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GLOBEFORM RANKING

ARLINGTON MILLION (G1) 10 fur Turf, Colonial Downs, Saturday Aug 1, 2026

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	5	BURNHAM SQUARE	120p	116+ 120p – 120p	Wilkes / Hernandez Jr
2 / 7+	4	INTEGRATION GF 116 in Jan '25	116 / 111+	109 – 111+ 103+	McGaughey / Velazquez
4 / 9+	3	FORT WASHINGTON GF 113 in Arl. Million '25 GF 114 in May '25 GF 114 in Dec '24	114 / 109+	106 – 109+ 106+	McGaughey / Castellano
6p	6	TEST SCORE	116p	116p – 0 – 113	Motion / M Franco
6p	8	GRAN ORIENTE	112p	110 – 112p – 110	Joseph Jr / Lopez
6	7	MERCANTE GF 112 also in May '25 Also ent. Ellis Park Sunday	112	112 – 99 – 108	Knipenberg / Geroux
7	1	DRESDEN ROW	111	111 – 110 – 111	Pletcher / Gaffalione
8	2	LAYABOUT	110	0 – 109 – 110	Biancone / K Asmussen

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.

Most recent winners of the Arlington Million

2025	FORT WASHINGTON	GF 113+	Shug McGaughey	Junior Alvarado
2024	NATIONS PRIDE	GF 115	Charlie Appleby	William Buick
2023	SET PIECE	GF 115	Brad Cox	Florent Geroux
2022	SANTIN	GF 116	Brendan Walsh	Tyler Gaffalione
2021	TWO EMMYS	GF 117	Hugh Robertson	James Graham
2019	BRICKS AND MORTAR	GF 120p	Chad Brown	Irada Ortiz Jr

Run at Arlington Park up to 2022, when it was run at Churchill Downs; Colonial Downs since 2023

Average winning Globeform: 116

GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

BURNHAM SQUARE is the one to beat in the Arlington Million. Taking the highest rating to the battle, and receiving 2lbs from the next best horse, Test Score, he has an excellent chance. Run the race over 12 furlongs and he would deserve to be odds-on; but this is 10 furlongs, and the shorter distance is the one worry for his team. A strong stayer "who never gets tired" according to his handler, Burnham Square is a typical 12-furlong performer and lack of pace almost found him out when he was 1/10 to take the 11-furlong Chorleywood Stakes last time out.

He won again in the Chorleywood Stakes at Churchill Downs in June, though many would have been disappointed by his performance. It was a below par effort but the race was run so much not to suit him; it would have been understandable if he had lost. Badly compromised by the slow pace he was staring defeat in the face when Chapman's Peak headed him coming down the lane, but Burnham Square fought back to win by a neck. The two drew more than four lengths clear of the third placed Dancin in Da'nile - who was having his second crack at Burnham Square. This was Burnham Square's third straight long distance win on the lawn and he has become a really exciting performer. Trainer Ian Wilkes made the point that what happened in Chorleywood was not at all a bad thing, as easy wins can often make horses complacent. Burnham Square, whose first win on turf happened in the Elkhorn Stakes at Keeneland, was in some tough fights also last year though, so he's battle hardened. After the Elkhorn he went for the Louisville Stakes at Churchill Downs in May, and gained another effortless win, beating Dancin in Da'nile by 4 3/4 lengths over 12 furlongs. Running to **Globeform 120p** for a second time on the bounce, the 4yo son of Liam's Map showed that his impressive Keeneland performance was no fluke.

He moved up to a new level when winning the 12-furlong Elkhorn Stakes at Keeneland in April; coming home 9 3/4-length in front of last year's Sycamore Stakes winner Desvio. The margin was unexpected but that he won was no big surprise. Burnham Square had made a good impression on his seasonal debut at Gulfstream Park in February, when he finished second behind gate to wire winner Cruise the Nile in a stakes quality allowance race over 8.5 furlongs, which is too short for him. Chapman's Peak was third (he won next time out and we saw him again in the Chorleywood). Cruise the Nile enhanced the Gulfstream form by winning the Henry Clark Stakes comfortably at Laurel Park on his next start.

Burnham Square won the Blue Grass Stakes and Holly Bull Stakes last year but a turf career was mapped out after he lost in a photo finish against the heavy favorite Wimbledon Hawkeye in the Nashville Derby at Kentucky Downs in the summer. He stayed on really well at the end of the 10.5-furlong trip at Kentucky Downs and almost managed to catch Wimbledon Hawkeye, who held on to win by a head. The two were well clear and Burnham Square returned GF 113, the same rating he had achieved when beaten half a length by East Avenue in the Matt Winn Stakes at Churchill Downs in June. That run came after a sixth placing in the Kentucky Derby and before a fifth placing in the Haskell Invitational. His finest hour as a 3yo came in the Blue Grass Stakes over 9 furlongs at Keeneland. That performance, worth GF 111p, was a case of silencing some critics after a disappointing fourth in the Fountain of Youth Stakes; when he was a beaten 2-1 favorite. The reason for that price was an impressive win in the Holy Bull Stakes a month earlier. Looking back on the Fountain of Youth result today we see that finishing fourth was better than it might have appeared to be at the time. The race was won by Sovereignty. When Burnham Square took the Holy Bull, he did so by beating Tappan Street - and that colt went on to get the better of Sovereignty in the Florida Derby.

A slowly run race over 10 furlongs would be far from ideal for Burnham Square, and there is a danger of that happening; though he still becomes the selection - for three reasons; simply that he is the best horse and can afford to run a couple of lengths below his best, that he is set to get weight from Pegasus winner and Manhattan runner-up Test Score (why are G1 events not all run with level weights?), and that he can set his own pace if needed. >>>

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INTEGRATION, who filled third behind **FORT WASHINGTON** in this event last year, was below par when fifth behind Deterministic, **TEST SCORE**, One Stripe and Rhetorical in the Manhattan Stakes over 9 furlongs at Saratoga in June. He had returned to winning form at Aqueduct in May, but it was in an allowance contest where he did not need his best to get to the winners' circle. Racing just off the pace he finished well to win by 1 1/2 lengths from Risk Tolerance, who was conceding 2lbs. Integration returned GF 111+ on the day, having run to **Globeform 116** when second to Spirit of St Louis in the Pegasus World Cup Turf in January '25 and GF 114 when filling the same place in the 2025 edition of the Manhattan, beaten just a head by Deterministic (who was favored by the race being switched to 9 furlongs on the inner track due to weather). Two months further into the summer, the son of Quality Road ran third in the Arlington Million, beaten 1 1/4 lengths by **FORT WASHINGTON**. This will be Integration's third attempt at capturing 'the Million'; he was runner-up to Euro shipper Nations Pride in the 2024 edition. Based on his best form he has a winning chance, but based on his form this year he is a Trifecta contender.

FORT WASHINGTON became a back-to-back winner of the Dinner Party Stakes when winning the 9-furlong event at Laurel Park in May and now he goes for his second win in the Arlington Million, having won this race 12 months ago. Judged on this year's form he's going to be up against it but there's nothing like proven course and distance form and he can't be ruled out entirely. Having run well over various courses, he enjoyed his most lucrative win when beating Grand Sonata and **INTEGRATION** here last year. Fort Washington did not need to be at his best at Laurel Park last month; where he beat allowance winner A Bourbon for Toby by 3/4 length; but his win there (and his two runs at Gulfstream prior) showed that he has retained his appetite for the game. It remains to be seen, however, whether he can get back to his very best level, worth **Globeform 114**. He returned GF 109+ in the Dinner Party, the same figure he performed to also when sixth, 2 1/4 lengths behind **TEST SCORE** in the Pegasus World Cup Turf at Gulfstream Park in January. Those are his two best runs in 2026.

TEST SCORE bounced right back from an inexplicably poor effort in the Turf Classic at Churchill Downs in May (second last) when running second half a length behind back-to-back winner Deterministic in the Manhattan Stakes over 9.5 furlongs at Saratoga in June. Finishing well from just off the pace he produced **Globeform 116p**, his career best, and the Arlington Million may be just the race for this colt. Everything except the weight fits perfectly; boringly it needs mentioning that this is a G1 where horses do not carry the same weights. Test Score is penalized for having won the Pegasus World Cup Turf. He ran a thoroughly game race when beating One Stripe by a diminishing neck in the 9-furlong event at Gulfstream Park back in January. Very much enjoying having the run of the race, he was close behind the leaders and grabbed the advantage in the lane, then held on from his luckless barnmate One Stripe, who finished well coming wide while attacking from the pace. With Almendares just a length further back in third place, it was by no means what we call a top class performance but Test Score did everything right from start to finish and he showed that 9 furlongs suits him well. He was a consistent 3yo in 2025 After running second to this year's Maker's Mark Mile winner Zulu Kingdom in the American Turf Stakes on Kentucky Derby day, the Graham Motion trainee moved up to GF 110p with a 1 1/4-length win over World Beater in the Belmont Derby at Saratoga. World Beater gained revenge when they ran first and third in the Saratoga Derby, and after that Test Score ran three good races in strong 3yo turf events, including a win in the Twilight Derby at Santa Anita. That was also over 9 furlongs, which looked his optimum distance right up to this year's Manhattan, where he ran even better over half a furlong further. He's in with a chance in the 'Million'.

GRAN ORIENTE is very interesting in this race. Coming off three straight wins in lesser company at Santa Anita and Gulfstream Park, this Chilean G1 winner is taking a step up in class compared to what he has been facing in North America, but it's hard to say exactly how good he was in his homeland, where he ran his best race over this distance; winning the Premio Club Hipico de Santiago; while at the same it's very easy to be visually impressed by his recent runs. His run in last year's Breeders' Cup Mile is also worth a mention; he was beaten by ten horses but he passed the winning post less than six lengths behind the winner, Notable Speech, who is one of the world's best turf milers.

This 5yo son of Classic Empire is fully acclimated now and he has been winning for fun in Florida, taking the Mr Steele Stakes and the Soldier's Dancer Handicap, both over 8.5 furlongs, without breaking much sweat. He ran to **Globeform 112p** when beating Missed the Cut comfortably by 2 3/4 lengths in the Mr Steele and he returned GF 111+ in the Soldier's Dancer, a race he took just as easily, 1 1/4 lengths up on his barnmate Nemo, who beat Missed the Cut by half a length for the place. Gran Oriente came with a strong run from >>>

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>>> off the pace in both of these races and he looked like a horse that would a) be well up to winning better races and b) be more than happy to stretch out in distance. That he won a top level event over 10 furlongs at Santiago confirms that view. Missed the Cut (who runs at Gulfstream on Sunday) is not what he once was, but he won a good allowance heat on his start prior to the Mr Steele; beating Walley World (who ran third in a stakes quality allowance race at Saratoga next time out), and Nemo was exiting an allowance win going into the Soldier's Dancer. Gran Oriente's form is not too far off the top names in this Arlington Million, he gets 4lbs from Test Score and 2lbs from Burnham Square, he is 4-for-6 in the US; it would come as no big surprise to see him improve again (possibly to around GF 115-116) and **at 10-1 he should be absolutely be considered** as a value bet.

MERCANTE returned to his career best, **Globeform 112**, with a game runner-up effort behind win machine Lagynos in the Wise Dan Stakes over 8.5 furlongs at Churchill Downs in late June, when **DRESDEN ROW** was half a length behind him in third place. Mercante recorded the same figure when running second 3/4 length behind Spirit of St. Louis, in the 2025 edition of the 9-furlong Pegasus World Cup Turf, and he ran close to that mark both when beating Brilliant Berti and Lagynos to win the 8.5-furlong Arlington Stakes; and when dead-heating with Lagynos for third in the River City Stakes, won by Wolfie's Dynaghost. At his best, Mercante could be Trifecta filler in the Arlington Million, but he has never raced over 10 furlongs before. The same goes for the consistent **DRESDEN ROW**, who gained two allowance wins before running third in the Wise Dan Stakes. Having performed to Globeform 111, 110 and 111 in his three starts this season, he is well drawn on the inside and he yet to miss the board in 18 career starts.

CONCLUSION: It's hard to get away from Burnham Square, while Test Score is just as easily the the one to have as the B-horse behind the favorite. Hardly original but they are solid performers in what isn't exactly a vintage renewal of the Arlington Million. Last year's winner Fort Washington and Integration look like Trifecta fillers rather than win candidates; as they have been below their best so far in '26. Could there be a possible upset horse in the mix? Actually, yes there could be. His name is **Gran Oriente**; he really has turned a corner lately, he could take another jump up; he's not pace dependent, and **at 10-1 he's the value bet.**

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	5 BURNHAM SQUARE
B	6 TEST SCORE
C	3 FORT WASHINGTON, 4 INTEGRATION, 8 GRAN ORIENTE

> RESULT | 1 - BURNHAM SQUARE 2 - GRAN ORIENTE | 13-1 EXACTA

Burnham Square / Chorleywood Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T0smfPXWGBQ&t=8s>

Burnham Square / Louisville Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GyIOC_Nltfc
2nd Dancin in Da'nile 3rd Echo Lane

Burnham Square / Elkhorn Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oidGGjU_wxU&t=3s

Burnham Square 2nd / Nashville Derby '25: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P0_LT78QZxo

Test Score / Pegasus World Cup Turf: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DuOgRF7-6N4>

Test Score 2nd / Manhattan Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8y_7aoaPjcA
5th Integration

Gran Oriente / Mr Steele Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b-BI8TAEqx8>

Fort Washington / Arlington Million '25: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aU1Ad2KhIzE&t=7s>
3rd Integration