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GLOBEFORM RANKING

£175,000 TURF ALLOWANCE, 8.5 fur, Churchill Downs June 19

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

Rank	No.	Name of horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs	Trainer / Jockey
From right to left (most recent first)					
0	4	IRISH ACES	112	105 - 112 - 110	Walsh / Gaffalione
0	5	FUNTASTIC AGAIN <i>GF 110 in June '25</i> <i>GF 111 in May '24</i>	(111) 110	0 - 0 - 110	W Ward / Geroux
2	7	HERCHEE	110	99 - 110 - 109p	Pitts / Morales
2	1	LAMBETH	108	106 - 0 - 108	Sharp / J L Ortiz
3	9	THEISMANN	109	105 - 109 - 97	Eurton / Sheehy
3 / 5	2	HIGGINS BOAT <i>GF 107 in Feb '25</i>	107 / 105	? - 103 - 105	J A Ortiz / J Torres
4	8	WEST HOLLYWOOD	108	108 - 106 - 103	B Cox / I Ortiz Jr
- 2 / 5	3	AWESOME AARON <i>GF 107 in Sep '25 (dirt)</i> <i>GF 112 in May '25 (dirt)</i>	112 / 105	0 - 105 - 93	N Casse / L Saez
5 / 9	6	IDRATHERBEBLESSED <i>GF 107 in Mar & Dec '25</i>	107 / 103	103 - 95 - 92	Maker / Rosario

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Globeform rating with a "p" attached = this was the horse's best rating to date and the horse is likely to improve
Globeform rating with a "+" = this was not its best rating but the horse ran better than the rating suggests.



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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

IRISH ACES has not raced since April last year, when won an 8.5-furlong allowance race at Keeneland without having to produce his best. He made all to beat dead-heaters Out of Deductions and Smokey Mandate by half a length. This win came on the back of a career best performance at Gulfstream Park in March, when he checked in fourth in the Canadian Turf Stakes over the same distance, beaten just half a length behind Fort Washington, who went on to win the Dinner Party Stakes at Pimlico and the Arlington Million at Colonial Downs. Irish Aces came from off the pace in the Canadian Turf, and he improved to **Globeform 112**. He was exiting a third placed finish behind even money favorite Running Bee in the Tampa Bay Stakes a month earlier. He returned GF 110 on that occasion and what makes that piece of form interesting is that it was his seasonal debut after a three and a half month break. Irish Aces has never won after layoffs but he has run well straight off the bench three times in the past and there's every chance that he will do the same this week. As one of the top ranked horses, this game and consistent gelding will probably find himself in an ideal pace scenario here (there's plenty of speed signed on), giving him a good shot at beating all on his comeback. He has 4 wins and a nice 10-for-15 top three record, this is his best distance, and he represents a team that's been having a good season so far.

FUNTASTIC AGAIN has never won on turf but his career best actually came on the lawn, when he ran to Globeform 111 to get second behind the high class miler Johannes in the Shoemaker Mile at Santa Anita back in 2024. Funtastic Again has had no more than five runs since and he two most recent outings, in November / Secember, were both very disappointing. He ran close to his very best last to take the 9-furlong Dominion Day Stakes on the Tapeta track at Woodbine 12 months ago though, making all to win by half a length from next out Niagara Stakes winner Stanley House. That win was followed by a break of over four months and layoff patterns has been the story of Funtastic Again's career. His win at Woodbine, and his good run in the Shoemaker Mile, both happened after a break - so we know he can run well fresh. As one of the prominent runners in this field, he has the advantage that he stays further than 8.5 furlongs.

HERCHEE is another with gaps in his running lines. He was making his first start for 11 months when running last of eight, 5 3/4 lengths behind Dresden Row over 8.5 furlongs at Churchill Downs in May. **LAMBETH** was third and **THEISMANN** sixth in that event, where Herchee tired after having been well in touch with the pace from the outset and was eased inside the last half-furlong. He probably needed the run and a better effort can be expected here. He ran two good winning races last year - under quite different conditions. After beating El Rezeen easily by 3 lengths on turf at Keeneland, the son of Twirling Candy took a sloppy off-the-turf contest over 9 furlongs at Churchill Downs, where he beat subsequent Kentucky Turf Cup winner Ole Crazy Bone by a neck. Herchee improved to **Globeform 110** there, having returned GF 109p when winning on turf. Clearly versatile, he is a lightly raced 5yo with a 4-1-1 record from just 8 starts, a he is not without a chance in this race. One worry; trainer and rider both have a relatively low strike rate.

LAMBETH ran well to finish third behind Dresden Row and Ole Crazy Bone when making his seasonal debut over 8.5 furlongs at Churchill Downs in May (with **THEISMANN** and **HERCHEE** behind him). Lambeth ran on at an even tempo from just off the pace and lost by 1 3/4 lengths. Based on ratings, it was a performance just about a length below his best and it was an encouraging start to his new campaign. The son of Arrogate ran his best race to date when second, half a length behind Chasing the Crown in a valuable handicap over a mile at Kentucky Downs last August. That's a unique, undulating course, but Lambeth has run well also on dirt and here at Churchill Downs - and that he ran so well first time out suggested that he has retained his ability and five and he must be respected.

THEISMANN is the one who stands out as a potential value bet on the morning line. **15-1 really does look too big** for this son of Quality Road. His sixth placed effort behind Dresden Row over this course and distance in May was not that far below his personal best. His personal best was recorded two starts back, and it was a performance on a level that certainly gives him a winning chance here. He set the pace while racing too freely and going too fast last time out. Six weeks prior, Theismann also met Dresden Row, in what was arguably a better race, and he managed to get second, with next out winner Integration third half a length behind him while carrying 5lbs less than Theismann. Dresden Row was a stakes winner in Canada last year and Integration went on to win an Aqueduct allowance race, then run fifth in the Manhattan Stakes at Saratoga. Theismann improved to **Globeform 109** when splitting these horses. A consistsnet sort, he fits well in at this level, but it also needs mentioning that he would not want to end up in a speed duel, and that he has a tricky draw in stall nine. He stalked once when winning last year and such tactics would probably serve him best this weekend. >>>

WEST HOLLYWOOD, the morning line favorite, has never been better than last time out, when he ran on late to get third behind Lagynos and Minaret Station in the 8.5-furlong Arlington Stakes at Churchill Downs in May, beaten 1 3/4 lengths by Lagynos, who was coming off a win also in the Opening Verse Stakes over a mile in April, when West Hollywood was fifth. West Hollywood ran to GF 106 in the Opening Verse and he moved up to **Globeform 108** in the Arlington. Lagynos would have been odds-on in this group and West Hollywood has a lot going for him - not least the probable pace scenario. Barring any scratches, we may see as many as four or five going forward. The trouble with this of course, is that seeing so much speed in the PPs makes riders take back, and we end up with a moderate pace. West Hollywood wants a good to strong pace, he was held up for a late run in his last two starts and it worked well. One thing worth noting about this horse; his level of form doesn't really justify 2-1 and, with the Brad Cox / Irad Ortiz combination, he's likely to be that short.

HIGGINS BOAT ran to **Globeform 107** when beaten a length by Taking Candy in the Fair Grounds Stakes over 9 furlongs in February 2025 (caught late after trying to make all) and he returned GF 105 to win an 8.5-furlong allowance heat over the same course this February, but he was readily beaten when fifth to West Hollywood on his next start and he has changed trainers twice after claims in recent months

AWESOME AARON would sit on the top of the ranking if we use his best dirt performance, Globeform 112 when winning the Pimlico Special last year, but he has failed to hit the board in three runs on turf, he recent form is not up what we saw in the Pimlico Special, and he's hard to fancy in this contest.

IDRATHERBEBLESSED, a habitual front-runner, returned to winning form when holding on to win by half a length from Westside Tide in allowance company over this trip in May, but he did not need to get back to his earlier peaks to win that contest, and this will be much harder.

CONCLUSION: This is a tricky contest where one can make a case for about half the field, and it's an interesting contest with a view to stakes action on the turf later in the summer; not at the top level but some of these horses may well turn up at Kentucky Downs. The two that stand out a bit are Irish Aces, coming off a long break, very well suited by the distance and likely to be fine with the pace scenario; and West Hollywood, whose career best was his most recent run, also suited by 8.5 furlongs and likely to get the right pace setup. Irish Aces has a bit more class and he is the one who won't be badly compromised if we don't see a strong pace; so he is preferred. 7-2 looks about right for this Brendan Walsh trainee, while 2-1 is plenty short enough about West Hollywood. The way to play the Trifecta may be to rely on Irish Aces winning and West Hollywood hitting the board. As big as **15-1** on the morning line, Theismann is the value bet.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	4 IRISH ACES
B	8 WEST HOLLYWOOD
C	1 LAMBETH, 5 FUNTASTIC AGAIN, 7 HERCHEE, 9 THEISMANN

Irish Aces 4th / Canadian Turf S. '25: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mkdur3NTomE>

Irish Aces 3rd / Tampa Bay Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4dSJ3xvqtOI>

West Hollywood 3rd / Arlington Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q5hUivvjvI0>

West Hollywood 5th / Opening Verse Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fLut-tAnfMQ>