 11 furlongs; normally one would be a touch skeptical about such a move - but trainer Cherie DeVaux gets things right considerably more often that she gets them wrong, and the way this filly galloped out at Woodbine suggested that she can go longer. It is another furlong but Del Mar is nowhere near as demanding as Woodbine, or Keeneland (where she won the Queen Elizabeth II over 9 fur last year).

She Feels Pretty overcame a bit of a troubled trip at Woodbine, as another filly clipped her heels from behind when they were going down the back stretch. She swished her tail sharply and clearly not happy, but she did not stop running - showing true fighting spirit - and beat the staying on **DIAMOND RAIN** by a head.

She Feels Pretty meets Diamond Rain again, plus other Europeans, but she has a good chance. She is the best by far of the home team. Having produced top class form at two, three and now four, she has a lot going for her. She was the best horse in the race also when having to give weight away in the Diana Stakes at Saratoga (beaten a head by Excellent Truth) and she was as good as ever in Canada. The form of the E P Taylor Stakes has been well advertised since. Ready for Shirl, coming off a win in the Canadian Stakes, ran third, beaten 10 3/4 lengths, and Caitlinhergrtness was fifth, beaten 11 1/2 lengths. The latter won the Ontario Matron Stakes with ease four weeks later, and she was then second in the Dance Smartly Stakes (when Ready for Shirl ran third). Another form boost came when Venencia, who was fourth in the E P Taylor, won the Dowager Stakes at Keeneland on October 19. These are smart, rather than top class, performers - but one questions pops up in this office; "How badly could they have run in the E P Taylor, when She Feels Pretty and Diamond Rain left them in a different zip code? The EP Taylor was top class form.

DIAMOND RAIN looks the main danger once more. She is actually a bit of a surprise entry here, as her trainer said after Canada that he felt she would not be the right type for Del Mar; and that she would go for the British Champions Filly & Mare Stakes at Ascot instead. There was a change of plan. Whether that was because Appleby found out through the fillies' training that she could do well at Del Mar (which is so different to Woodbine) we don't know - but if she does handle Del Mar she has a big chance.

Diamond Rain did really well in the E P Taylor, where she stayed on resolutely down the lane to almost catch She Feels Pretty, who enjoyed a much better trip. The English filly missed the break and was playing catch-up all the way. It was over 10 furlongs and they now meet over 11 furlongs; that's a plus for Diamond Rain. Having won both of her races in England this year, this 4yo daughter of Shamardal is bred to go longer >>>

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>>> than 10 furlongs, being out of Dancing Rain, who won the 12-furlong Epsom Oaks, and she has been shaping like a step up in distance would bring out improvement all along. She raced just behind the pace when winning a well Listed race over 10.5 furlongs at Haydock Park in May, a race she took by 1 3/4 lengths from Running Lion after grabbing the lead a furlong out. Running Lion ran fourth behind Crimson Advocate in a G2 event at Royal Ascot next time out. **CINDERELLA'S DREAM** and Fallen Angel ran second and third in that race, and they both won a G1 on their subsequent outing. A month after her win at Haydock, Diamond Rain went to a G3 over 10 furlongs on the Tapeta track at Newcastle, where he was held up well off the pace and came with a gradual, determined run to lead half a furlong from the winning post. It was a higher grade than her previous race but it was actually a drop in class as far as the competition went. She beat Tasmania by 1 3/4 lengths. Tasmania was beaten the same margin when third to One Look in a G3 three weeks later. One Look is a smart Irish trained filly who was placed in a G1 in October. All in all, Diamond Rain has a profile that makes her very interesting for the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf. **Most bookmakers have her at 8-1 in the early betting; that is simply too big.**

SEE THE FIRE is coming off a game runner-up effort in the Prix de l'Opera over 10 furlongs on testing ground at Longchamp in early October, when she stayed on from off the pace to get within a neck of the winner Barnavara, who was coming off a 3 1/2-length win over One Look in the Blanford Stakes over the same distance at the Curragh. One Look was third in the Prix de 'Opera, beaten just a short head by See The Fire, with Wemightakedlongway a close fourth. Wemightagedlongway and One Look both went for the British Champions Filly & Mare Stakes at Ascot 13 days later, finishing sixth and ninth respectively. Well beaten, they did not advertise the Prix de l'Opera form but it was a quick turnaround after a tough race at Longchamp, so perhaps we should not read too much into these results. Still, this year's Opera was not a vintage renewal - and See The Fire's run there was not her best piece of form. She has impressed from time to time in England. This is a horse to respect; but it is also a horse that has had plenty of hard races this year, and one that may not be all that well suited by Del Mar. Her best performances have come at York (where she romped home in the Middleton Stakes back in May), Ascot and Longchamp; courses with empahsis on stamina and quite different to Del Mar. Her impressive 12-length Middleton Stakes win earned **Globeform 118**, while her third behind Ombudsman in the Prince Of Wales Stakes was worth GF 116. If See The Fire comes back to that sort of form she's a danger to all; if she runs to the level we have seen in her two most recent runs she's a Trifecta rather than a win number in the Filly & Mare Turf.

CINDERELLA'S DREAM did not have the best of trips when dashing home for second place, half a length behind Moira, in the 2024 edition of the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf, and she comes back to Del Mar in an attempt at going one better. She has delivered two very good performances in England this season, but she is also a contender coming off two subpar efforts since; below what she is capable of at her best and below what will be required to win on Saturday. She was well beaten in third behind Fallen Angel in the Sun Chariot Stakes at Newmarket in early October, having been fourth to Quisisane in the Prix Jean Romanet in late August. Her summer form was better; Cinderella's Dream took second, 1 3/4 lengths behind Crimson Advocate, in the Duke of Cambridge Stakes over a mile at Royal Ascot in June (when Fallen Angel ran third), and she turned the tables on the winner when they met in the Falmouth Stakes over the same distance at Newmarket in July. She came with a strong run from off the pace to beat January by half a in the Falmouth, with Crimson Advocat back in third place. Cinderella's Dream produced GF 116 at Royal Ascot and she >>>

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>>> moved up to **Globeform 117** at Newmarket (she produced GF 116p at Del Mar last year). Her form is good enough to make her competitive but there are three reasons to be a bit skeptical about her chances; her most recent run was dull, her overall form has leveled out, and she began her 25-campaign at Meydan back in February. Even with races spaced out, that is a long season already.

GEZORA was last seen in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, where she had a bad draw (13), ended up too far back in the field from the outset and was unplaced, beaten 10 3/4 lengths behind her top class stable companion Daryz on very soft ground. The race was dominated by horses that had been prominent or ridden just off the pace, and Gezora's last run is best forgotten. She actually performed a lot better than the result might suggest, and one good thing to take from the outing was that she did not have a hard race. This is not the best of comparisons, but her run at Longchamp reminded me a little bit of Daylami's attempt at winning the Arc back in 1999. He too struggled to get involved (on unsuitably heavy ground), was eased and passed the winning post in ninth place, 23 lengths behind the winning favorite Montjeu. A month later Daylami won the Breeders' Cup Turf on good ground at Gulfstream Park. Gezora had won on heavy ground prior to the Arc, but that was as a 2yo and her best form this year has come on good to soft ground. She will encounter firm ground at Del Mar, and that's an unknown, but this filly produced a nice turn of foot when winning the French Oaks, and she has never looked the type who absolutely needs give underfoot to be efficient. She is already proven against older rivals, having run second to Aventure in the Prix Vermeille at Longchamp in September, beaten 1 1/2 lengths. Aventure is the best older filly in France; she ran second in the Arc last year (but bounced in this year's edition) and has solid G1 form overall.

Gezora was impressive when capturing the Prix de Diane (French Oaks) over 10.5 furlongs at Chantilly in June. She did not beat proper G1 performers that day but she was much the best as she quickened past rivals inside the final furlong, beating **BEDTIME STORY** by a length. Three subsequent stakes winners have come out of the race and Bedtime Story ran well to take fourth in the British Champions Filly & Mare at Ascot on Oct 18. Given a traditional French Arc prep, ie a break right through the summer, Gezora was coming off a near three-month rest in the Vermeille, where she was an eye catching runner-up closing in sharply at the finish. Sure to improve, this filly is a leading contender for the BC Filly & Mare Turf.

STELLIFY could be the surprise package in this race. Unraced at two and three, this 4yo daughter of Justify has made giant strides through her six starts this year, winning four times; most notably twice at Kentucky Downs in August / September, when she impressed in a 12-furlong allowance race and followed up with another step up the ratings ladder in the Ladies Marathon eight days later. The Ladies Marathon, run over 10.5 furlongs, drew a competitive field of eleven, including several with good graded stakes form in the book. Stellify had never been in a stakes race before, never mind a graded one; but she was backed as if defeat was out of the question. She delivered in no uncertain manner, setting her own pace and drawing off for an easy 2 3/4-length win over **WAY TO BE MARIE**. Improving to **Globeform 113p**, Stellify punched her ticket to the Breeders' Cup with this fine run. Her two previous wins came over 9 and 11 furlongs at Churchill Downs, so we can safely say that she will be running over a course that's quite different to what she has experienced so far - and that as she is taking a big step up in class. Still, there's something about this filly that makes me want to have her on my side when the Trifecta plan is done.

BELLEZZA appreciated getting back on firm ground when winning the 11-furlong Flower Bowl Stakes at Saratoga in late August; coming from off the pace with a strong, determined run to beat Amber Cascade by 2 1/4 lengths, with **BE YOUR BEST** half a length further back in third place. Amber Cascade did little for the form when she was fifth to **MISSION OF JOY** in the Rodeo Drive Stakes at Santa Anita next time out - but that result should not be used to knock Bellezza's form. With Gamely Stakes winner Be Your Best well behind her, she improved to **Globeform 113**, having run to GF 109p when winning the Sheepshead Bay Stakes at Aqueduct on her seasonal debut in May; also on firm ground, which seems to be a 'must' for this Miguel Clement trainee. >>>

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CONCLUSION: The first turn comes up in just over ten seconds in this race and a wide post in a 14-runner field over this trip can't be easy. She Feels Pretty (13) and See The Fire (14) may be at a significant disadvantage. She Feels Pretty is top rated and a serious win contender - but she has been ridden prominently in her races, all over a shorter distance than this; now she has to work out an economical trip and prove that she stays 11 furlongs. Working out a trip could turn out to be the main issue. Diamond Rain, who was just a head behind her at Woodbine, fared much better at the post position draw; landing in gate 6. She is a very big fill and the worry seems to be whether she will handle this tight track. It's been mentioned that she did not handle the bends at Woodbine too well - but that's absolutely wrong. Diamond Rain was absolutely fine there and she overcame a slow start to go close to winning. Del Mar is very different but this daughter of Shamardal ticks other boxes and she is one of just a few in this field who can be expected to improve. Gezora is another, and she must also have a big chance, while the real longshot to be wary of is Stellify, who is a massive **30-1 on the morning line**. This race will take a lot more winning than those she won at Kentucky Downs; but we have no way of knowing how good this late developing filly is. She is in a perfect spot to get a smooth passage to lead and save ground; so she must be included in those Trifecta plans, along with the more proven, obvious challengers.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	**6 DIAMOND RAIN**
B	5 GEZORA, 13 SHE FEELS PRETTY
C	2 STELLIFY, 9 CINDERELLA'S DREAM, 14 SEE THE FIRE

She Feels Pretty / E P Taylor Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_HVe_MColeM
2nd Diamond Rain

She Feels Pretty 2nd / Diana Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zGT3bPl6Rt8&t=1s

She Feels Pretty / New York Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zynt6DhAJb4&t=4s

She Feels Pretty Modesty Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UH1hsPrr8GI

She Feels Pretty / American Oaks '24: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QQvJHIJi2BM&t=4s

She Feels Pretty / Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup '24: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=808V7Eb8aF0

See The Fire 2nd / Prix de l'Opera: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7m5yDLI2-C8

See The Fire 4th / Juddmonte International: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q6gPAVpJZwQ

See The Fire 3rd / Prince of Wales Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BRm-g01DUL8

See The Fire / Middleton Fillies' Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LfTuXh8vMKo

Cinderella's Dream / Falmouth Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FdbqUzCfQIU&t=108s

Cinderella's Dream 2nd / B Cup Filly & Mare Turf '24: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xHgVFLSxGek

Gezora 2nd / Prix Vermeille: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HNKEc9rlbxw

Gezora / Prix de Diane (French Oaks): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9nsAtNZzn6M

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