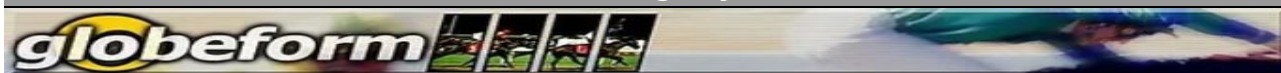


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## GLOBEFORM RANKING

### THE GAZELLE STAKES (G3) 9 fur dirt, Aqueduct April 5

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	4	EARLY ON	104p	104p - 97p - ?p	Joseph Jr / Castellano
1p	2	BALLERINA D'ORO	103p	99+ 103p - 92	Brown / Davis
3	5	DELORAINE	101	97+ 87 - 101	Harty / Smith
?p	3	VANILLA SUNDAE	?p	?p - 0 - 0	Pletcher / Franco
10	8	LIAM THE DUST <i>GF 94 in Sep '24</i>	94 / 90	0 - 90 - 90	Brisset / Rosario
17p	7	PURE BEAUTY	87p	87p - 87p	McGaughey / Marin
?	1	LATE NITE CALL	?p	?p - ? - ?	Saville / Conner
?	6	DIRIYAH	?	0 - ? - ?	Dutrow Jr / Lezcano

*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 Gazelle

2024	WHERE'S MY RING	GF 109	Val Brinkerhoff	Jose Lezcano
2023	PROMISE HER AMERICA	GF 107	Raymond Handel	Jorge Vargas
2022	NOSTALGIC	GF 104p	William Mott	Jose L Ortiz
2021	SEARCH RESULTS	GF 116	Chad Brown	Irak Ortiz Jr
2019	ALWAYS SHOPPING	GF 107	Todd Pletcher	Manuel Franco

Race not staged in 2020

Average winning Globeform: 108.6

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## GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

**EARLY ON** was scratched out of Gulfstream Park Oaks to come here instead - and it's easy to see why Saffie Joseph Jr made that call. He had the ill fated The Queens M G as a strong contender in that 8.5-furlong contest and Early On will be much better suited by running over 9 furlongs. It's hard to see past Good Cheer when it comes to the Kentucky Oaks at this stage but Early On could actually put herself in the picture as a live longshot this coming weekend. The daughter of Belmont Stakes winner Union Rags seems certain to appreciate a test of stamina. She won impressively by almost six lengths in a maiden race over 8.5 furlongs at Gulfstream Park in February (her first try at further than 7 fur.), and improved to **Globeform 104p** when finishing strongly for second in the Virginia Oaks, run over the same distance at Colonial Downs in March. The race was won by the favorite Fondly, who got first run on her and prevailed by half a length, but it was Early On who emerged as the more likely Kentucky Oaks contender. Making up a lot of ground coming down the lane, she ran 'a winning race in defeat' and it will be most interesting to see her over 9 panels.

**BALLERINA D'ORO** began her career on the lawn last year - at one stage looking like she could be one of Chad Brown's contenders for the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf - but, after an eighth placed finish (though not badly beaten) in the Jessamine Stakes at Keeneland she was given a break; then came back in the Demoiselle Stakes two months later. It was a tough spot for a dirt debut; but Ballerina d'Oro took it in her stride. Finishing best of all, she ran to **Globeform 103p** as she almost go to the odds-on winner, Muhimma, who held on to win by a length. Like the Gazelle, the Demoiselle was run over 9 furlongs here at Aqueduct so we know that this Medaglia d'Oro filly will cope with the trip. She shaped well also when third in the Davona Dale Stakes at Gulfstream Park in early March. She was once more closing in from the back and almost got up for second, beaten a nose by La Cara for the place, 2 3/4 lengths behind the impressive The Queens M G. As the latter was injured and pulled up in the Gulfstream Park Oaks, we do not have the luxury of seeing the Davona Dale form tested - but La Cara was coming off an easy win in the Suncoast Stakes at Tampa Bay Downs (where she beat **DELORAINÉ** by 7 1/2 lengths) and the Davona Dale was a very good race. Ballerina d'Oro ran better in the Demoiselle though and she can be expected to move forward with a nice seasonal bow under her belt.

**Update Apr 1: Monitor La Cara**, who held second by a nose when Ballerina d'Oro finish well for third in the Davona Dale Stakes, as she runs in the **Ashland Stakes at Keeneland on Friday**.

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**DELORAINÉ** returns to dirt after having run a game race to take third behind Nitrogen and Lush Lips in the Florida Oaks on turf, and this move does seem strange. Connections are obviously keen to try dirt once more. Prior to the Florida Oaks Deloraine was beaten 7 1/2 lengths in third place behind La Cara in the Suncoast Stakes on dirt, but prior to that effort she had won impressively by 8 1/4 lengths in allowance company on the lawn. That was a classy performance earning her **Globeform 101**. Moving effortlessly up going around the home bend, she could soon be called the winner, and she sailed away to win under a hand ride. Can she run as well on dirt? The breeding says yes; her sire Candy Ride was effective both on turf and dirt, while her dam Unbridled Elaine won the Breeders' Cup Distaff. >>>

**VANILLA SUNDAE** was a very easy maiden winner of a mile at Aqueduct in February. Having run poorly in her two races as a juvenile (both over a wet track), this Pletcher / Repole filly was not favorite on her seasonal debut (and that even as an entry mate in a five-runner field) but she sure won like one. Making all, she ran right away from her rivals to win by 15 3/4 lengths from the favorite Stone Cold Kelly, with Castle Island third. Vanilla Sundae looked pretty good but the two behind her were both well beaten next time out and Vanilla Sundae's time was nothing special. She was eased a couple of lengths but stopping the clock in 1.39.84 meant that she ran 0.37 sec slower than a \$50' claimer in the next race and 0.61 sec slower than a \$25' claimer in the race after that. Those two winners also won by open lengths and note that Vanilla Sundae's runner-up Stone Cold Kelly's time would have made her fifth in the two claiming heats. So how good is this daughter of Gun Runner? That's anybody's guess. But for her two runs last year, when she was not all that popular in the betting, one would think she is a smart prospect but perhaps not. Coming off such a wide margin win over the course, she will probably be overbet in the Gazelle. A \$150,000 Keeneland yearling purchase, she is out of Vanilla Bean Back (won only start; 5.f fur dirt as a 3yo), who is a half-sister to Canoodling, a dual Grade 3 winner on turf - though this also the family of Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner Shanghai Bobby.

**CONCLUSION:** A fast early pace will suit both of the leading contenders, Early On and Ballerina d'Oro. Looking at this field we soon see that it's not guaranteed to happen but perhaps the connections of Vanilla Sundae, who has seemed a bit one-paced, will decide to send her hard to the lead. That would be good news for supporters of Early On, who could well go off at a very good price. Horses trained by Pletcher and Brown nearly always take plenty of action at the windows, while a filly coming off a defeat at Colonial may be underestimated by the majority of players. The morning line is not available at the time of writing but anything over 3-1 about Early On would be really tempting. Exacta / Trifecta / Superfecta players can latch onto a 'double key' here - using Early On and Ballerina d'Oro as 1st & 2nd or 1st & 3rd; if the pace scenario develops in a way that suits the one it will also suit the other.

## GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

<b>A</b>	<b>4 EARLY ON</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>2 BALLERINA D'ORO</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>3 VANILLA SUNDAE, 5 DELORAINÉ</b>

**Early On 2nd / Virginia Oaks:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YI5ZuuDOsEI>

**Ballerina d'Oro 3rd / Davona Dale Stakes (R8 / 39:30):** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RhIB8ONesDc&t=1387s>

**Ballerina d'Oro 2nd / Demoiselle Stakes:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lnW-sSHDm0Y>

**Deloraine 3rd / Florida Oaks:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z0zhNL6VAUk>

**Deloraine 3rd / Suncoast Stakes:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IDzl2eDmtgQ>