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## GLOBEFORM RANKING

**\$140,000 TURF ALLOWANCE 8.5 furlongs, Keeneland Thu. Apr. 16**

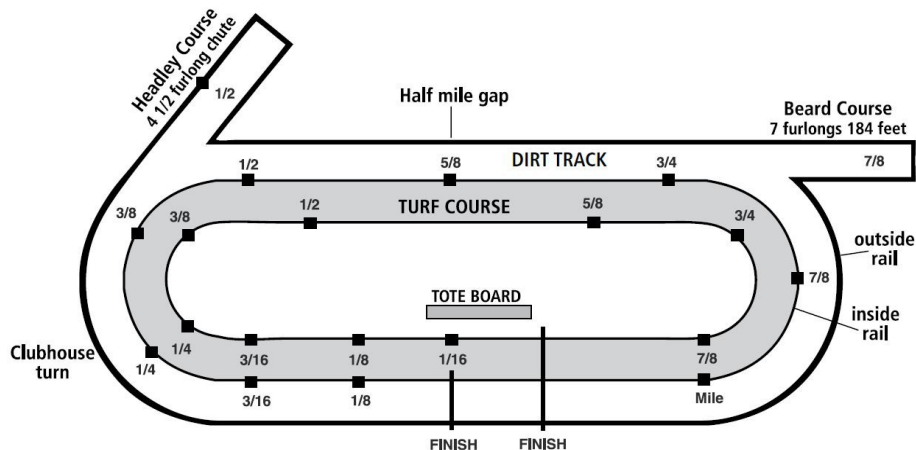
Horses ranked in pounds (0.45kg). 1 length = 2 pounds over this distance

Rank	No.	Name of horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs	Trainer / Jockey
From right to left (most recent first)					
0	5	<b>JUST A TOUCH</b> <i>GF 115 also in Apr '25</i>	115 / 109	97 - 109 - 115	Cox / I Ortiz Jr
11 / 17+	10	<b>CALIFORNIA BURRITO</b>	104 / 98+	98+ 96 - 92	Drury / L Saez
12	9	<b>JUDGE DAVIS</b>	103	92+ 101+ 103 - 103	Maker / Prat
12	4	<b>MIRANDA RIGHTS</b> <i>GF 103 also May '25 &amp; Aug '24</i>	103	0 - 96 - 103	Nihei / Cheminaud
14	6	<b>STARS AND STRIDES</b>	101	0 - 93 - 101	W Mott / Alvarado
13 / 17+	8	<b>GREEN LIGHT</b> <i>GF 102 in June '25</i>	<del>102 / 98+</del>	<del>98+ 88 - 90</del>	<del>Brisset / Machado</del>
14	3	<b>LEGALIZE</b>	<del>104</del>	<del>101 - 95 - 84</del>	<del>DeVaux / J L Ortiz</del>
14	1	<b>MAYCOCKS BAY</b>	101	99 - 94 - 101	Stidham / B Hernandez Jr
16	7	<b>BIG TO DO</b>	99	99 - 98 - ?	Wisner / Antongrgi
11 / 18	2	<b>IN A JAM</b> <i>GF 104 in Jan '25</i>	104 / 97	97 - ? - ?	Cook / Morales

*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*

## KEENELAND'S TRACKS



## GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

**JUST A TOUCH** would be long odds-on were this race to be run on the main track, and perhaps he will be odds-on despite this being his first try on the lawn. It's not such an unusual move with a horse having his profile but it is quite unusual for a horse to come to a turf allowance heat at Keeneland from having last run in the Santa Anita Handicap, where he was 3/5 favorite and badly beaten in fourth place. It was sub-standard edition of the historic 10-furlong race and the Brad Cox trainee returned no more than GF 97 as he passed the winning post 8 1/4 lengths behind British Isles. If Just a Touch runs like that here he may even miss hitting the board - but if he performs to above GF 105 he will win. It seems unlikely that Cox takes him to this race if the horse isn't in reasonable form but would it make sense to take 8-5 about a contender like this? His best form is head and shoulders above the rest but still, backing horses in win bets at 8-5 we want to know that everything is right, not just with the horse, but *for* the horse; i.e. distance, ground and pace scenario. The latter is likely to be in his favor, as there's plenty of speed signed on - and Just a Touch stays 9 furlongs on dirt. The quicker they go early, the better it will be for this favorite. Will he like the turf? Impossible to say. His last workout was a good 4-furlong breeze at Payson Park but that's no guarantee he will act on it in an 8.5-furlong contest at Keeneland. His sire Justify gets good turf runners though his dam, the Tapit mare Touching Beauty, was a dirt performer who won the Comely Stakes at Aqueduct as a 3yo.

Having run to **Globeform 115** twice in 2025; when outclassing Parchment Party in an allowance heat over 9 furlongs at Keeneland in April and when beaten just half a length by Surface to Air in the Monmouth Cup over the same distance in June; Just a Touch is a horse who would deserve a valuable stakes win. The Monmouth Cup form was given a boost as Surface to Air followed up in the Iselin Stakes, so it was solid enough. In between these two good runs last term, Just a Touch was third almost five lengths behind Raging Torrent in the sloppy Met Mile at Saratoga. He was stopped after the Monmouth Cup and thus came off a six-month break when beaten a neck by Accelerize in the Louisiana Stakes at the Fair Grounds in January. Accelerize went on to a narrow defeat against Hit Show in the Mineshaft Stakes four weeks later, while Just a Touch tried to take advantage of a weak Santa Anita Handicap, but failed. What do we do with this horse here? The bad run at Santa Anita could have been due to shipping or that he did not take to the track. Perhaps we should simply call it too bad to be true. Without that result it would be *very* easy to go for him in this turf race, that's for sure.

**CALIFORNIA BURRITO** was 3 lengths in front of **JUDGE DAVIS** when they filled third and fourth behind Tapit Shoes on a good allowance race over a mile on the Tapeta track at Turfway Park in February. Judge Davis lost the race at the start, while California Burrito seemed to need the run after a two-month break. He set the pace then tired at the finish; when Tapit Shoes and Wadsworth took center stage in a finish where only a nose separated them at the wire. California Burrito can move forward off of that effort and become a live contender in this contest. He ran to **Globeform 104** when winning the Battaglia Memorial over 8.5 furlongs at Turfway in February last year, then lost his form and ran badly in the Jeff Ruby Steaks and the Pat Day Mile in the spring, before being given a break up to the Commonwealth at Churchill Downs in November. It was a tough spot to resurface in and he finished a distance sixth behind Giocososo. California Burrito ran better when returning to Turfway for his next outing; in a minor event over 9 furlongs. It was won by Anegada, who beat G3 winner & Kentucky Derby fourth Final Gambit in a photo finish, while California Burrito was beaten 4 1/2 lengths in fifth place. Anegada won the Connally Turf Cup at Sam Houston next time out and he ran third in the Mac Diarmida at Gulfstream Park in February. California Burrito has done his best on the Tapeta, with just one try on turf (in the Commonwealth), but he returned GF 98+ last time out and that suggests he has retained his form. At 12-1 on the morning line, he's an interesting contender. >>>



**JUDGE DAVIS** is a game, consistent and very likable performer. He was beaten 7 lengths when fourth behind Tapit Shoes, Wadsworth and **CALIFORNIA BURRITO** over a mile at Turfway Park in February, but ignore that result and you are looking at good record. It was his first try on the Tapeta, he missed the break and lost lengths at the start there, only to pass tiring horses (without being given a hard ride) for a pay check. Judge Davis likes to race prominently so it's safe to say that he lost all chances out of the gates. His seven runs prior gave these placings; 1244122 - and he has met some classy performers in his most recent races. After beating Dear Dad by half a length over a mile at Aqueduct in September, the Mike Maker trainee was a close second to G2 winner Poster over the same distance at Churchill Downs in November (with **MIRANDA RIGHTS** fourth), then a game second (though well beaten) when meeting some traffic in what was an impossible task against the high class One Stripe over mile at Gulfstream Park in December. One Stripe has since been an unlucky runner-up in the Pegasus World Cup Turf and he filled the same spot in the Maker's Mark Mile last week. Judge Davis, who ran to **Globeform 103** twice last fall, makes a fair bit of appeal here. Getting Flavien Prat in the saddle, he looks a decent price at **6-1** on the morning line. The one negative factor - and it could be significant one - is the fact that there's a lot of speed and the distance is 8.5 furlongs. That may create a scenario stretching his stamina. Judge Davis has developed into a miler since switching barns last spring (he won over 5.5 furlongs back in 2025) so yes, the added half-furlong is a worry. That said, he has not been asked to try this distance since hitting form for Maker so we can't say that he'll be unsuited by it. His sire, Distorted Humor, has been a good source of stamina and his dam, Mylitta, won over this distance on dirt as a four-year-old.

**GREEN LIGHT** ran his best race to date when setting a track record over 8.5 furlongs at Churchill Downs last June. Exiting an eight-month layoff, he was up with the pace throughout and won by a head from Camaro Z, returning **Globeform 102** in the process. As we all know, track record holders are not always stakes quality horses, but Green Light is a useful runner; he ran close to the same figure also when third behind Brilliant Bertie in the 2024 edition of the American Derby. The son of Hard Spun made a promising start to the new campaign when second over 6.5 furlongs / Tapeta at Turfway Park in February (a distance that is too short for him). Possiblemente, who beat him by 2 3/4 lengths, went in again in a similar contest four weeks later, and note who was third behind Green Light at Turfway; last year's Prince of Wales Stakes winner Runaway Again (who was coming off a good sprint win at Woodbine). This form is better than what it might appear to be at first glance.

**MIRANDA RIGHTS** was unplaced in Tapit Shoes's allowance race at Turfway Park; running too bad to be true after a layoff. He did much better when fourth behind Poster, **JUDGE DAVIS** and Noises Off over a mile at Churchill Downs in November; though one of his two best performances was a narrow defeat in a stakes quality allowance race over 8.5 furlongs at Keeneland in October. Giving Theisman a proper fight after having been ridden just off the pace, Miranda Rights lost by just a nose to that rival, who has franked the form with good performances since (runner-up to Dresden Row in a stakes quality allowance heat here last week). Degree of Risk, coming off a second subsequent G3 winner Quatrocento at Kentucky Downs, filled third beaten 3/4 length. Miranda Rights returned **Globeform 103** in this race, and he had produced the same figure when third behind stakes winner Northern Invader over a mile at Churchill Downs back in May. Based on these results, the son of Constitution should be respected here; one big advantage is his running style - he can sit just off what will probably be a lively pace, and he stays this trip well.

**STARS AND STRIDES** is a confusing horse. He looked potentially very good when winning the Saranac Stakes at Saratoga last September, nothing special when beating just one home behind Tiz Dashing as the odds-on favorite in the Hill Prince Stakes at Aqueduct in November, then downright disappointing (possibly something amiss) when last of eight behind Tiz Dashing in the Canadian Turf at Gulfstream Park in February. That was his first start of the new season and perhaps we should not give up on this colt quite yet. He looked very much like a horse destined for better things when winning the Saranac Stakes over 8.5 furlongs (despite racing too freely) as as 3yo. He had the run of the race, pouncing from just off the pace, but he was much the best and earned **Globeform 101p** as he beat Magic Pathway and Asbury Park. Magic Pathway has disappointed twice since but Asbury Park gave the form a boost by winning the Jockey Club Derby next time out. A return to his Saranac form will send Stars and Strides back to the winners' circle this season - but it is hard to trust that he will show up. A horse like this normally *does* show up one day but the problem is that we can't predict when it will happen. >>>

**MAYCOCKS BAY** and **LEGALIZE** ran second and third behind Higgins Boat in an 8.5-furlong allowance race at the Fair Grounds in February. It was Maycocks Bay's first run on turf and also his first run since March last year, and he ran close to his best dirt form. Setting the pace at 8-1, he fought back well when coming under attack but lost by a nose. Like he was at the Fair Grounds, he's in post 1 and likely to go forward again to get a ground saving trip. There are four or five others with a prominent running style here so he will not be without company / pressure. One thing that makes him a risky card is that he can pull hard, something that happened twice in 2025 (he was too free also last time) and how will that affect his performance if he ends up in an early speed duel? Legalize was also coming off the bench and ran a game third behind Higgins Boat; then improved nicely on that form when second, half a length behind West Hollywood over a mile at the same venue a month later. He was more prominent on that occasion. There's little to choose between Maycocks Bay and Legalize, who gets an upgrade named J L Ortiz in the saddle.

**CONCLUSION:** This is a fascinating race to get involved in, mainly because a group of horses are all too big on the morning line and thus possible value factors in the exotics. Just a Touch should win it - all he needs to do is to run some 8 to 10lbs below his best dirt form and the job will be done. That equals four to five lengths over 8.5 furlongs, so of course he has a good chance. That there's so much speed in the mix is another plus for the Brad Cox runner. One can question whether he is a winning type, but in fairness to the horse; he has been pitched in against serious rivals, most notably when second to Sierra Leone in the Blue Grass here at Keeneland two years ago and when third behind Raging Torrent and Fierceness in the Met Mile last year. So we have to go with the favorite - but his likely odds will be too short for a recommended win bet. We need to have a crack at the exotics, and perhaps the very consistent Judge Davis can help us out as we decide on a plan. How about playing Trifectas with him in 2nd or 3rd behind Just a Touch with the others in the selection box. What we need then is a) Just a Touch to win, b) Judge Davis to run to form and be in the first three and c) one of our 'supporting cards' to do the same. With just 8 lines it's an inexpensive plan and well worth a try.

### GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS






<b>A</b>	<b>5 JUST A TOUCH WON</b>	
<b>B</b>	9 JUDGE DAVIS <b>2nd</b>   <b>EXACTA: 9-1</b>	<b>TRIFECTA: 29-1</b>
<b>C</b>	1 MAYCOCKS BAY <b>3rd</b> , 4 MIRANDA RIGHTS <b>4th</b> 6 STARS AND STRIDES, 10 CALIFORNIA BURRITO	<b>SUPERFECTA: 80-1</b>

**Just a Touch / Monmouth Cup:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tt4V78FbnGk>

**Just a Touch 2nd / Blue Grass Stakes '24:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0KKoHpxhShI>

**Judge Davis 2nd / Gulfstream Allowance:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x3D4DHaYqEA>

### LEXINGTON WEATHER FORECAST

Wed 15	84°/65°		Partly Cloudy	☁ 2%
Thu 16	77°/57°		PM Showers	☁ 57%
Fri 17	83°/65°		Partly Cloudy	☁ 24%
Sat 18	78°/46°		PM T-Storms	☁ 67%
Sun 19	59°/37°		AM Showers	☁ 30%