

Globeform's Kentucky Derby Special '26

Previews and ratings by Geir Stabell



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GLOBEFORM RANKING

THE PAT DAY MILE (G2) 8 fur dirt, Churchill Downs May 2

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

Rank	No.	Name of horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs	Trainer / Jockey
From right to left (most recent first)					
0p	1	ENGLISHMAN	109p	109p - ?p	DeVaux / J L Ortiz
0p	6	CRUDE VELOCITY	109p	109p - ?p	Baffert / Geroux
4	2	TROUBLE CALLING	105	105 - ?p	Foley / L Saez
6	7	CROWN THE BUCKEYE	103	103 - 87 - 103	Maker / Prat
7p	8	CREOLE CHROME	102p	86 - 102p ?p	Sharp / I Ortiz Jr
8	4	SECURED FREEDOM	101	101 - 100 - 96p	Yakteen / Velazquez
9	10	GREAT WHITE <i>Runs in Kentucky Derby</i>	400	72 - 100 - 88	Ennis /
?	3	WORK	?	0 - ? - ?	O'Neill / Maldonado
17	9	LOCKSTOCKNPHAROAH	92	92 - ?p	Drury / Morales
18	5	STOP THE CAR	91	91 - 91 - 84p	Walsh / Gaffalione
19p	11	ONE MORE FREUD	90p	90p - ?p	Hess Jr / J J Hernandez
?	12	BAYTOWN DREAMER	?	?	McEntee / Sheehy

Globeform ratings are expressed in pounds. The "Rank" column shows the horse best in at the weights based on Globeform ratings on top, with other horses ranked down in pounds. For example; rank figure 6 tells us that the horse is 6lbs below the top ranked horse. Length values: 5-6 furlongs: 3lbs per length. 7 fur: 2.5lbs. 8 - 11 fur: 2lbs. 12 fur: 1.5lbs

*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 Pat Day Mile

2025	MACHO MUSIC	GF 115	Rohan Crichton	Javier Castellano
2024	SEIZE THE GREY	GF 113p	D Wayne Lukas	Jamie Torres
2023	GENERAL JIM	GF 112	Shug McGaughey	Luis Saez
2022	JACK CHRISTOPHER	GF 119+	Chad Brown	Jose L Ortiz
2021	JACKIE'S WARRIOR	GF 119	Steve Asmussen	Joel Rosario
2020	RUSHIE	GF 112	Michael McCarthy	Javier Castellano

Average winning Globeform: 115

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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

ENGLISHMAN has been most impressive in his two races to date, winning both with ridiculous ease, and he looks the one to be with here, though Bob Baffert's shipper Crude Velocity has also run to **Globeform 109p**, the rating Englishman achieved when cruising home in 6-furlong allowance race on his 3yo debut at the Fair Grounds in March. Geared down, he never gave his rivals any sort of chance and any stage of the contest, winning very comfortably by 7 1/2 lengths after leading all the way. His runner-up, Sav'n Money had previously been as much as 11 3/4 behind American Turf contender Remember Mamba on the lawn, but he was only 4 1/4 lengths behind subsequent Springboard Mile winner Express Kid last fall, and is quite a useful sort (he runs in R13 today). Express Kid ran second to Kentucky Derby contender Pavlovian in the Sunland Park Derby in February. Sav'n Money is not a stakes runner but Englishman might have beaten him by ten lengths at least if asked to pull out all the stops. Silver Talisman, who ran third, ran second in a similar company on his preceding start. Englishman's maiden win came over 7 furlongs and, as a son of Maxfield out of the well bred Speightstown mare In It for the Gold, he looks the type to cope with stepping up to a mile. He has a high cruising speed but he also finishes his races off with energy. Having been odds-on in both of his races, he is 3-1 second favorite on the morning line here; don't be surprised if he starts at shorter odds. 3-1 looks a good price to me.

CRUDE VELOCITY also comes here unbeaten after two starts, having won twice over 6.5 furlongs at Santa Anita this spring. He is the obvious danger to the selection; and the decision between the two is influenced by visual impression. Crude Velocity won by just a neck when 10-1 for his debut in March, and he improved markedly to his second start (as Baffert's young horse often do) to crush five rivals in an allowance heat in April. The son of Beau Liam was just off the pace early on but advanced smoothly to get to the lead and control the race while not being put under pressure by his rider. Crude Velocity came home 6 3/4 lengths in front of For All Mankind, who beat Dear District by 2 1/4 lengths for third. Those two are older horses with some good results in the book but they have done precious little lately, and both had a \$50K tag in this race. So Crude Velocity did not beat much at Santa Anita but he beat them in a way suggesting that it would have taken a very good horse to get the better of him. Although he has not been on the lead early, like Englishman has, Crude Velocity could turn out to be more of a sprinter - but he was strong passing the winning post last time out and a mile is probably within his compass.

TROUBLE CALLING improved to **Globeform 105** when winning the 7-furlong Lafayette Stakes over a sloppy track at Keeneland in early April, beating Oscar's Hope really gamely by a head after coming from just off the pace. Carson Street, who was third to Kentucky Derby contender Golden Time in the Lecomte Stakes, checked in third beaten 4 1/2 lengths. Oscar's Hope also has smart form; he won a minor stakes back in February. It could be mistake to think that it was the wet track that moved Trouble Calling up in the Lafayette. Actually, it may well be that he did not 'move up' all that much but won despite the conditions; as his 6 1/4-length maiden win on a fast track at the Fair Grounds in February was quite impressive. He outclassed Deep Flame, and that colt came back to run second half a length behind Bill Mott's \$550,000 colt Gilded Bandit at Keeneland. Note that Gilded Bandit runs in R13 today (where he will meet Englishman's Fair Grounds runner-up Sav'n Money). Trouble Calling seems to be a late developing horse, and he looks the type to appreciate stepping up to a mile. His dam, Into Trouble, won the 7-furlong Arlington-Washington Lassie at two, and she was second in the Gasparilla Stakes over the same distance at three.

CROWN THE BUCKEYE has produced **Globeform 103** twice, on both occasions when going up against classic contenders. He ran third, 3/4 length behind Chip Honcho, in the Gun Runner Stakes over 8.5 furlongs at the Fair Grounds in December, and he was beaten a length by the winner when splitting Iron Honor and Right to Party in the Gotham Stakes over a mile at Aqueduct in February. In between these performances he ran third 1st in the Lecomte Stakes (when something might have been amiss). Proved over a mile, indeed also over a bit further, his stamina can help him to hit the board in the Pat Day Mile.

CREOLE CHROME was beaten all of 14 lengths when fourth to Kentucky Derby contender Further Ado in the Blue Grass Stakes over 9 furlongs at Keeneland in April, but he ran better when winning a restricted stakes over an extended mile at the Fair Grounds in February. With Irad Ortiz on board, this son of Volatile may be a longshot to include in the Trifectas. >>>

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SECURED FREEDOM looks a bit big at **20-1 on the morning line** and he is definitely a horse to use underneath in the Tri plan. He ran third to the smart colt Plutarch in the one-mile Robert Lewis Stakes at Santa Anita in February, and confirmed that he is up to such a level by taking fourth in the 8.5-furlong San Felipe Stakes over the same track in March, beaten by Potente, Robusta and So Happy, who are all going for the Kentucky Derby. So Happy and Potente franked the form by filling the exacta also in the Santa Anita Derby, when Potente was the strongest.

CONCLUSION: This may look like a two-horse race on paper, as Englishman and Crude Velocity have both shown real talent, but they are also short on experience and a one-turn mile at Churchill Downs is a tough task for a young horse; so don't underrate Trouble Shooting. He has been in a few battles and he is not far below the top two on ratings. Crown the Buckeye, Creole Chrome and Secured Freedom appeal as Trifecta candidates, though it's hard to either ending up in the winners' circle. Englishman is preferred as the win bet, especially if we see 3-1 or better on the board.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	1 ENGLISHMAN
B	2 TROUBLE CALLING, 6 CRUDE VELOCITY
C	4 SECURED FREEDOM, 7 CROWN THE BUCKEYE, 8 CREOLE CHROME

Englishman Fair Grounds & Churchill: <https://www.attheraces.com/form/horse/Englishman/USA/3816328>

Crude Velocity / Santa Anita Allowance: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=keSQ8Tism0Y>

Trouble Calling / Lafayette Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qSk_7w8YQNI

FROM THE PREVIEW TO THE 2025 PAT DAY MILE

*How an easy 13-1 winner
on Derby day was selected*

Pat Day Mile boss Macho Music won by 3 1/4 lengths

From our race preview:



MACHO MUSIC may be a tough contender and **morning line 12-1 is far too big a price about this fast improving colt**. Like Gate to Wire, he could be a horse that doesn't care much for further than seven panels, but he was visually impressive when winning at Tampa Bay Downs in late March, powering home by 'half the stretch' from P Four and Cajun Venom. Macho Music's time was almost 2 seconds better than the time recorded by Win N Your In in the fillies' divisions (she won by 7 lengths) and he did not beat cheap claimers in this race. P Four was exiting a 5 1/4-length maiden win and Cajun Venom won an allowance race by almost three lengths next time out. This is one of those case where we need to ask ourselves "how moderate can the horses he beat actually be?". Even when assessing his runner-up to Globeform 70 only, Macho Music comes out on Globeform 110. If we compare him to Win N Your In using their times, well, then he comes out with an even higher ratings. Either way, he has clearly turned a corner in recent weeks and the way he was ridden out, and kept going, indicates that a mile is within his compass. His dam won 4 of her 7 races, including a stakes event over 7 furlongs; but she was also third in an 8.5-furlong allowance heat at Keeneland as a juvenile, so could not have been all about speed. [Download the full preview](#)