

Globeform's Breeders' Cup Special

Friday, Nov 1, 2024

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GLOBEFORM RATINGS

BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE TURF (G1), 8 fur turf, Del Mar

Horses ranked in pounds (0.45kg). 1 length = 2 pounds over this distance

Rank	Horse	Globeform	Trainer / Jockey
0	HENRI MATISSE	109	A P O'Brien / TBA
2p	MENTEE	107p	T Pletcher / TBA
2	NEW CENTURY	107	A Balding / TBA
2	SEAGULLS ELEVEN	107	H Palmer / TBA
?p	SATONO CARNAVAL	?p	N Hori / TBA
5	AL QUDRA	104	C Appleby / TBA
5	ZULU KINGDOM	104	C Brown / TBA
6	AOMORI CITY	103	C Appleby / TBA
6	THE WACO KID	103	H Palmer / TBA
7p	MINARET STATION	102p	W Walden / TBA
7	DREAM ON	102	M Casse / TBA
10p	NOBLE CONFESSOR	99p	T Pletcher / TBA
10p	IRON MAN CAL	99p	P D'Amato / TBA
12	TENACIOUS LEADER	97	T Pletcher / TBA

RESERVES

11	SABERTOOTH	98	T Yakteen / TBA
12	CHASING LIBERTY <i>Alt. BC Juvenile Turf Sprint</i>	97	R Atras / TBA
12p	SCIPIO	97p	R Baltas / TBA
13	ASHLEY'S ARCHER	96	M Casse / TBA
14p	GATE TO WIRE <i>Alt. BC Juvenile Turf Sprint</i>	95p	T Pletcher / TBA
?	MI BAGO	?	M Casse / TBA
17	HILL ROAD <i>Alt. BC Juvenile</i>	92	A Murray / TBA
19p	KALE'S ANGEL <i>Alt. BC Juvenile Turf Sprint</i>	90p	P Miller / TBA



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BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE TURF WINNERS

2023 UNQUESTIONABLE – 107+ Aidan O'Brien / Ryan Moore

2022: VICTORIA ROAD – GF 112 Aidan O'Brien / Ryan Moore

2021: MODERN GAMES – GF 112p Charlie Appleby / William Buick

2020: FIRE AT WILL – GF 113p Michael Maker / Ricardo Santana Jr

2019: STRUCTOR – GF 108p Chad Brown / Jose L Ortiz

2018: LINE OF DUTY – GF 112 Charlie Appleby / William Buick

2017: MENDELSSOHN – GF 113+ Aidan O'Brien / Ryan Moore

2016: OSCAR PERFORMANCE – GF 116 Brian Lynch / Jose L Ortiz

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In-depth previews, Globeform ratings, ABC selections;
12 selected stakes races at Churchill Downs and Del Mar
November 28 - December 1. Service opens Nov. 25.

Thanksgiving week / Churchill Downs: Cardinal, Falls City, The Clark, Mrs Revere, Golden Rod, Kentucky Jockey Club, Ed Bowen, Fern Creek, Cherokee Mile. **Del Mar:** Hollywood Turf Cup, Hollywood Derby, Jimmy Durante, Seabiscuit Hcap, The Matriarch, DeMille Stakes, Stormy Liberal Stakes



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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS, BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE TURF

HENRI MATISSE takes the best form to the table here, in what promises to be a highly competitive renewal of the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf, a race the Europeans have won the last three years. The Aidan O'Brien trainee looked pretty smart already on his second start, winning the 6-furlong Railway Stakes of soft ground at the Curragh in June. He beat The Striking Viking (second in another Group race next time out) by half a length. BC Juvenile Turf Sprint candidate Arizona Blaze was beaten almost four lengths in third place. Henri Matisse returned to the same track four weeks later, this time to beat Hotazhell and Scorthy Champ by a length and the same in the 7-furlong Futurity Stakes. He raced over a turf course labelled as good that day, and was a comfortable odds-on winner after racing in the front rank all the way. Hotazhell has franked the form with two big wins since; delivering in the Beresford Stakes at the Curragh, then in the prestigious English Futurity Stakes at Doncaster last Saturday, when he won a photo finish against Aidan O'Brien's Delacroix, who was coming off a win in the Autumn Stakes at Newmarket.

Henri Matisse was a short price favorite also when he went for the top level National Stakes over the same course and distance as the Futurity in September, but Scorthy Champ managed to turn the tables on him and win by three parts of a length. Henri Matisse may have lost the race through his own doing, as he ducked left then right close home - but he kept on well enough to beat **SEAGULLS ELEVEN** for second place. **AOMORI CITY** was a well beaten fourth. Henri Matisse was next sent to Longchamp, where he was fitted with blinker for the first time and went off favorite for another high profile event, the Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere, but failed. He made a mid to late race move after sitting at the back early but never got properly into that contest. He checked in fifth, 2 3/4 lengths behind his barnmate Camille Pissaro, who beat Rashabar (see Whistlejacket BC Turf Sprint). The ground was very testing and Henri Matisse is probably best suited by good ground (he has yet to race on firm). His best form makes him one of the strongest contenders here.

MENTEE - a full brother to Fierceness - was very impressive when winning on his debut, showing blistering speed over 5 furlongs at Aqueduct in June, then disappointed in the Hopeful Stakes at Saratoga in September (in between he was a scratch in the Sanford Stakes). Pletcher switched him to turf in his next race, the 6-furlong Futurity Stakes back at Aqueduct in early October. Mentee was facing six rivals, he went off second favorite at 4-1 and it was soon clear that players who had kept faith in him had a great bet. Mentee crushed the opposition. Always going smoothly, he drew off in the straight and won comfortably, beating Juvenile Turf Sprint contender Gate to Wire by 3 1/2 lengths. Having performed to GF 99p on his debut, Mentee improved to **Globeform 107p** in the Futurity, and if he can improve on that when stepped up to a mile, well, then he becomes interesting. For a change, we are looking at a classy 2yo from the Pletcher barn that will represent value in the betting here.

NEW CENTURY improved on his English form when he beat fellow raider **AL QUDRA** by 1 1/4 lengths in the Summer Mile at Woodbine in September. The two dominated in the betting market and that's also how it worked out on the course. They were both held up for a late run, and both suffered interference turning for home. New Century outstayed his rival and proved clearly the best in the closing stages. He needed all of the long home stretch at Woodbine to get the job done, however, and Del Mar may not be ideal for this son of Kameko. He had previously run second to Al Qudra in the Pat Eddery Stakes at Ascot and won the Stonehenge Stakes at Salisbury. His Summer Mile form gives him a chance here but the short finish is a worry. He may progress further but a strong pace will be needed for this contender to produce his best in the BC Juvenile Turf.

AL QUDRA was more precocious than New Century in the spring / summer months and he wasn't much of a match to the Summer Mile winner, though he held second by three parts of a length from **DREAM ON**, who was coming off a second place finish in the Soaring Free Stakes over 6 furlongs at the same venue three weeks earlier (behind Cairo Capar, who finished fifth in the Summer and was fourth of six in a Canadian Listed race next time out).



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SEAGULLS ELEVEN and **THE WACO KID**, representing Hugo Palmer, ran over 7 furlongs at their home track Newmarket last time out, and both encountered soft ground in these races, which suits them. Seagulls Eleven is the best of the two, having run third behind Scorthy Champ and **HENRI MATISSE** in the National Stakes over 7 furlongs at the Curragh in September. He was less than a length behind Henri Matisse that day, and proceeded to the Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket, where he checked in fourth of five behind Shadow Of Light. Seagulls Eleven is a smart performer but he is also a big colt with a rounded action. He hits the ground hard and the worry would be if we get firm ground at Del Mar. That would also work against **THE WACO KID**, a rather small and precocious juvenile who has been asked to do a lot his his first season. Favored by the ground, he led all the way and kept on gamely to win the Somerville Tattersall Stakes at Newmarket, beating Diego Ventura by 2 1/4 lengths. That form isn't good enough to make Waco Kid a top player in this race. Diego Ventura was second in a Listed race at Doncaster last Saturday.

ZULU KINGDOM, a French import in the care of Chad Brown, comes here unbeaten after three runs. He was an easy winner over 7 furlongs at the left-handed Saint-Cloud in June (when trained by Andre Fabre) and he has done the With Anticipation / Pilgrim Stakes double for Brown. This colt has progressed with every run (albeit not dramatically) and is might improve again, though his narrow win over **NOBLE CONFESSOR** in the Pilgrim, run over 8.5 furlongs on soft ground at Aqueduct, was not a performance that makes him one of the favorites here. Structor win the Pilgrim before taking the BC Juvenile Turf for Brown back in 2019 but this year's field looks stronger than what he beat. Zulu Kingdom came from off the pace to win the Pilgrim. Noble Confessor almost got up to beat him though, as he finished well coming between horses and failed by just a neck. He went right by Zulu Kingdom a few strides after passing the winning post, and this Pletcher trainee could be an interesting longshot. He was receiving 4lbs from Zulu Kingdom so ratings say that he is up against it but don't forget that the Pilgrim was Noble Confessor's first run on turf - nor that he ran third to leading BC Juvenile contender Chancer McPatrick on his debut at Saratoga.

SATONO CARNAVAL has rewarded favorite backers in both of his races in Japan. He was an impressive 7-length winner of a maiden event over 7 furlongs at Tokyo racecourse in June and followed up with a comfortable 1 1/4-length win in the Nisai Stakes over 6 furlongs at Hakodate in July. Ridden just off the pace, he moved forward in a determined challenge inside the last furlong and beat Nishino Lavanda (who was coming off an easy debut win) with a bit up his sleeve. Endless Summer finished third and that colt has since been sixth in a G3 where Rapier was fourth. Rapier was third to BC Juvenile Turf Sprint winner Ecoro Sieg in the Canna Stakes, so here we have a formline linking Ecoro Sieg and Satono Carnaval, who has not raced since his win in the Nisai Stakes and thus comes off a near four-month break. The way he has won his races points to better form over further, meaning that a mile at Del Mar will be no problem.

This Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf smells a bit of an upset winner. We may not get another shocker like Fire at Will, who won this event at 30-1 four years ago (beating Aidan O'Brien's favorite Battleground) but this year's field really is wide open. There is no standout and hitting Trifecta will probably generate a nice return.

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