

Globeform @ The Breeders' Cup

Saturday, Nov 2, 2024

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GLOBEFORM RATINGS

BREEDERS' CUP SPRINT (G1), 6 fur dirt, Del Mar

Horses ranked in pounds (0.45kg). 1 length = 3 pounds over this distance

Rank	Horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs	Trainer / Jockey
			From right to left (most recent first)	
0 / 3	STRAIGHT NO CHASER <i>GF 128 in May '23</i>	128 / 125	125 - 104+ 128	D Blacker / TBA
2p	MUFASA <i>Alt. B Cup Dirt Mile</i>	126p	126p - 116p - 100+	I Correas / TBA
3p	MULLIKIN	125p	125p - 115p - 112p	R Brissett / TBA
4	DOMESTIC PRODUCT 3yo <i>Alt. BC Dirt Mile</i>	122	122 - 117p - 107p	C Brown / TBA
5	RAGING TORRENT 3yo	121	121 - 113+ 120p	D O'Neill / TBA
6p	FEDERAL JUDGE	122p	122p - 115p - 104+	B Cox / TBA
9p	NAKATOMI	119p	108 - 119p - 98	W Ward / TBA
10	SKELLY	118	117 - 118 - 116	S Asmussen / TBA
11	REMAKE	117	117 - 95 - 116	K Shintani / TBA
12	GUN PILOT	116	111 - 104 - 116	S Asmussen / TBA
15	DR. VENKMAN <i>Alt. BC Dirt Mile</i>	113	105 - 113 - 101	M Glatt / TBA
?	META MAX	?+	?+ 0 ?+	H Mori / TBA
?	DON FRANKIE	?+	?+ - 100 - ?	T Saito / TBA
19	BENTORNATO 3yo	107	107- 103 - 100	J F D'Agelo / TBA

3yo horses will carry 2lbs less than older horses. Fillies / mares: 3lbs allowance

Globeform weight-for-age 3yos vs. older horses 6 fur early Nov: USA & Europe: 0, meaning that 3-year-olds are 2lbs well in against the older horses.

2023: ELITE POWER – GF 123 William Mott / Irad Ortiz Jr

2022: ELITE POWER – GF 120 William Mott / Irad Ortiz Jr

2021: ALOHA WEST – GF 124 Wayne Catalano / Jose L Ortiz

2020: WHITMORE – GF 123 Ron Moquett / Irad Ortiz Jr

2019: MITOLE – GF 131 Steve Asmussen / Ricardo Santata Jr

2018: ROY H – GF 130 Peter Miller / Paco Lopez

2017: ROY H – GF 126 Peter Miller / Kent Desormeaux

2016: DREFONG – GF 126p Bob Baffert / Martin Garcia

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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS - BREEDERS' CUP SPRINT

Could the key to the wide open Breeders' Cup Sprint lie in the 2023 Maryland Sprint Stakes, which **STRAIGHT NO CHASER** won by 7 1/2 lengths in a very sharp time, returning **Globeform 128**. That was a top class performance but this lightly raced 5yo has not been easy to train; he has had only two starts since, the most recent when he outclassed a decent field to win the Santa Anita Sprint Championship in September. He performed to GF 125 on that occasion, taking the race by 6 1/4 lengths from Roll On Big, with See Through third and the slight favorite Fort Bragg back in fourth place. The horses he beat at Santa Anita are not up to proper G1 standard, but he beat them with such ease, and the form he produced in this prep is good enough to make him one of the best horses going into the Breeders' Cup Sprint.

The best news, however, is that Straight No Chaser ran even better when winning on Preakness day at Pimlico last year. He absolutely crushed better rivals there, beating Prevalence and Nakatomi out of sight after making all the running under John Velazquez, who partnered him also at Santa Anita last month. His runner-up, Prevalence, was admittedly not in great form around that time but he is a talented runner capable of Globeform 116 and he is inconsistent. He took second by a nose from Nakatomi. Nakatomi won a Saratoga allowance race by 3 1/2 lengths on his next start, then went on to run second in the Phoenix Stakes before running third in the Breeders' Cup Sprint. Straight No Chaser went for the Runhappy Stakes after Pimlico, but stumbled at the start, had to be rushed up to lead, started pulling too hard, and was rather flat coming down the straight; he was well below par in fourth place.

Straight No Chaser's Pimlico run was excellent, an assessment the clock also confirms. He cruised home in 1:08.27, lowering the old stakes record by almost half a second. Ryvit, who performed to Globeform 114p when winning the Chick Lang Stakes on the same day, covered the 6-furlong trip in 1:09.33. In other words, Straight No Chaser was about 5 lengths quicker, and the most impressive part is the fact that his fractions for the first two quarters were almost identical to Ryvit's fractions; after that, Ryvit slowed down, while Straight No Chaser just kept going, and he won with plenty up his sleeve. If he runs like that again he will be hard to handle here.

MULLIKIN has been really solid this season, improving from race to race, or from win to win of prefer, to join the elite. Moving up to **Globeform 125p** in the Forego Stakes at Saratoga, he is now one of the very best sprinters around and he has an obvious chance in the BC Sprint. Coming off wins in two allowance races and the Nerud Stakes, run over 7 furlongs at Aqueduct, he tackled the same distance at Saratoga. He went straight to the lead and simply outclassed his rivals to win easily by 5 3/4 lengths from **GUN PILOT** (who won the Churchill Downs Stakes back in May). Angkor was 2 1/2 lengths further back in third place in the Forego, a race that put Mullikin on track for the Breeders' Cup. There was some talk about making an entry also for the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile for Mullikin, but the Sprint was - wisely - chosen. It means a cut back in distance, over a track where speed is important, but Mullikin travels well in his races and the fact that he stays further than today's distance will be a plus if we see a hot pace. When do we *not* see a hot pace in this race? If we do, it's not in California. Mullikin has won 5 of his 9 races, he has been successful over four different tracks, he is as uncomplicated as he is honest, and he has the class required. In short; he has a big chance.

RAGING TORRENT is coming off three straight wins, he got the better of the local star The Chosen Vron when taking the Pat O'Brien Stakes over this course last time out, and as 3yo he might improve again. So what's not to like about this Doug O'Neill trainee? Not much, except perhaps the distance. All his wins have come over 7 furlongs and it remains to be seen whether he can be as effective over six. He made all in each race, however, setting solid (not wild) fractions as he pulled most of his rivals out of their comfort zones. The Chosen Vron did head him narrowly early in the straight in the O'Brien, but Raging Torrent fought back bravely to win by a neck. Big City Lights was beaten almost four lengths into third place, giving the form a solid look. Raging Torrent improved to **Globeform 121** with this win, having run to GF 120p when crushing a good allowance field at Churchill Downs in May. In between these high class performances he won the >>>



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>>> Maxfield Stakes, also at Churchill Downs, quite easily by 2 1/4 lengths from Otto the Conqueror, with subsequent Amsterdam Stakes winner World Record third. Raging Torrent has had one try over 6 furlongs here at Del Mar, when third in last year's Best Pal Stakes, but that was only his second career outing and not all that relevant as we are trying to assess his chances in the BC Sprint. That he has been winning over further may be a good thing. A crazy pace can easily turn this into an ideal setup for a horse that stays further than the actual trip. That's him - but; only if he's not part of such a speed duel. In short; Raging Torrent is hard to weigh up. Does he need the lead or can he rate? Would he be better over a mile or is this cut-back just fine? He should not be disregarded, that's for sure.

FEDERAL JUDGE led every step of the way in the Phoenix Stakes at Keeneland, setting sensible early fractions while hugging the rail. His first two quarters weren't much faster than those recorded in a 7-furlong allowance race run half an hour prior (won easily by the exciting 3yo Montalcino) but he was quicker at the business end of course. Beating the impressive Vanderbilt winner **NAKATOMI** by 5 1/2 lengths is serious form, though it needs mentioning that Nakatomi was hopelessly far back in the early exchanges, even turning for home actually, and he did not perform anything like what we saw in the Vanderbilt. He just got up to beat Comedy Town by half a length for second. Comedy Town had won his three preceding races, all at Gulfstream, including a solid verdict over Run Classic and Sibelius in the Smile Sprint. The inside path seemed to be the place to be on Phoenix day and speed was holding up all day. This track bias did give Federal Judge an advantage from post one. How big an advantage is hard to say, however, and it's probably a mistake to mark this performance down too much due to the bias. True, he had the run of the race, but so did Comedy Town, who sat just off the leader in lane two. He is capable of Globeform 113 though had no chance when Federal Judge kicked into overdrive coming down the lane. Federal Judge was travelling smoothly passing the quarter pole, while Comedy Town was already off the bridle at this stage. The race was all but over turning in. Federal Judge was pushed out to the line, much like he had been when winning a 6.5-furlong allowance heat at Saratoga in August, when he outclassed Accretive by 6 lengths. He earned GF 115p that day, and he improved to **Globeform 122p** in the Phoenix. Full of energy coming back in, the son of Army Mule stopped the clock in 1.08.20. The track record, set by Nashville in the Perryville four years ago, is 1.07.89 (he won by 3 1/2 lengths, also earning Globeform 122p while racing over a slick track). >>>

NAKATOMI ran better than ever when winning the 6-furlong Vanderbilt Stakes at Saratoga in July, taking the race with some ease after a four-month break. He was up in the firing line throughout and proved much the best at the finish. Pricking his ears when passing the winning post 1 1/2 lengths in front of **SKELLY**, he earned **Globeform 119p**. It was a bit of a surprise, as he had been in several tough battles already and we seemed to know what he was all about; a horse that can place at the top level but not win one of the big sprints. Perhaps that still holds true but his win at Saratoga showed that he is capable of making it into the top three or four at the Breeders' Cup. His most recent run is best forgotten. He ended up too far back on a day when there was a speed bias, and never got into the contest. He rallied late to grab second, well beaten by **FEDERAL JUDGE** - who won by 5 1/2 lengths and was much the best in that prep.

META MAX and **DON FRANKIE** are impossible to assess with a GF rating. Even giving them projected ratings would be unwise but, as they have not been competitive at the top level in Japan, it's fair to assume that they will be up against it in the BC Sprint.

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