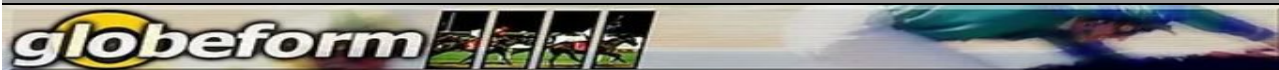


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GLOBEFORM RANKING

\$100,000 TURF ALLOWANCE RACE, 8 fur Turf, Churchill Downs, May 15

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	10	ASTRONOMER	111	104 - 100 - 111	Callaghan / Hernandez Jr
0 / 6+	3	SILENT HEART <i>GF 111 in Mar '25</i>	111 / 105+	105+ 98 - 94	Lynch / Geroux
4 / 8	9	IDRATHERBEBLESSED <i>GF 107 in Mar & Dec '25</i>	107 / 103	92 - 103 - 101	Hartman / Morales
5 / 12	4	ANDTHEWINNERIS <i>GF 106 in Sep & Oct '2024</i>	106 / 99	99 - 91+ // 106	Catalano / Lanerie
5	5	SMOKEY MANDATE <i>GF 106 also in Apr '25</i>	106	106 - 0 - 82	Maker / J Torres
5	8	JUDGE DAVIS	106	106 - 92+ 101+	Maker / Curtiz
(2) 7 / 12	7	TARANTINO <i>GF 104 in July '25</i> <i>GF 109 in Dec 2024</i>	(109) 104	99 - 96 - 0	Jacobson / Bejarano
8	1	BABY MAX	103	103 - 103 - 100	Danner / Beschizza
11 / ?+	6	SECRET CHAT <i>GF 100 in Apr '25</i>	100	?+ 0 - ?+	Barnett / M Gutierrez
11	2	LEGALIZE	100	100 - 95 - 84	DeVaux / Graham

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.



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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

ASTRONOMER, whose best previous form had come at Del Mar, suddenly jumped up to a career high **Globeform 111** when fourth in the Pegasus World Cup Turf over 9 furlongs at Gulfstream Park in January. Keeping on well from off the pace, he was beaten just 1 1/4 lengths behind Test Score, who won the race from subsequent Maker's Mark Mile runner-up One Stripe, who was coming off an impressive allowance win over **JUDGE DAVIS** in an allowance race at the same venue in December. A reproduction of Astronomer's Pegasus form would make him hard to beat in this race, but he was well below that level in his next two starts; beating just one home behind Final Boss in the seven-runner Kilroe Mile and running fourth of six behind Gran Oriente in a 9-furlong allowance race (both at Santa Anita). His good run at Gulfstream Park was a notch above earlier peaks, and it may have been a bit of a fluke. Take that, and his two dull runs since, into account and he is a bit hard to fancy in what will be his first run at Churchill Downs; still, based on his overall CV, morning line 8-1 looks a tad too big.

SILENT HEART is the clear selection, and his **5-1 morning line is too big**. The Churchill Downs turf course has been kind to speed horses lately and there's a lot to like about this Brian Lynch trainee. Gulfstream Park, arguably a very good place for speed merchants, is where he produced his career best; running third to subsequent Arlington Million winner Fort Washington in the Canadian Turf over 8.5 furlongs last year. That was Silent Heart's fourth good performance on the spin, but a disappointing run in the Arlington Stakes at Churchill Downs almost 12 months ago triggered a long break. Something clearly was amiss that day. He returned in a stakes quality allowance sprint at Keeneland in April, and was quite impressive; going straight to the lead he displayed unexpected speed and led deep into the home straight, before tiring to be passed by Works for Me and Troubleshooting. Those a serious sprinters and Silent Heart was beaten no more than 2 1/2 lengths, returning GF 105+ in the process. That come-back suggests that he has retained all his ability and it's reasonable to expect seeing him back to his best this week. He improved to **Globeform 111** when beaten just a nose in the Canadian Turf, where - as in his four preceding races - he was part of the early speed. Silent Heart is not going to be the lone speed here but he is the 'class speed' and he does not need the lead to perform well. In fact, his best position is as a close stalker and, nicely drawn in gate three, he should get a good trip in this contest.

JUDGE DAVIS is coming off his career best, having gone down by no more than a length to Just a Touch (a very smart dirt performer who switched successfully to the lawn) in a stakes quality allowance race over 8.5 furlongs at Keeneland in April, and he appeals as the B-horse in this field. Though not by much. He moved up to **Globeform 106** at Keeneland, where he took charge early in the home straight and made the 6/5 favorite pull out all the stops to get by. Just a Touch was second in the Louisiana Stakes in January and he filled the same place in the Monmouth Cup last year. Maycocks Bay, who was third 2 1/2 lengths behind Judge Davis, ran third in the Mineshaft Stakes in January and he was beaten a nose by Higgins Boat on turf in February (with **LEGALIZE** third). Judge Davis has met some sharp performers in his most recent races. After beating Dear Dad by half a length over a mile at Aqueduct last September, the Mike Maker trainee was a close second to G2 winner Poster over the same distance at Churchill Downs in November, then a game second (though well beaten) when meeting some traffic in what was an impossible task against G1 winner 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 filled the same spot in the Maker's Mark Mile in April. With form lines linking him to such good horses, Judge Davis certainly fits well into this allowance race; his just off the pace style should be ideal and he is in with a good chance, though making him 3-1 favorite seems strange.

SMOKEY MANDATE - a barnmare to Judge Davis - returned to his best when running a close third behind graded stakes winners Flying Mohawk and Anglophile in a strong allowance race over 8.5 furlongs at Keeneland in April. Bouncing right back as he returned to the turf after dull efforts over the Tapeta track at Turfway Park, he almost managed to take the race gate to wire, but had to surrender late; losing by a neck and a nose. The son of Strong Mandate ran to **Globeform 106**, the same as his best in 2025; incidentally that was also a placed effort over 8.5 furlongs at Keeneland (half a length second to the in-form Irish Aces). Smokey Mandate might be sent from the start again here and he is in with a chance. That he gets further than a mile is a big plus if the pace is strong. >>>

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BABY MAX shaped well in a field every bit as strong as this when fifth, 3 1/4 lengths behind the easy winner Cruise the Nile, in the Henry Clark Stakes over a mile at Laurel Park in April, running to the same level he ran to also when second to First Strike over a mile on Tapeta at Turfway Park five weeks earlier. Hardly a win contender, this 4yo son of Maximus Mischief should not be ignored to Trifecta players though. He is not far off the more likely candidates on ratings and he is a game and consistent performer.

IDRATHERBEBLESSED and **ANDTHEWINNERIS** both have back class that would take them into the picture - but their recent form is not inspiring, so let's take the chance of dropping them both.

CONCLUSION: Getting **5-1** about Silent Heart would be nice; even **3-1** would look a good price, so he's an obvious win bet on this Friday card. Judge Davis is in top form; he's reliable, suited by the distance and most likely he will also be favored by the pace scenario, thus he becomes the horse to key in 2nd / 3rd underneath; though with just four horses below Silent Heart in the selections box a 12-line Trifecta also seems sensible.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	3 SILENT HEART
B	8 JUDGE DAVIS
C	1 BABY MAX, 5 SMOKEY MANDATE, 10 ASTRONOMER

Silent Heart 2nd / Canadian Turf St. '25: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mkdur3NTomE>

Silent Heart 3rd / Alw Sprint, Keeneland (R8): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=khozD7h47U8&t=19989s>

Judge Davis 2nd / Keeneland Allowance (R5): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RQzDwb5IK1g&t=639s>

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

Astronomer 4th / Pegasus World Cup Turf: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0m_FDsdPfAY&t=2s

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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.

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