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GLOBEFORM RANKING

CECIL B. DEMILLE STAKES (G3) 8 fur Turf, Del Mar, Sunday Nov 30

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)					
0p	7	HEY NAY NAY	103p	94 - 103p - 103p	Sadler / Prat
0p	4	UNRIVALED TIME	99p	99p - 89p	Powell / Herrera
3	3	CARO BUONO	96	94 - 96 - 91p	Powell / Ayuso
5	1	PROTON	98	98 - 90p - ?p	Motion / J Hernandez
8p	5	IRISEACH	91p	91p - ?p - 62p	D'Amato / Rispoli
10	2	BRIGANTE	89	89 - 73 - 87	O'Neill / Fresu
15	6	TRACK TIGER	84	84 - ?p - 0	O'Neill / Demuro

*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 Cecil DeMille Mile

2024	CLOCK TOWER	GF 99p	Wesley Ward	John Velazquez
2023	STAY HOT	GF 98p	Peter Eurton	Antonio Fresu
2022	SPEED BOAT BEACH	GF 108	Bob Baffert	Flavien Prat
2021	VERBAL	GF 102p	Chad Brown	Jose L Ortiz
2020	BEER CAN MAN	GF 98p	Mark Glatt	J J Hernandez

Average winning Globeform: 101

GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

HEY NAY NAY ran out of steam after setting the pace in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf, fading right down to tenth place in the 14-runner field. We know he is a lot better than that, this is big drop in class, and he must have a good chance of gaining his third stakes success of the season. After winning over 5 furlongs at Santa Anita on his debut, the strapping son of No Nay Never went for the Tyro Stakes over the same distance at Monmouth Park. He did not have much to beat but he ran them right off the racetrack to win by 7 lengths and earn **Globeform 103p**. He was pushed out by his rider but not at all given a hard ride. There was more left in the tank as he passed the winning post - and that was the case also when he followed up with a solid win in the Del Mar Juvenile Turf over a mile in early September. Breaking very fast, Hey Nay Nay went straight to the lead and he never looked back. He won the race under a hand ride, beating the erratic Plutarch comfortably by 1 1/2 lengths. Hey Nay Nay ran to the same rating as in the Tyro and Plutarch *seemed* to frank the form by running third to Intrepido in the American Pharoah Stakes, beaten just 3/4 length; though as it turned out Intrepido had no chance at the Breeders' Cup - and on the same day Plutarch disappointed in third place behind Conducted and **PROTON** in the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance Stakes. Perhaps the Del Mar Juvenile Turf form wasn't so good after all? Still, his best form is the best form going into the Demille Stakes and it's likely that Hey Nay Nay will be fairly hard to beat. >>>

UNRIVALED TIME was very impressive when trotting up as a well backed favorite on his second start, taking a mile maiden at Santa Anita with a strong run from some five to six lengths off the pace to win comfortably by 4 1/2 lengths from John Metcalfe, who was a head better than the third placed Columnist. Columnist had been third also in the race where Unrivald Time made his debut; with the latter back in fifth place after a slow start and a troubled run. He closed in late also on that occasion, passing the winning post 2 3/4 lengths behind the winner, Third Beer. Unrivald Time could have been closer with a clean run and the form was given a nice boost when Third Beer took second in the Zuma Beach Stakes next time out; beaten only a length to the subsequent Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf winner Stark Contrast. So, there you have it, Unrivald Time ran with great promise behind a stakes quality performer first time out, and he crushed a decent field at the second time of asking, winning for fun with at least another length up his sleeve. His runner-up, John Metcalfe, ran second to Michael McCarthy's talented newcomer Smooovin Saturday next time out. Put up as **an 8-1 chance on the morning line**, Unrivald Time is a very tempting bet. He ran to **Globeform 99p** at Santa Anita, making him the joint top ranked runner (as Hey Nay Nay has to give him 4lbs), he will improve and he is likely to get a decent pace to close into. By top class stallion Not This Time, he is a son of Margot Machance. She won three times and ran fourth twice in graded stakes over 9 furlongs on the lawn as a 3yo. She has also produced Margot's Boy, a winner of seven races who ran second in the Del Mar Derby.

PROTON and **CARO BUONO** (who ran to GF 90 already in France in the spring) ran second and fifth respectively in the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance Stakes over a mile here at Del Mar on Breeders' Cup Friday. The race was won well by Conducted, who completed the distance in 1:36:4, as much as 1.8 seconds slower than Gstaad's winning time in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf. Times are not too important in turf races, especially over a mile and further, but this does tell us that the pace was not great and the late kick perhaps not great either. Proton, winner of the Laurel Futurity in September, improved to **Globeform 98**, while Caro Buono ran to GF 94, having recorded **Globeform 96** when fifth to Stark Contrast in the Zuma Beach Stakes four weeks earlier. Proton is more likely to improve again, as Caro Buono is getting exposed now, and Graham Motion's contender probably has the best chance of these two.

CONCLUSION: There's no hard evidence, but Unrivald Time's maiden win suggested that he is a stakes winner waiting to happen. He is definitely open to improvement, and the weight pull against Hey Nay Nay, who *may* be becoming exposed and *could* be feeling the effects of having been involved at the top level a month ago, is not insignificant. Another factor is that Hey Nay Nay might get pace pressure in a race that's run to suit Unrivald Time. This does look like a two horse race, and it's easy to side with Unrivald Time. He has a lot of upside; the only worry would be that he has not run at Del Mar before. His **8-1 morning line looks to good to be true**, let's just hope it isn't. Proton and Caro Buono are the obvious Trifecta fillers; if one more is wanted then it might be the Irish import Iriseach; he improved markedly when beating Army Man and Medici over this mile in late October.

Players planning to get involved in the late Pick 5 / 4 pools should note that Army Man and Medici are both set to run in the last race on this card, as is Honey's Choice (who was second to Brigante last time out).

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	4 UNRIVALED TIME
B	7 HEY NAY NAY
C	1 PROTON, 3 CARO BUONO

Hey Nay Nay / Del Mar Juvenile Turf: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TGBmm3GXVQs>

Unrivald Time / Santa Anita maiden: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jLmp0gMWO8>