

GLOBEFORM'S BREEDERS' CUP SERVICE

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GLOBEFORM RATINGS

BREEDERS' CUP DISTAFF (G1) | 9 furlongs Del Mar Sat. Nov. 1

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

Rank	Name of horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs	Trainer / Jockey
From right to left (most recent first)				
0	DORTH VADER	122	122 - 114+ 116	Weaver / TBA
1	SEISMIC BEAUTY	121	121 - 120 - ?p	Baffert / TBA
6	GIN GIN	116	116 - 0 - 109 - 110p	Walsh / TBA
6	NITROGEN 3yo	116	115 - 116- 108	M Casse / TBA
?p	SCOTTISH LASSIE 3yo GF ?p CCA Oaks July '25 GF 108p in Frizette S. '24	?p *	108 - ?p - 105	Abreu / TBA
8	SCYLLA GF 114 B Cup F&M Sprint '24	114	112 - 112 - 105	W Mott / TBA
8	GUN SONG GF 114 in Sep '24	114 / 112	112 - 0 - 102	Hennig / TBA
9	ARGINE Alt. BC Mile	113	113 - 113 - 113	Nakauchida / TBA
9	MAJESTIC OOPS GF 113 also in May '25 Alt. BC F&M Sprint	113	89 - 102 - 113	D Ward / TBA
11	CLICQUOT 3yo	111	111 - 109p	Walsh / TBA
11	REGALED	111	111 - 102 - 105	Beckman / TBA
11	ALICE VERITE Alt. Filly & Mare Turf	111	97 - 111 - 106	Nakatake / TBA
12	SARAWAK RIM	110?	110? - 90? - ?p	Correas / TBA
14	DRY POWDER 3yo Alt. Dirt Mile	108	108 - 108 - ?	Summers / TBA

* **Scottish Lassie:** Her 15 1/2-length win in the four-runner Coaching Club American Oaks can't be rated.

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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Most recent winners of the Breeders' Cup Distaff

2024	THORPEDO ANNA	GF 121+	Kenneth McPeck	Brian Hernandez Jr
2023	IDIOMATIC	GF 118	Brad Cox	Florent Geroux
2022	MALATHAAT	GF 120	Todd Pletcher	John Velazquez
2021	MARCHE LORRAINE	GF 115	Yoshido Yahagi	Oisin Murphy
2020	MONOMOY GIRL	GF 120	Brad Cox	Florent Geroux
2019	BLUE PRIZE	GF 120	Ignacio Correias VI	Joe Bravo
2018	MONOMOY GIRL	GF 120	Brad Cox	Florent Geroux
2017	FOREVER UNBRIDLED	GF 122	Dallas Stewart	John Velazquez
2016	BEHOLDER	GF 123	Richard Mandella	Gary Stevens
2015	STOPCHARGINGMARIA	GF 117	Todd Pletcher	Javier Castellano

Average winning Globeform: 119.6

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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

DORTH VADER, recommended as a **value future bet at 10-1** in GF News, September 2, is in a good spot to give us a profit here. She was as big as 8-1 right up to October 4. Beaten just a nose by reigning champion Thorpedo Anna as they drew well clear of the rest in the Personal Ensign Stakes over 9 furlongs at Saratoga in August, this is an underestimated horse. It was simply luck that decided who would be heading to the winners' circle at Saratoga. Thorpedo Anna's nose happened to hit the line first and all the focus was on how brave she was to prevail after such a stretch duel. I was actually just as impressed by Dorth Vader and this late maturing mare is a horse people should start believing in now.

A big, scopey daughter of Girvin, she has been steadily improving this season, and she looks the type to continue her progress as we are heading into the fall. Her trainer George Weaver was obviously disappointed to lose a nose bob in an important Grade One, but one of his comments after it was all over was "we are looking forward to the Breeders' Cup". It was easy to understand why. Dorth Vader is a top class performer. As the two drew almost ten lengths clear of the impressive Shuvee Stakes winner Leslie's Rose, Dorth Vader kept finding and she improved to **Globeform 122**. Did she run 'a winning race'? Absolutely she did; and she galloped out well after the winning post too. One thing to note about this contender; she is a very big unit, bigger than Thorpedo Anna in fact; such horses often need a lot of time to fully develop, and that is without doubt the story behind this year's unlucky Personal Ensign runner-up. If she moves up another notch, which seems likely, she will be hard to beat in the Distaff.

She had previously won the 9-furlong Ogden Phipps Stakes with ease (when the sloppy track appeared to move her up; we now know that this was not the case) and she had run another good race in fourth behind the massively weight favored Randomized in the 8.5-furlong Molly Pitcher at Monmouth Park, where the moderate pace was as perfect for the winner as it was detrimental to Dorth Vader's chances. The cut back in distance was also a challenge that day. She ran to GF 116p in the Ogden Phipps and she returned GF 114+ in the Molly Pitcher. The gap up to breaking the 120-barrier wasn't that big and she bridged it when she got a true stamina test in the Personal Ensign.

Will she be suited by Del Mar? That's another question and we simply don't know the answer - a short straight might not be what she ideally wants but Dorth Vader traveled strongly just off the pace at Saratoga and getting a good position is just as important as knowing the track. She has been around the block a few times, taking in racing action at six different venues, so there's plenty of experience in this contender.

SEISMIC BEAUTY, representing Bob Baffert, is also a strong contender for the Distaff. Coming off three straight wins, the most recent in the 8.5-furlong Clement L. Hirsch Stakes here at Del Mar, she takes a high class form to the table and she could be improving still. Course experience is a plus and her prominent running style may be an advantage. The one question that remains unanswered though, is regarding her stamina. Yes, she won the Santa Margarita Stakes over 9 furlongs by 5 lengths at Santa Anita back in May, but that was in a five-runner field and she beat the non-staying Splendora and Princess of Time, whose two wins have both come over 6 furlongs. Seismic Beauty led every step of the way, absolutely outclassed them and produced GF 120 but there was never any pressure that could have told us more about her staying abilities. Rested over two months afterwards, she resurfaced in the CL Hirsch, where she met much stronger opposition in Kopion and Richi. They had to settle for second and third as Seismic Beauty made all once again and won the race readily by 1 1/2 lengths. Spotting Kopion 2lbs, she improved to **Globeform 121**. Kopion is one of the best sprinters in the land and Richi, beaten 5 lengths in third place, is also a very smart performer. Seismic Beauty obviously has a *good* chance in the Breeders' Cup Distaff - if she *truly* stays the 9 furlongs she has an *excellent* chance. She has displayed a lot of speed, however, and her pedigree leans more toward speed than stamina.

By Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner Uncle Mo, Seismic Beauty is out of Knarsdale, a 5-furlong turf winner who was third in the Safely Kept Stakes over that distance as a 5yo. Knarsdale (Medaglia d'Oro) is a daughter of Secret File, a G2-placed mile winner, and she is a half-sister to American Lincoln (Street Cry), an ordinary six-time winner who romped in a 9-furlong maiden at three but did all his winning over a mile thereafter. >>>

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GIN GIN booked her ticket to the Breeders' Cup when causing an upset in the 9-furlong Spinster Stakes at Keeneland in early October. Leading all the way, as she had done also when winning the Doubledogdare Stakes over 8.5 furlongs at the same track in April, she kept on on good style to fend off a late challenge from **NITROGEN** and win by a head. **SCYLLA**, making up ground inside the final furlong, was 1 1/4 lengths behind them in third place. The story of the Spinster wasn't only about how Gin Gin had improved though, as the 1/2 favorite Thorpedo Anna was a very tame fourth, beaten almost nine lengths. That was to be her exit from the big stage, while Gin Gin stepped onto it. She improved to **Globeform 116**, making her the joint third highest rated horse in this field. She deserves to take her chance in the Distaff. Better still will be needed if she is to match strides with the top two (if they run to form), but Del Mar should suit Gin Gin and one can't rule further improvement out entirely from this daughter of Hightail. One problem is likely to be Seismic Beauty. She is a strong front-runner and Gin Gin is not going to get the same setup in the championship race. If she is a horse that needs the lead to perform well it's going to tough.

NITROGEN was put in her place by **GIN GIN**, albeit by a narrow margin, when they met in the Spinster Stakes over 9 furlongs at Keeneland in early August. She ran close to her career best, **Globeform 116** produced when she won the Alabama Stakes over 10 furlongs at Saratoga in August. A versatile runner with good form both on turf and dirt, she may be better suited by a stamina test like the Alabama. If so, covering nine panels at Del Mar might not be ideal. She beat the Kentucky Oaks winner Good Cheer by 1 1/2 lengths in the Alabama, a race she took by racing prominently from start to finish. Nitrogen is good enough to get into the first three in the Distaff - but what happened at Keeneland probably told us that she has stopped improving. She was doing on turf what Good Cheer did on dirt in the first half on 2025, winning race after race without facing top notch competition. Her winning run came to an end when Fionn caught her in the very last stride and snatched the Belmont Oaks by a nose at Saratoga in July. Losing that race didn't seem too bad at the time but Opulent Restraint, who was only 3/4 length behind the two in third place, was a 19-1 shot without strong form in the book; and she was beaten much further when third to Laurelin in the Saratoga Oaks next time out. Nitrogen failed to run up to her best in the Belmont Oaks, no doubt about that, but she enjoyed a most comfortable 17-length win in the Wonder Again Stakes, run over a sloppy dirt track on Belmont Stakes day. Her time was not far off Raging Torrent's clocking in the Met Mile and she won in a canter. That was her main track debut and she is now set for a dirt championship race on dirt. Not bad for a filly who was a staying-on third in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf last year.

SCOTTISH LASSIE's performance in the Coaching Club American Oaks was very impressive but, with just four runners (one of them virtually pulled up), the race can't be rated with any confidence. There's no doubt that Scottish Lassie, who came home in splendid isolation 15 1/2 lengths in front of last year's Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies winner Immersive, was vastly improved. The problem with assessing the form for ratings purposes is partly that Immersive does not appear to have trained on at three, and partly because Take Charge Milady folded completely and was a distant last. She was the one with good results earlier in 2025 who could have tested Scottish Lassie. As things turned out, Scottish Lassie had little to beat - but the way she ran one can safely say that it would have taken a very good one to beat her. She made all, was strong coming down the lane and won as she pleased in a good time. Her task was made easier when Take Charge Milady was driven and beaten already heading into the far turn, and easier still when the same thing happened to Immersive halfway around the turn. The race was over as she hit the top of the lane.

The form was given a boost when the third placed runner, **DRY POWDER**, ran out an easy winner of the Cathryn Sophia Stakes at Parx a month later. It was her turn to improve and she ran by far her best race to date, beating Ourdaydreamgirl comfortably by 4 1/4 lengths. Ourdaydreaminggirl was coming off a 7 1/4-length win in allowance company. Fast forward another month and Immersive also advertised the CCA Oaks form by winning, albeit in the not so competitive Seneca Overnight Stakes at Churchill Downs. Hard as it is to know the importance of these results, it's not hard to appreciate that Scottish Lassie really *did* deliver high class form in the CCA Oaks. She ran one big race also at two, winning Frizette by 9 lengths at Aqueduct; so this daughter of McKinzie *might* be capable of Globeform 120 and really deliver one day. But will it be on Breeders' Cup Saturday? >>>

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CLIQUOT's best form ties indirectly in with Scottish Lassie, as she beat **DRY POWDER** by a neck to win the Cotillion Stakes over 8.5 furlongs at Parx in September. Exiting an 11-week break since winning the Indiana Oaks with ease, she was spotting her runner-up 2lbs at Parx, and she improved to **Globeform 111** with this, her fourth win from five starts. Cliquot, who was a May foal, has needed time to develop and she could improve again; though she was all out to win the Cotillion - and this year's 3yo filly crop is not particularly strong, so the daughter of Quality Road can only be seen as one of the outsiders.

SCYLLA ran to **Globeform 114** when beaten just a length to be fourth behind Soul Of An Angel in the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint last year, and she has returned GF 112 on both of her most recent starts; taking second 2 lengths behind Hope Road in the 7-furlong Ballerina Stakes at Saratoga in August and third behind **GIN GIN** and **NITROGEN** in the 9-furlong Spinster Stakes at Keeneland in October. She ran on well enough at the finish in that contest but her best sprint form is still a touch better. It's interesting that Bill Mott elected to run her in the Distaff. He probably feels that it might be an easier race and perhaps he's right; but Scylla winning the Distaff would be a bit of a surprise.

GUN SONG, who sent so close to getting the better of Thorpedo Anna in the 8.5-furlong Cotillion Stakes at Parx last year, returned to winning form when beating Randomized by 1 1/4 lengths in the Beldame Stakes over 9 furlongs at Aqueduct in late September. It was a game performance, as she came out 1 1/4 lengths in front of her nearest rival, but Randomized isn't what she once was. Gun Song's best form is still the narrow defeat against Thorpedo Anna, a run worth **Globeform 114**, and it seems unlikely that she will improve.

REGALED, whose two preceding performances were worth no more than GF 105 and GF 102, improved to **Globeform 111** when taking the 9-furlong Delaware Handicap over a muddy track in late September. Given a patient ride, she came through from off the pace and won by 6 1/4 lengths from Runaway Diva, with Dazzling Move a distant third. Runaway Diva (a Colonial Downs allowance winner) was coming off a runner-up effort in the Twixt Stakes at Laurel (4 3/4 lengths behind Foxy Junior) and this is a big step up in class for Regaled. Given the track conditions, her rating earned at Delaware may be a bit unreliable.

ARGINE has been unusually consistent in Japan, running to **Globeform 113** in each of her three most recent races, all on turf. A daughter of champion sprinter Lord Kanaloe (who has sired classy horse staying further than he did), she is out a G3 winner over 9 furlongs, and Argine's best form has come over a mile. She beat Beyond the Valley (who beat Filly & Mare Sprint contender Fee Blanche in October) by a length in a G3 over that distance in August, having run fourth in the G1 Victoria Mile in May. She was beaten 1 1/4 lengths behind the smart filly Ascoli Piceno, who ran sixth, 3 1/2 lengths behind Diego Velazquez, in the Prix Jacques le Marois at Deauville in August.

ALICE VERITE was fifth in the Victoria Mile in May (running to **Globeform 111**), passing the winning post 3/4 length behind Argine, but was much further behind her when they ran first and fifth in a G3 in August. Alice Verite is not far behind Argine on ratings, but she does not have the same consistency.

NOTE THAT the two Japanese fillies are cross entered; Argine may run in the Breeders' Cup Mile and may end up in the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf.

SARAWAK RIM won the Gran Premio Criadores, a G1 event over 10 furlongs on a fast track at Palermo in Argentina in May. She was held up just off the pace, advanced on the home turn, led narrowly inside the last furlong and stayed on to beat Martana by a length. Precencial ran third. Martana had beaten Sarawak Rim by as much as 9 lengths when they filled the exacta also in a G2 over the same course and distance back in May (though contested over a heavy track), and after the Gran Premio Criadores Martana ran second in another top level event (with Precencial back in eighth place). Sarawak Rim is clearly talented but there has been no subsequent top level winner to come out of the Criadores and she has been given a provisional **Globeform 110** for that effort.

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CONCLUSION: Awaiting final field.

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Dorth Vader 2nd / Personal Ensign: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=flk-bCOPs6U>

Dorth Vader / Ogden Phipps Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eJrmF8Bva9k>

Seismic Beauty / Clement L Hirsch Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xmTy5NGnld4>

Seismic Beauty / Santa Margarita Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pk3aRe8wxNM>

Nitrogen / Alabama Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w78igRnf_sl&t=16s

Gin Gin / Spinster Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eh4F3D64mWw>
2nd Nitrogen

Sarawak Rim / Gran Premio Criadores: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FzmzV1idT_U

ABOUT GLOBEFORM RATINGS

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Note that **Globeform's weight-for-age scale** differs slightly from the various official scales being used and Globeform's own weight-for-age scale for European races differs from Globeform's 'wfa' scale for North American races.

What is the difference between rating figures with "p" and "+"?
Notice these differences in the ratings columns for some horses.

When "p" is being used it means that the horse produced a new career best and was given a "plus", denoting that improvement can be expected. When a "+" is being used it means that better than this can be expected next time out, but that the rating the horse ran to on this day was not a new career best (it was either equal to his previous best or below his previous best).