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GLOBEFORM RANKING

THE FOREGO STAKES (G1), 7 fur dirt, Saturday August 23

Horses ranked in pounds (0.45kg). 1 length = 2.5 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	BOOK'EM DANNO	127	127 - 124 - 119+	Ryan / Lopez
2 / 7	7	MULLIKIN	125 / 120	119 - 120 - 116+	Brisset / Prat
7	5	EXTRA ANEJO	118	112 - 100 - 118	Asmussen / Curtis
7	8	SCOTLAND GF 116 in July '24	116 / 109+	109+ 111+ 0	W Mott / Alvarado
8	1	MOST WANTED	115	111+ 115 - 112	Cox / Geroux
9p	6	CRAZY MASON	116p	101 - 109+ 116p	Sacco / M Franco
12	3	FULL MOON MADNESS	113	113 - 107 - 92	Nevin / Carmouche
13	2	BISHOPS BAY	112	?+ 112 - 112	Cox / I Ortiz Jr
15	9	OVER AND OLLIE	108	108 - 95 - ?+	R Dutrow / J L Ortiz
19	11	DOC SULLIVAN	104	104 - 103 - 103	J A Ortiz / Rosario
19	10	HOLD MY BOURBON	104	104 - 96 - 0	Joseph Jr / L Saez

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 Forego

2024	MULLIKIN	GF 125	Rodolphe Brisset	Flavien Prat
2023	GUNITE	GF 123	Steve Asmussen	Tyler Gaffalione
2022	CODY'S WISH	GF 124	William Mott	Junior Alvarado
2021	YAUPON	GF 118p	Steve Asmussen	Ricardo Santana Jr
2020	WIN WIN WIN	GF 118	Michael Trombetta	Javier Castellano

Average winning Globeform: 121.6



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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

BOOK'M DANNO goes from strength to strength and it's hardly wise to oppose him as he meets **MULLIKIN** for a third time this season. Mullikin is the one who has form good enough to give him a fight but, while Book'em Danno is coming off a career best, Mullikin's best form dates back to last year's Forego, when he was an impressive 5 3/4-length winner of this race. Book'em Danno beat him easily by 2 1/2 lengths in the 6-furlong Vanderbilt Stakes here at Saratoga in July, when Nakatomi was 3 3/4 lengths further adrift in third place. Book'em Danno improved to **Globeform 127** with that performance, making him the early favorite for the Breeders' Cup Sprint at Del Mar in November. Like in the 6.5-furlong True North Stake in June, Book'em Danno landed the spoils by coming from just off the speed, and he was much the best. He has strong form in the book also over 7 furlongs and this step up in distance is unlikely to trouble the son of Buccherio. One of his best runs last year happened in the 7-furlong H Allen Jerkens Memorial. He was third but only 1 1/4 lengths behind Domestic Product, who he was spotting 4lbs. Book'em Danno is drawn in stall 4, with Mullikin to his outside in stall 7, and perhaps that gives Mullikin a bit of a tactical advantage; though the class edge belongs to Book'em Danno and he is the logical selection.

MULLIKIN produced **Globeform 125** when slamming Churchill Downs Stakes winner Gun Pilot by almost six lengths in this event 12 months ago. He has not been able to reproduce that figure but the son of Violence has run solid races in defeat, most recently as runner-up twice against Book'em Danno. One way to look at this week's clash positively for him is to expect Mullikin to do better over this distance than he has done over shorter; after all, he was second under a tough weight in the Cigar Mile so perhaps more of a stamina test is what he wants. His best chance of beating Book'em Danno could be to add pressure early. It is of course very, very boring but Mullikin is the clear B-horse in this office.

EXTRA ANEJO is 3-for-4 over this distance and he put up a strong performance when coming from well off a hot pace to win the Commonwealth over 7 furlongs at Keeneland in April, beating Montalcino by 1 1/2 lengths and moving up to a career best **Globeform 118**. The Steve Asmussen trainee has since been unplaced in the Churchill Downs Stakes (when the sloppy track worked against him) and third in the one-mile Hanshin Stakes. He must be considered as a Trifecta candidate in the Forego. It's hard to see him winning but 20-1 is nevertheless too big; all the more reason to have him in our Tri plan.

SCOTLAND ran his best race to date when winning an allowance race this course and distance last year, beating Accretive comfortably by 3 lengths after having raced close to the speed throughout. He returned **Globeform 116** that day - and he ran to GF 114 when second to Mufasa in the Vosburgh on his next start - but did not need to run up to the same level to win the Cherokee Mile at Churchill Downs on his last run in 2024. He shaped like a horse in need of the run on his only start so far this season, finishing third behind Concrete Glory and Little Ni over 7 furlongs at Saratoga in July. Little Ni franked that form by beating Surveillance and Damon's Mound in a similar contest next time out. **Scotland could hit the board.**

2nd at 11-1

MOST WANTED is only 5-1 on the morning line and bookmakers offering early odds have him as short as 11/4. Really? Shorter than Mullikin? It seems completely wrong. Based on his best ratings, this horse is one of a cluster to use underneath in Trifectas, but all of his form has been achieved over 8.5 and 9 furlongs. In addition, Most Wanted is stuck in the inside post. He has been setting the pace effectively in longer races but this is a different ballgame. Interestingly, Most Wanted has his barnmate **BISHOPS BAY** directly to his outside in stall 2; and that contender is also cutting back to sprinting for the first time, having been successful when on the lead over longer distances. It will be interesting to see their tactics. They have both hit the board every time they have raced, so in that sense they should be respected, but all logic says that they ought to be longshots rather than 5-1 and 6-1 in this event. Hopefully they will take money, and we can play for a bit of value doing a Trifecta plan without the two Cox trainees. >>>

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CRAZY MASON was beaten after a furlong when trying his luck in the Bing Crosby Stakes at Del Mar a month ago. Very slow to get into his stride from post one he was last for most of the way and in the end he finished sixth. It's a run best forgotten. He was coming off a respectable third behind **BOOK'EM DANN**O and **MULLIKIN** in the True North over 6.5 furlongs at Saratoga, beaten 4 lengths after making up ground in the closing stages. That performance was also below what he is capable of though. The Coal Front son went into the race off of three straight wins, with improvement shown in every start. He closed really well from off the pace in the Carter Stakes over 7 furlongs at Aqueduct in early April, getting up to beat Quint's Brew by a neck. Quint's Brew had won stakes races by wide margins on his two preceding starts; and a month after the Carter he was a good second in the Westchester Stakes, beaten half a length when trying to give **BISHOPS BAY** 4lbs. Crazy Mason moved up to **Globeform 116p** in the Carter.

That gives him a shot at hitting the board in the Forego but the question as we are approaching the fall is whether he has kept his form. **3rd at 16-1**

FULL MOON MADNESS is not as good a horse as Extra Anejo and Crazy Mason but he is the one coming off a career best effort; his gutsy victory in the 6-furlong Alapocas Run Stakes at Delaware Park in June, when he was a relentless winner, getting home by a neck from Mr. Prospector Stakes winner Buccherino, with Damon's Mound third. Scratched from the Vanderbilt in July, Full Moon Madness will be coming off a ten-week break this time. He won after a much longer layoff last fall.

CONCLUSION: Book'em Danno looks banker material from stall 4. With the milers Most Wanted and Bishops Bay in the inside stalls, and Full Moon Madness in stall 3, there's a very good chance that Book'em Danno and Paco Lopez get a smooth passage to bag the rail. Whether Mullikin's rider Flavien Prat wants to overtake him or not is pure guesswork - though if he believe his horse stays better than the favorite then perhaps he will ill be eager to turn the heat on. Such a scenario would create fascinating showdown and it would also suit the likes of Extra Anejo and Crazy Mason; they have both produced their best when closing in from the back over this distance.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	4 BOOK'EM DANN O WON	
B	7 MULLIKIN	
C	5 EXTRA ANEJO, 6 CRAZY MASON 3rd at 16-1 8 SCOTLAND 2nd at 11-1	

TRIFECTA HIT: Playing Book'em Danno over our 4 horses underneath cost 12 lines; Payout 193-1

\$120 invested - \$1940 returned ||| **\$1820 NET PROFIT**

Book'em Danno & Mullikin / Vanderbilt Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bhhFLiGj6Go>

Book'em Danno & Mullikin / True North Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fgejwy9MKDo>

Book'em Danno / Woody Stephens Stakes '24: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YSmS6g-k-eg>

Mullikin / Forego Stakes '24: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRRmsmYzHfc>

Extra Anejo / Commonwealth Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RNdKjSOKL4g>

Crazy Mason / Carter Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uPrC2ER9EtY>

Full Moon Madness / Alapocas Run St.: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RyHOCP0EFQ4>