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GLOBEFORM RANKING

EDDIE LOGAN STAKES (LR), 8 fur Turf, Santa Anita, December 31

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	4	STARK CONTRAST	108	108 - 102p - 93p	McCarthy / Kimura
3	2	PLUTARCH	103	100+ 98+ 103	Baffert / J Hernandez
6p	1	THIRD BEER	100p	0 - 100p - ?p	Yakteen / Fresu
8p	7	UNRIVALED TIME	100p	100p - 99p - 89p	Powell / Herrera
8p	3	IRISEACH	98p	98p - 91p - ?p	D'Amato / Rispoli
8	6	CARO BUONO	96	93 - 95 - 96	Powell / Ayuso
15	5	BRIGANTE	89	85 - 89 - 73	O'Neill / Jaramillo

*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 Eddie Logan

2024	ARTISLAS	GF 95	Jeff Mullins	Flavien Prat
2023	LORD BULLINGDON	GF 99	Michael McCarthy	Umberto Rispoli
2022	CLASSICAL CAT Dec 30	Not rated	Philip D'Amato	Umberto Rispoli
2022	CABO SPIRIT Jan 01	GF 99+	George Papaprodromou	Victor Espinoza
2020	CATHKIN PEAK	Not rated	Philip D'Amato	Flavien Prat

GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

STARK CONTRAST met one of the best juveniles in Europe when running second behind Gstaad in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf, and he looks a surefire winner in this race. Coming from just off the pace (while the winner was finishing from further back), the son of Caravaggio lost by just three parts of a length, though it needs mentioning that Gstaad was much the best. As he should be; he had gone close to winning both the G1 National Stakes at the Curragh and the G1 Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket, after having won the G2 Coventry Stakes at Royal Ascot in the summer. Stark Contrast beat another Euro shipper North Coast (a G3 winner in Ireland) by 2 1/4 lengths for second, and he improved to **Globeform 108** in the process. Just under three weeks earlier he had won the Zuma Beach Stakes at Santa Anita, also over a mile, by beating **THIRD BEER** by a length. Third Beer, an eye catching off-the-pace maiden winner on his debut at Del Mar in August, also went for the BC Juvenile Turf, but had a difficult trip and beat just two home. He is 2lbs better off with Stark Contrast here and this Tim Yakteen trainee could well prove to be the main challenger to the favorite; but he *has* looked like a horse wanting to go further than a mile.

THIRD BEER's maiden winning form has been well advertised. His runner-up, No Joke Antares, has not raced since, but **UNRIVALED TIME** (who was fifth) broke his maiden with ease at Santa Anita next time out, with Columnist (third in Third Beer's maiden) running third in the same race. Unrivaled Time went on to win the Cecil B DeMille Stakes over a mile at Del Mar a month ago, giving us a nice 5-1 winner when fending off **IRISEACH** for a game 3/4-length win. Iriseach is 2lbs better off at the weights this time but Unrivaled Time is the one that's most likely to improve again and he will probably maintain the superiority.

PLUTARCH has been switching between dirt and turf in his first season and, up to his most recent start, he was a hard horse to get a handle on. The main problem was that he was so immature, making it difficult to know what he might be capable of, and whether the surface made much difference. His best piece of form based on ratings is his third in the American Pharaoh over 8.5 furlongs dirt at Santa Anita in early October, when he passed the winning post 3/4 length behind Intrepido, who disappointed in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile. Plutarch ran to **Globeform 103** in that contest and he was a warm favorite for the TBA Stakes on Breeders' Cup Friday, only to be a dull third. Dropped down to maiden company, he finally put it all together when winning over 9 furlongs a month later. It was just a maiden heat but it was good one and it had 12 runners. Confidently ridden, Plutarch was waited with a long way off the pace, and he delivered an impressive stretch run to win comfortably by 4 1/2 lengths from Rio Grande. The latter turned up again yesterday, but had a terrible trip and finished last. No matter, we did get a line to Plutarch's form anyway, as Medici, who was fourth 5 lengths behind him, won yesterday's maiden. Plutarch outclassed useful youngster last time out and he returned GF 100+ in that maiden breaker, looking very much like a colt on the upgrade.

CONCLUSION: Yesterday Michael McCarthy won the Blue Norther Stakes with La Ville Lumiere, who was exiting a seventh placed finish in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies; she was a well backed favorite and it would come as a surprise if **STARK CONTRAST** isn't the chalk here, but actually there are factors that could make him a value bet. The Baffert show on opening day is one, and his impressive maiden winner **PLUTARCH** will get support. Then there's the fact that the first two home in the Cecil B DeMille Stakes, **UNRIVALED TIME** and **IRISEACH** also line up, and that **THIRD BEER**'s also represents an in-form barn. None of these four should challenge for favoritism but they will all take money. 2-1 or better would make Stark Contrast a good bet. His true odds is evens. That his two most likely challengers, Plutarch and Third Beer, both probably prefer a bit further than a mile makes him even more of a favorite to back. Trifecta / Superfecta players should just focus on a simple plan with Third Beer and Plutarch as the main two underneath.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	4 STARK CONTRAST
B	1 THIRD BEER, 2 PLUTARCH
C	7 UNRIVALED TIME

Stark Contrast / Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xqURU0fmljc>
12th Third Beer

Stark Contrast & Third Beer / Zuma Beach Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2sU6pTsoZv4>

Plutarch / Del Mar maiden: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M4LMMyElauak>

Unrivaled Time & Iriseach / DeMille Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GbSCEK4MKLw>
6th Brigante