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GLOBEFORM'S BREEDERS' CUP PREVIEWS

Previews and ratings by Geir Stabell



GLOBEFORM RATINGS
BREEDERS' CUP FILLY & MARE SPRINT (G1) 7 furlongs

4 | **Keeneland Sat. Oct. 31, 2026**

Horses ranked in pounds (0.45kg). 1 length = 2.5 pounds over this distance

Rank	No.	Name of horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs	Trainer / Jockey
				From right to left (most recent first)	
0	2	**WAYS AND MEANS**	**123**	123 - 122 - 116	C Brown / Prat
0	9	**SWEET AZTECA**	**123**	123 - 117+ 122	Baltas / J Hernandez
1	4	**R DISASTER**	**122**	116+ 86 - 122	Joseph Jr / Gaffalione
4	11	**EXPLORA** *3yo* *	**118**	114 - 118 - 112	Baffert / J L Ortiz
~~6~~	~~3~~	~~**PRAYING**~~ *~~GF 117 in Oct '25~~*	~~**117 / 115**~~	~~115 - 0 - 0~~	~~Medina / Velazquez~~
7	5	**FOIE GRAS**	**116**	116 - 116 - 108	Maker / Santana Jr
7	7	**EVANESCENCE**	**116**	116 - 101 - 109	Kenneally / L Saez
13p	8	**KERRY'S KISS**	**110p**	110p - 102+ 107p	Joseph Jr / E Gonzalez
10	6	**MAJESTIC OOPS** *GF 113 also in Mar '26*	**113**	113 - 107 - 110	D'Amato / Arrieta
~~11~~	~~13~~	~~**NOONI**~~	~~**112**~~	~~112 - 103+ 110~~	~~Baffert / M Gutierrez~~
12	12	**KILWIN**	**111**	111 - 110p - 81	Arnold / Castellano
11 / 15	1	**LOOK FORWARD** *GF 112 in May '25*	**112 / 108**	108 - 93 - 106+	M McCarthy / Rispoli
16	10	**SIMPLY JOKING** *GF 107 also in Mar '25*	**107**	107 - 105 - 102	M McCarthy / M Franco

***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.*

** 3yos get 2lbs weight allowance. Globeform wfa for 3yo; 7 fur early Nov is 1lb so add 1lb to 3yos GF ratings.*



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Most recent winners of the B Cup Filly & Mare Sprint

2025	**SPLENDORA**	**GF 120**	Bob Baffert	Flavien Prat
2024	**SOUL OF AN ANGEL**	**GF 118**	Saffie Joseph Jr	Drayden Van Dyke
2023	**GOODNIGHT OLIVE**	**GF 119**	Chad Brown	Irad Ortiz Jr
2022	**GOODNIGHT OLIVE**	**GF 123**	Chad Brown	Irad Ortiz Jr
2021	**CE CE**	**GF 122**	Michael McCarthy	Victor Espinoza
2020	**GAMINE**	**GF 129**	Bob Baffert	John Velazquez
2019	**COVFEFE**	**GF 124**	Brad Cox	Joel Rosario
2018	**SHAMROCK ROSE**	**GF 114**	Mark Casse	Irad Ortiz Jr
2017	**BAR OF GOLD**	**GF 117**	John Kimmel	Irad Ortiz Jr
2016	**FINEST CITY**	**GF 120**	Ian Kruljac	Mike Smith
2015	**WAVELL AVENUE**	**GF 119**	Chad Brown	Joel Rosario

Average winning Globeform: 120.4

GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

SWEET AZTECA was a late scratch at the Breeders' Cup last year, when her form made her the one to beat in the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint. This is her chance to get some unfinished business sorted out - but she will find herself in a much deeper field than the 2025 edition of this 7-furlong contest. That said, this incredible 6yo mare from California didn't just perform up to her previous best when she won the Rancho Bernardo Stakes at Del Mar in August; she ran better than ever. She has had an interrupted, light career, but when Sweet Azteca is right she is very good. She came home under a tight hold as she beat Thermal by 4 3/4 lengths in the 6.5-furlong contest at Del Mar. Value for about six lengths, she produced **Globeform 123**, one pound higher than her best runs in 2025. The way she won it was tempting to add a "p", signifying improvement expected, to that rating; but she is six years old and perhaps that would be too optimistic. Then again, this daughter of Sharp Azteca has raced just 11 times and won 9 times. Perhaps we should treat her more like a 4yo? And perhaps we should not be surprised if it turns out that she is capable of even better form. Thermal, who had absolutely no chance despite getting weight, was coming off a win in the Memorial Day Sprint at Lone Star Park and she went on to run third in the Chillingworth Stakes at Santa Anita. Those are nowhere near G1 level performances but her form is quite solid. Sweet Azteca made her look very ordinary. It was only her second start in 2026 and she thus comes fresh into the Breeders' Cup. She resurfaced after a ten-month break to win the Great Lady M Stakes at Los Alamitos in July; also over 6.5 furlongs and a race she won also in 2024 and 2025. True to form, Sweet Azteca was part of the pace also in that event and she won comfortably by 1 1/4 lengths from Maginificat, with **NOON** 3/4 length further back in third place. Again, she was on cruise control with plenty more in the tank. Maginificat won the Tranquility Lake Stakes next time out and Nooni won her next two races, giving the form further boosts. >>>

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>>> Sweet Azteca was restricted to just two starts in 2025. She returned from a nine-month break when winning the Great Lady M. Stakes in early July, flashing her usual speed to win quite easily by 1 1/2 lengths from the odds-on favorite **KOPION**, who passed the winning post 2 lengths in front of Chismosa. Kopion, an impressive winner of three G1 events from December '24 to May '25, reportedly lost a shoe in the Great Lady M, something that may or may not have affected her performance. Sweet Azteca held the 6.5-furlong track record (1:14.33, set in the 2024 edition of the Great Lady M) and she lowered it by 1/100th of a second. She confirmed the form when following up with a comfortable 3 1/2-length win in the Rancho Bernardo Handicap over the same distance at Del Mar in August. Only four went to post but she was impressive; absolutely toying with Formula Rossa and Chismosa, who was now 6 1/4 lengths behind her. Formula Rossa was making her third start, having won her first two; most notably a Del Mar allowance by 6 1/2 lengths; and she was runner-up to the impressive Usha in the La Brea on her subsequent outing.

Sweet Azteca's four wins in 2025-26 have all come over 6.5 furlongs but another half-furlong is not a cause for concern; she took the Beholder Mile in 2024 (beating multiple G1 winner Adare Manor) and she is a strong win contender for the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint. The one reservation is that this will be her first start outside of California - while a big plus is that she won the draw, landing in post 9; a perfect starting position where her rider can monitor what's happening on his inside while staying out of trouble.
Morning line 8-1 is way too big about this Richard Baltas trained contender.

WAYS AND MEANS, who was fifth as a 3yo in this contest in 2024 but forced to bypass the Breeders' Cup last year, improved to **Globeform 123** as she gained an impressive 5 1/2-length win in the Ballerina Stakes over 7 furlongs at Saratoga in August. Without doubt a 7-furlong specialist, this Chad Brown trainee holds a strong chance and she seems likely to be a short priced favorite. Her easy win over **KILWIN** at Saratoga (where she is 6-for-7) explains why she is so popular. Coming from just off the pace she simply outclassed a field. **R DISASTER** was a well beaten sixth, and she has high class performances both before and after the Ballerina. If Ways and Means can repeat this form at Keeneland, well, then she will be hard to beat; but 7-5 is not the right price for this contender. She is joint top rated and there are others quite close to this duo based on ratings, so this F&M Sprint is more open that the morning line suggests. Ways and Means did put up a high class performance at the Spa but let's not lose sight of the fact that it happened on a day when others with proper G1 form in the book failed to turn up with their A-game. R Disaster was way below her best and Eclatant ran no sort of a race at all and is now resting.

One big advantage for the Ways and Means team is that she is flexible; she can be on the lead, pressing the lead or, as we saw in the Ballerina, she can be fully effective also when held up for a late charge. One would have to say that this is the best way to ride her, and it makes her a great fit in the championship race. What's not so appealing is that she drew post two. She has won twice from post three but in shorter fields, and Ways and Means may have to run a bit faster than what is ideal in first part of the race here, to avoid getting stuck in traffic.

She returned GF 122 when beating Inside Information Stakes winner Grand Job in the Bed O'Roses Stakes at Saratoga in June. The margin was only a nose but the two drew 9 1/2 lengths clear of the third placed Senza Parole and it was top class performance. Grand Job had previously met with a nose-defeat also against Eclatant in the Madison at Keeneland; when **R DISASTER** was third 6 lengths behind. She went on to also reach Globeform 122 next time she raced, and there very little between these fillies and mares.

R DISASTER took her form to a new level when beating **WAYS AND MEANS** the Derby City Distaff over 7 furlongs at Churchill Downs in May. Causing a bit of an upset, the daughter of Awesome Slew made all to win by 2 1/4 lengths, while Ways and Means was 1 3/4 lengths better than the third placed Usha. What made this result surprising was that R Disaster had been a 6- to 6.5-furlong runner with blistering speed previously; and it seemed unlikely that she would be as good over seven. As it turned out she was even better, performing to **Globeform 122**. A fast runner, she was prominent early also in the Ballerina - but did not get the lead and faded to finish be a distant sixth behind Ways and Means. It was a very disappointing effort but it was also a case of going into a tough race off a near four-month break. She ran much better, albeit in easier company, when getting her Breeders' Cup prep in the Gallant Bloom Stakes over 6.5 furlongs at Belmont Park in October; a race she won with ease as the 1/2 favorite. Senza Parole was only 1 1/4 lengths beaten in second but never much of a threat to R Disaster, who controlled the race from gate to wire. She is good enough to make an impact here - but only if she can get pole position from the outset and roll into her best rhythm; something that may not be easy from post four.

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EXPLORA might not seemed like a contender for the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint when running fourth in the 9-furlong Kentucky Oaks at Churchill Downs in May. She was a tiring fourth after setting the pace but beaten only 2 1/2 lengths behind Always a Runner. Explora wanted to cut back in distance, and here she is six months and three starts later going for the biggest 7-furlong event in the calendar. Baffert dropped her right down to this distance in her runs after the Oaks, with two wins and a close second as the results. She produced her career best when beating Percy's Bar by 5 lengths to win the Test Stakes at Saratoga in August. Never worse than third in a strongly run race, Explora opened up impressively in the straight to win as she pleased; recording **Globeform 118** in the process. She needs to find even better form to have a winning chance but, as a 3yo, she's more likely to improve than her older rivals. The daughter of Blame suffered a surprise defeat when 1/3 to win the Dogwood Stakes at Churchill Downs in September; getting second in a three-way photo finish where Conceit won and Movie Night was third. Movie Night won the Raven Run Stakes at Keeneland a month later (with Conceit well behind in fourth).

CONCLUSION: Ways and Means is favorite and understandably so, but she is not bomb proof, and every time I review Sweet Azteca's races it gives the impression of a touch of brilliance. Really strong, she was built like a proper sprinter and that's exactly what she has turned out to be - but she's a sprinter who also stays a mile, and that will stand her in good stead in this race. It will be her first run away from California but that may not be an issue. At 8-1 she's a great value bet. Ssweet Azteca was recommended for F&M Sprint in this service last year, when she was a late scratch; let's hope she gains compensation this time. She's the selection once more, ahead of Ways and Means, with Explora and R Disaster on the C-line.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	**9 SWEET AZTECA**
B	2 WAYS AND MEANS
C	4 R DISASTER, 11 EXPLORA

Ways and Means / Ballerina Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VdrWXwKKhAs
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Ways and Means / Bed O'Roses Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3R9xA-21xIE

Ways and Means / Bed O'Roses S. '25: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-7lJWSqXhjY

Sweet Azteca / Rancho Bernardo S: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jgORGXk2ETw

Sweet Azteca / Great Lady M Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xArgfilUHRU

Sweet Azteca / Rancho Bernardo Hcap 25: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZHq2djgpJL0

Sweet Azteca / Great Lady M Stakes '25: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lD14qyHRBQA

R Disaster / Gallant Bloom Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zx3pvVnuKUM

R Disaster / Derby City Distaff: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HTqJzRAAUaY&t=3s
2nd Ways and Means

Praying / Thoroughbred Club of America Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=faz0KNPOK24
2nd Vahva

Praying / Prioress Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IYkLx-Hst3Q

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GLOBEFORM RATINGS BREEDERS' CUP TURF SPRINT (G1)

5.5 furlongs | Keeneland Saturday October 31, 2026

Horses ranked in pounds (0.45kg). 1 length = 3 pounds over this distance | *Oct 22, 2026*

Rank	No.	Name of horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs From right to left (most recent first)	Trainer / Jockey
0p	2	**SHISOSPICY** *filly*	121p	0 - 121p - 115p	D'Angelo / L Saez
3	3	**BACIO** *3yo **	119	119 - 116p - ?p	W Ward / J Hernandez
4	7	**COMANCHE BRAVE**	120	119 - 120 - 113	D O'Brien / Loughnane
(4) 11	13	**STARLUST** *GF 120 in Aug '24*	(120) 113	105 - 111 - 113	Beckett / Ryan
5	9	**IN OUR TIME** *mare*	116	116 - 104 - 102	Joseph Jr / Husbands
7	18	**OUTFIELDER** *3yo* **AE4**	115	100 - 96 - 115	W Ward / Egan
7	10	**CY FAIR** *3yo filly*	112	103 - 112 - 109p	Weaver / Velazquez
8	11	**JOE SHIESTY** *GF 116 in Mar '26* *GF 116 in Dec '25*	116	115 - 113 - 113	Foster / De La Cruz
8	14	**MISS YECHANCE** *3yo filly*	111	111 - 106 - ?+	Burke / Nicholls
9	8	**POSSIBLEMENTE**	115	115 - 111 - 109	Sharp / J L Ortiz *
9	17	**DONCHO** **AE3** *GF 115 in June '26*	115	111 - 114+ 114	Lovell / Santana Jr
9	1	**JOHN THE BEER MAN**	115	103 - 115 - 115	Atras / Carmouche
10	6	**YELLOW CARD**	114	114 - 111+ 113p	Weaver / Prat
10p	4	**ROJA** *filly*	111p	?+ 111p - ?+	Motion / M Franco
10	12	**SORRENTO SKY**	114	114 - 112 - 108	D'Amato / Rispoli
10	5	**TIME TO DAZZLE** *GF 111 in Oct '25*	111	110+ 107 - 104	M Casse / Murphy
11	16	**NO NAY HUDSON** **AE2**	113	113 - 112 - 106	W Ward / J L Ortiz *
7 / 11	15	**BIG MOJO** **AE1** *GF 117 in Sep '25*	117 / 113	91 - 113 - 93	M Appleby / Marquand

Fillies and mares: *3lbs sex weight allowance; add 3lbs to GF rating for direct comparison with males.*

** 3-year-olds get a 2lb weight allowance.*
Globeform weight-for-age 3yos vs. older horses over 5 fur. late October: 0
This means that we need to add 2lbs to 3yo's GF ratings for direct comparison.

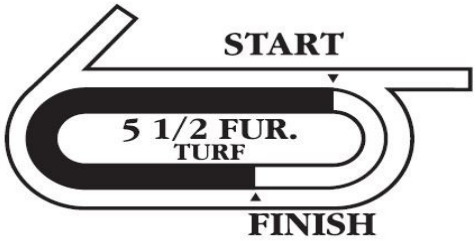
3yo fillies thus get 5lbs lower weight than older males; add 5lbs to GF rating for direct comparison with males.

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Most recent winners of the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint

2025	**SHISOSPICY**	**GF 121p**	Jose D'Angelo	Irad Ortiz Jr
2024	**STARLUST**	**GF 117+**	Ralph Beckett	Rossa Ryan
2023	**NOBALS**	**GF 116**	Larry Rivelli	Gerardo Corrales
2022	**CARAVEL**	**GF 117**	Brad Cox	Tyler Gaffalione
2021	**GOLDEN PAL**	**GF 120**	Wesley Ward	Irad Ortiz Jr
2020	**GLASS SLIPPERS**	**GF 118**	Kevin Ryan	Tom Eaves
2019	**BELVOIR BAY**	**GF 118**	Peter Miller	Javier Castellano
2018	**STORMY LIBERAL**	**GF 124**	Peter Miller	Drayden Van Dyke
2017	**STORMY LIBERAL**	**GF 117p**	Peter Miller	Joel Rosario
2016	**OBVIOUSLY**	**GF 116**	Phil D'Amato	Flavien Prat
2015	**MONGOLIAN SATURDAY**	**GF 116**	Enebish Ganbat	Florent Geroux

Average winning Globeform: 118.2



GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS | UPDATED VERSION TO FOLLOW NEXT WEEK

SHISOSPICY - one of our future value bets - has a good chance of a repeat win in this race. Facing Bacio and Comanche Run she will need to be 100% ready but if we take those two out the field isn't frightening at all and she seems likely to start at a good price.

How she was recommend in GF News September 26

Such an impressive winner of the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint last year, Shispospicy has been sidelined since her disappointing run in the Unbridled Sidney Stakes at Churchill Downs in early May; when she went off at 7-10, was most exotics players' main single on the day, but trailed in last. Something was clearly amiss and a long break followed. Jose D'Angelo has her back on track now though, explaining that 'minor ailments' had forced him to bypass races in Dubai and New York. Recent morning reports have been very positive.

The turf sprint division is competitive but, with Reef Runner ruled out, it lacks a star, and it's baffling to see bookmakers offering **16-1 about Shisospicy**. Perhaps they have been thinking that she won't make it to the race. Well, her most recent work, and D'Angelo's words when talking to Gulfstream Park's media office on Sunday, sent out a different message. Shisospicy breezed 4 furlongs in a bullet 46.98 at Saratoga on Saturday. As many as 133 horses covered that distance on the day, among them were high class performers like BC Distaff contender Fully Subscribed, the impressive Curlin Stakes winner Sea Strike, last year's B Cup Juvenile winner Ted Noffey and a group of Chad Brown's best turf runners. Perhaps they are not particularly sharp in the mornings but when we have a *best of 133 bullet work* at Saratoga we know we are dealing with a horse that's in good shape. It was Shisospicy's sixth work since early August. >>>

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>>> Backing Shisospicy may seem risky - as she hasn't really had a race this season - but we are getting 16-1 about what will be the best horse in the field here. Not just that, we are backing the top ranked contender in a race where she will be receiving 3lbs from her male rivals. Shisospicy ran to **Globeform 121p** when she made all to crush a strong field at Del Mar, where she won easily by a long looking 2 1/2 lengths from Ag Bullet, with Khaadem third, Reef Runner third and Motorious fourth. Is there a male sprinter capable of Globeform 124 around these days? Not there isn't. Reef Runner was the best of the lot before getting sidelined, and his peaks were worth Globeform 120. The Wesley Ward trained Bacio, who won a valuable handicap over 5 furlongs at Royal Ascot and improved again when following up over the same distance in the Nunthorpe Stakes at York, heads the BC Turf Sprint betting at 7-4. Ridiculously short of course. His handicap mark was way too low at Ascot and the main reason he won so well at York was that the European sprint division is sub-par. He ran good races though; returning GF 116p at Ascot and moving up to GF 119 at York. The Irish trained Comanche Brave produced Globeform 120 when winning the July Cup over 6 furlongs at Newmarket and GF 119 in the Flying Five Stakes over 5 furlongs at the Curragh. These two may be strong players at the Breeders' Cup but they have both done their best over straight courses, and if Shisospicy - who is absolutely made for one turn sprints - is back to her best, well, then they will need to improve again to handle her. Even if the filly runs a bit below the form she showed at Del Mar they are likely to be in trouble.

Shisospicy will be going for the big race without a recent prep, though the layoff might not be an issue; note that she came off the bench when winning big at Kentucky Downs last year, and that there was a near two-month gap between that outing and the Breeders' Cup. At 16-1, this daughter of top class dirt sprinter Mitole simply must be backed. All being well, she will have a good chance of emulating two previous repeat winners of the Turf Sprint; the filly Mizdirection pulled it off in 2012-13 and Stormy Liberal did the same in 2017-18.

BACIO, representing turf sprint specialist Wesley Ward, has won two valuable races in England this summer. His US for was underestimated when he went for a handicap over 5 furlongs at Royal Ascot in June, a race he won easily under a favorable weight, beating fellow US raider Sandal's Song by 3 3/4 lengths after making all at a fast pace. Bacio improved to GF 116p with that result and his next task was the prestigious Nunthorpe Stakes, run over the same distance at York in August. Whereas the course was firm at Ascot it came up on the soft side of good at York, and the competition was much, much stronger. Once more going off as a well backed 3-1 favorite Bacio took it all in his stride. Regular partner Juan Hernandez sent him straight to the lead and he never looked in any danger of losing, coming home 1 1/4 lengths in front of **STARLUST**, who just pipped Rumstar for second. Bacio improved to **Globeform 119** at York and he is a top contender for the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint. If he proves to be as good around a turn as he has been over straight courses he will hold a great chance; though his price is likely to be too short for my liking.

STARLUST won the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint in 2024 but he has had an unsuccessful spell at stud and - although he runs good races these days - he is not as sharp as he was two years ago. The Nunthorpe performance is his best in 2026, earning **Globeform 113**. He has been a bit below that level in two subsequent starts (fourth behind **COMANCHE BRAVE** in Ireland and fourth behind **MISS YECHANCE** in France) but we should not forget how good he was as a 3yo. Running third in a strong edition of the Nunthorpe Stakes he produced **Globeform 120** then, and he ran to GF 117+ when winning at the Breeders' Cup, where he was a recommended value bet at 34-1 in this service. It's all too easy to become fond of horses that do us such great favors, but Starlust is the type of horse who might 'wake up' and run big when put back in a one-turn sprint and it would not be the biggest of surprises to see him rolling on late and finish in the top three or four. >>>

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS | DOWAGER STAKES

A	**5 FIONN 2nd**	
B	**2 MALIBU SMART WON @ 14-1**, 6 SNIPSNIPPITYSNIP	**EXACTA 109-1**
C	8 GOLDEN SUNSHINE, **9 SPEED SHOPPER 3rd** 10 SOMETHINABOUTHER	**TRIFECTA 461-1**

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COMANCHE BRAVE has three impressive wins from four runs in Europe this year, and he has improved markedly since finishing third behind Reef Runner and Lazzat in Saudi Arabia back in February. He first went into the notebook as a potential G1 winner when taking the 6-furlong Greenland Stakes with ease at the Curragh in May, a performance that set him up for a crack at the Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Stakes at Royal Ascot the following month. Things did not quite work out for him in that event and he wound up in seventh, though not beaten more than 2 1/2 length by Europe's best sprinter Almeraq. Comanche Brave next went for the July Cup, also over 6 furlongs but at Newmarket, which is quite a different course. Once more taking on some of the best sprinters around, he went off at 11-1 and stepped right up to win the big race. Coming from a few lengths off the pace, he led a furlong out and ran on strongly to beat the high class filly Venetian Sun by a length. Satono Reve, who was beaten just a nose by Almeraq at Ascot, checked in third, giving the form a solid look. Comanche Brave improved to **Globeform 120** at Newmarket and he ran to the same level as he followed up with another win in the Flying Five at the Curragh in September. Exiting a two-month rest, cutting back to 5 furlongs and encountering soft ground, he was just as good, taking the race ridden much the same way; this time by 1 1/4 lengths from American Affair, with Rumstar third. Those two filled the exacta, in that order, in the King George Stakes at Goodwood in the summer. Trained by Donnacha O'Brien, Comanche Brave has bypassed both the Prix de l'Abbaye at Longchamp and the British Champions Sprint at Ascot (won by Almeraq) in order to come fresh to the Breeders' Cup. He's a top contender.

IN OUR TIME is an interesting longshot. Coming off her career best, she may still be badly overlooked and represent good value in the betting. One reason players will disregard this mare is that her best race came at Kentucky Downs, and that's *normally* a fair point. Form from that course does not always translate to conventional, flat courses, but please read on. There was a lot to like about how she won the Ladies Turf Sprint there in August; when she improved to **Globeform 116** with a strong gate-to-wire performance over 6.5 furlongs. Outclassing **TIME TO DAZZLE** by 3 1/2 lengths, In Our Time made sure of a trip to Keeneland with that run. And, given that she moved up the ratings ladder, the obvious questions now are 'how good was her previous best - and where was it achieved?' Well, and this is where it gets interesting; it was achieved over 5.5 furlongs at Keeneland and it was worth GF 111. She won the Giant's Causeway Stakes here in April, beating Creed's Gold by 1 3/4 lengths after racing prominently throughout. Not at all the same kind of company, but same course, same distance, as the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint. So is this a horse who should be labelled as a typical Kentucky Downs runner? Certainly not, this is a horse to include in our betting plans. If she runs like she did last time out she will make an impact, and note that her runner-up Time to Dazzle franked the Ladies Turf Sprint form by winning the 5.5-furlong Franklin Stakes on her next outing. Oh, by the way, that race was run at Keeneland. Perhaps coming here after a good run at Kentucky Downs isn't such a bad idea after all.

CY FAIR ran to GF 105p to win the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint at Del Mar last year; beating the Irish trained Brussels by a length; and she improved to **Globeform 112** when winning the 5.5-furlong Coronation Cup over a yielding course at Saratoga in July (beat Sapphire Beach by 2 1/2 lengths). This happened after a break since her win over Slay the Day in the Mamzelle Stakes over the same distance (but on firm ground) at Churchill Downs in April, and it seemed to signal further progression; but the 3yo daughter of Not This Time was rather dull when only sixth as an odds-on favorite in the Music City Stakes over 6.5 furlongs at Kentucky Downs in September. She took by far the best form to that contest though we should probably draw a line through the disappointing result. Cy Fair is a typical, fast 5.5-furlong specialist and stretching out over an undulating and testing course didn't suit her. She's one of a closely matched bunch of horses rated close enough to the top names to come here with top three aspirations.

JOE SHIESTY is a tough and consistent sprinter who ran his best race to date when beating **NO NAY HUDSON** by half a length to win the Woodford Stakes over this course and distance in October. Returning after a two-month break, he set the pace, was narrowly headed coming down the lane, then fought back for a well deserved win. Having returned GF 113 in all of his three preceding races, Joe Shiesty improved to **Globeform 115** in the Woodford. His running style will make this a big ask for him though, as there are better horses with early speed in opposition. **NO NAY HUDSON**, who has run well at Keeneland on a number of occasions, also returned his career best in the Woodford (**Globeform 113**) and comes here in good shape, but his form is still quite level and it falls a bit short of what will be required to hit the board. His one plus is that he is a horse who does well when he can close into a strong pace. He needs three defections to get in.

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MISS YECHANCE was an upset winner of the Prix de l'Abbaye at Longcahmp in October, moving up to **Globeform 111**. The Abbaye is of Europe's most prestigious 5-furlong races though it is also rather a unique contest, as it's run over a straight course where it's virtually impossible to make up ground from the back of the field. Miss Yechance led all the way and held on by a neck from Listed winner Shiri, who was the same margin in front of Royal Ascot winner Mission Central. It was a game performance by Miss Yechance but not top class; in a renewal that could be called sub-standard. Tellingly, Aidan O'Brien soon ruled Mission Central out of a trip to the Breeders' Cup).

POSSIBLEMENTE has been steadily improving this season and this seasoned and battle hardened 6yo put up a strong performance when he won the Kentucky Downs Turf Sprint over 6 furlongs in early September, returning **Globeform 115**. He had not raced for three months but the layoff was clearly more of a positive factor. Possiblemente was part of the speed all the way and he ran to well to win by 1 1/4 lengths from **GOLDEN AFTERNOON**, who was a good second the Franklin Simpson Stakes at Kentucky Downs in 2025 (but beaten 4 1/4 lengths when unplaced behind **JOE SHIESTY** at Ellis Park this August). Possiblemente has run well also when held up just off the speed, and he is not likely to be pace compromised like Joe Shiesty. Being 4-1-1 from 7 starts in 2026 (slow beginning foiled him on the one occasion when he missed the board), he is a horse worth a look for Trifecta and Superfecta players.

JOHN THE BEER MAN was well behind **POSSIBLEMENTE** and **GOLDEN AFTERNOON** when finishing seventh as a short priced favorite in the Kentucky Downs Turf Sprint. His Saratoga form was much better than that showing; he ran to **Globeform 115** both when third to top class sprinter Reef Runner in the Jaipur Stakes in June and when he won the Troy Stakes in August. Those are 5.5 furlongs and this is John The Beer Man's ideal trip. He led all the way and battled on to beat Waralo (who was disqualified) by a head in the Troy Stakes.

In John the Beer Man we are looking at a yet another speedy runner much like Joe Shiesty, Cy Fair and Miss Yechance, who are all likely to find this task difficult. They are best suited by being on the lead or at least part of the pace, and top class speed merchants Shisospicy and Bacio will probably make sure that they end up outside of their comfort zone. In Our Time looks a bit similar on paper but she has stamina stretching well beyond 5.5 furlongs, something that will be a big help. She was second in a good G1 over a mile last year.

YELLOW CARD needs to improve but he is an off-the-pace runner in what will probably be a race with really hot pace. Showing good, consistent form early in the season, he produced **Globeform 114** as he beat **JOE SHIESTY** by a neck in the 5.5-furlong Twin Spires Turf Sprint at Churchill Downs in May, having been an unlucky loser when second 1 1/4 lengths behind My Boy Prince in the Shakertown Stakes at Keeneland a month earlier.

LEXINGTON WEATHER FORECAST

Wed 28	3%	Partly Cloudy	47°	**76°**
Thu 29	5%	Sunny	49°	**76°**
Fri 30	3%	Partly Cloudy	53°	**75°**
Sat 31	6%	Cloudy	56°	**70°**

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CONCLUSION: The post position draw created an almost unreal scenario, as horses set to break from the four inside gates are all speed runners, with last year's winner John the Beer Man in 1, last year's winner Shisospicy in 2, Nunthorpe Stakes winner Bacio in 3 and Roja in 4. This race thus looks likely to get an incredibly hot pace, and something has to give as the horses are approaching the business end of the contest. In short, the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint is a dangerous race to get involved in. Shisospicy was recommended as a good future value bet at 16-1 weeks ago and she now **15-1 on the morning line**. Even in this picture, where she will be contested on the pace, **that price is way too big**. Shisospicy is the best sprinter in the field. Yes, she has to overcome a long layoff but sprinters do that more often than route runners and, given that she won big over 6.5 furlongs at Kentucky Downs last year, perhaps this setup will favor the filly. She stays further than 5.5 furlongs and a bit of stamina will be needed to win this event. Bacio has produced his best form over 5 furlongs on straight courses, so will he relish a race that develops more like a 6-furlong test? Comanche Brave is probably a bigger threat - he won the 6-furlong July Cup at Newmarket and he is in a good spot breaking from post 7. Given a clean trip a few lengths off the pace, he will become strong inside the final furlong. This pace scenario really does look good for the Irish trained raider. In Our Time made all when winning over 6.5 furlongs at Kentucky Downs, but she rated just off the speed when winning the Giant's Causeway over this course and distance in the spring and, just like Shisospicy, she is a fast runner with stamina taking her beyond this distance. She is definitely a longshot to consider. And what about the 2024 winner Starlust? He closed in to be 1 1/4 lengths behind Bacio at York, and was then only 2 lengths behind Comanche Brave at the Curragh. Starlust could well hit the board here. He may not be as good as he was when winning at Del Mar in 2024 - but he will love seeing a furious develop pace in front of him.

What to make the main selection? Value instinct (and heart) says Shisospicy, but the way the draw has impacted this race the sensible approach is to go with Comanche Brave. He's the narrow A-horse, and Shisospicy is definitely the value bet. I do wonder if the public will let her go off at double digit odds though; take 14-1 with bookmakers if you can. Bacio has to be respected, while the chances of In Our Time and Starlust should not be underrated. This feels like a mad dash where just about anything could sneak into the Trifecta. One that appeals as late charging closer is the in-form filly Time to Dazzle. She has a lot to find on ratings but she'll get a race run to suit her style and note that she's won the Franklin Stakes over this exact trip twice. The next one; a bit similar in style off the bench; would be the Shakertown runner-up **Yellow Card**.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	**7 COMANCHE BRAVE**
B	2 SHISOSPICY, 3 BACIO
C	5 TIME TO DAZZLE, 9 IN OUR TIME, 13 STARLUST

Shispospicy / Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint '25: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sibxGZFXNR4

Bacio / Nunthorpe Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M-l7l60l9Y4

Bacio / Handicap, Royal Ascot: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v2OVaqbAU04

Comanche Brave / Flying Five Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oee9Hkmi-hA

Comanche Brave / July Cup: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n1MHWSzOdyY

In Our Time / Ladies Turf Sprint: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3kV8yTAIQA8

In Our Time / Giant's Causeway S: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zyB2f-Zi8h0

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BREEDERS' CUP DIRT MILE (G1) | 8 fur. Keeneland Sat. Oct.31, 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)	
0	1	**FURTHER ADO** *3yo**	118	118 - 106 - 114	B Cox / Prat
0	6	**LORD FONS**	118	118 - 112 - ?	Yasuda / TBA
(-4) 2+ / 6+	3	**FULL SERRANO** *GF 116+ in Sep '25* *GF 122 BC Dirt Mile '24*	(122) 116+ / 112+	112+ 100 - 108+	Sadler / Rosario
2	2	**T KRAFT**	116	116 - 113 - 109	W Mott / Alvarado
3	9	**FORGED STEEL**	115	115 - 90 - 101 - 114	Joseph Jr / E Gonzalez
2 / 6	4	**CHUNK OF GOLD** *GF 116 in Nov '25*	116 / 112	110 - 112 - 103	West / J Torres
5	10	**OWEN ALMIGHTY**	113	113 - 111 - 111	B Lynch / L Saez
5	5	**COAL BATTLE**	113	113 - 107 - 107	Briley / Vargas
6	7	**BRACKET BUSTER**	112	108 - 112 - 106	Oliver / Velazquez
7	11	**IRON MAN CAL**	111	111 - 104 - 103	D'Amato / Gaffalione
7	8	**MOONLIGHT**	111	94 - 108 - 111	Miller / M Franco

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** 3yo; 3lbs weight allowance*
GF weight-for-age 3yo vs older 1 mile early Nov: US trained 3lbs | Euro trained 4lbs



**First wire finish*

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Most recent winners of the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile

2025	**NYSOS**	**GF 122**	Bob Baffert	Flavien Prat
2024	**FULL SERRANO**	**GF 122**	John Shirreffs	Joel Rosario
2023	**CODY'S WISH**	**GF 123**	William Mott	Junior Alvarado
2022	**CODY'S WISH**	**GF 123**	William Mott	Junior Alvarado
2021	**LIFE IS GOOD**	**GF 130**	Todd Pletcher	Irad Ortiz Jr
2020	**KNICKS GO**	**GF 121p**	Brad Cox	Joel Rosario
2019	**SPUN TO RUN**	**GF 124**	Juan C Guerrero	Irad Ortiz Jr
2018	**CITY OF LIGHT**	**GF 125**	Michael McCarthy	Javier Castellano
2017	**BATTLE OF NORMANDY**	**GF 124**	Jerry Hollendorfer	Flavien Prat
2016	**TAMARKUZ**	**GF 120**	Kiaran McLaughlin	Mike Smith
2015	**LIAM'S MAP**	**GF 122**	Todd Pletcher	Javier Castellano

Average winning Globeform: 123.3

GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

FURTHER ADO is 2-for-2 here at Keeneland and being proven over the course is always a plus. Having romped in the 9-furlong Blue Grass Stakes at this venue in April (over a weak bunch), he went off favorite for the Kentucky Derby but ended up beating just one home after a troubled trip. He bounced back with a win in the Matt Winn Stakes over 8.5 furlongs at Churchill Downs in June, was then a non threatening fifth to Baby Vino in the Haskell, before running his career best in the Pennylvania Derby over 9 furlongs at Parx in September. Giving the winner 2lbs, Further Ado lost by just half a length to **THE PUMA**, and thus came out best on ratings. He moved up to **Globeform 118**. This son of Gun Runner has done his best over 8.5 and 9 furlongs so far but he runs very much like a horse wanting further and 10 furlongs will probably suit him best. He will go off favorite for this mile contest, however, and let's see if he can be as effective over the shorter trip. If he is he has a big chance but that's by no means a given.

The Pennsylvania Derby form was given a mild boost when Sassmaster, who was third 1 1/2 behind Further Ado, obliged as the favorite in an allowance race at Keeneland last Saturday.

LORD FONS is an interesting horse who may be underestimated by many players. Winner of a strong 7-furlong contest in Japan in June, when he improved to **Globeform 118** by beating a genuine G1 performer, he has both speed and stamina and Trifecta players should consider this son of top class sprinter Lord Kanaloa as one to use underneath. He raced just a couple of lengths behind two early leaders when taking the Sakitama Hai; kicked ahead early in the straight, and ran on gamely to win by 1 1/2 lengths from Wilson Tesoro, who had beaten him by 2 3/4 lengths when they filled the exacta also in the 8-furlong Kashiwa Kinen in May. Wilson Tesoro was a close second in the February Stakes, one of the most prestigious dirt races on Japan; he managed fourth behind Forever Young in the 2025 Saudi Cup and he was a 1 3/4-length runner-up to Forever Young in Japan back in December '24. His good performance in the February Stakes showed that Wilson Tesoro is still capable of operating at that high level, but it needs mentioning that the distance was too short for him when Lord Fons turned the tables in the Sakitama Hai. Lord Fons's connections would probably love to see a 7-furlong race on the Breeders' Cup menu, but he has won a Listed contest over 7.5 furlongs in his homeland and whether he has a chance over a mile at Keeneland depends on the pace. >>

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FULL SERRANO, winner of the BC Dirt Mile in 2024, was beaten 6 1/4 lengths when third to Knightsbridge in the Pacific Classic at Del Mar in August, but he ran a much better race than the chart might indicate. Trying 10 furlongs was always going to stretch his stamina, yet he was ridden as if staying the trip wasn't an issue - going with the heavy favorite at a fast pace from the outset. Knightsbridge left him well behind when he was unleashed but Full Serrano did really well to keep on for third, 1 1/4 lengths behind the staying on runner-up Original Sin. Full Serrano ran by far his best race in 2026, returning GF 112+, and he has been rested since; probably a very wise move, as running him back sooner might cause him to bounce. He had a hard race, no doubt about that - but he comes here freshened up and there's every chance that he will become a two-time winner of the Dirt Mile. Battling with quarter cracks, he has had a bit of a stop start career, but note how well this son of Full Mast has performed straight off the bench in the past. He had exactly the same preparation when he won this event at Del Mar two years ago (close second to Mixto in a sub-standard Pacific Classic) and he was impressive also in a very late seasonal debut in 2025.

Beating a strong field, he returned **Globeform 122** back in '24, looking a really exciting prospect for 2025; when things did not work out at all. He resurfaced in an allowance race in September, won that race for fun by 7 1/4 lengths, and then he went for the 9-furlong Goodwood Stakes at Santa Anita, where he was a respectable second to Nevada Beach. Next up was a defending appearance at the Breeders' Cup but Full Serrano picked up an injury as he came home a distant fifth on the big day.

His first two runs this season were "one somewhat promising, one definitely disappointing". He ran respectably for third behind top class runners Skippylongstocking and White Abarrio in the Pegasus World Cup over 9 furlongs at Gulfstream Park in January, only to perform way below par when fourth to Nu What's New in the Oaklawn Mile in late March. The Pacific Classic, run five months later, was his next outing and what he did there was very encouraging. With Knightbridge going for the Classic, Full Serrano doesn't need to get back to his career best to win. Stepping up a few lengths on his Pacific Classic form will go a long way.

CONCLUSION: This is the least inspiring race on the Breeders' Cup menu. The Dirt Mile really is a sub-standard affair, but it's also a race where contender with high class form in the book is overpriced and well worth a bet; namely Full Serrano, who won at Del Mar in 2024. He's not been as good this year but his run in the Pacific Classic indicated that he is on his way back up - and if he runs a few lengths better than he did there (very possible as this is his right trip), well, then he can beat these. **How he is 10-1 in this race, in effect no more than a G2 contest, is hard to understand**. Such odds makes him a must value bet. His obvious rival is Further Ado, but a mile may prove to be too short for him; while it is a bit too long for the Japanese runner Lord Fons. Trifecta plan can be with Full Serrano on top and Further Ado to run second or third; and *do* fill up with all others - as those ranked below the top three are very closely matched.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	**3 FULL SERRANO**
B	1 FURTHER ADO
C	6 LORD FONS

Full Serrano 2nd / Pacific Classic: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D5jDQTLDjro&t=4s

Full Serrano / B Cup Dirt Mile '24: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nclD5cE881U&t=1s

Further Ado 2nd / Pennsylvania Derby: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b_2BaHM4XRM

Further Ado / Matt Winn Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=spdr3YM4ND0

Further Ado / Blue Grass Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UPSAQAfoSso

Lord Fons / Sakitama Hai Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F5j9mJanhEY

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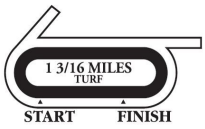
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BREEDERS' CUP FILLY & MARE TURF (G1) |
9.5 fur. Keeneland Sat. Oct.31 2026



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)	
0	12	**BLUE BOLT** *GF 118 in July '26*	118	116+ 117 - 117	Balding / Keane
0 / 2	11	**PRECISE** *Euro 3yo* * *GF 119 in May '26*	118 / 116	116 - 108 - 114	A O'Brien / Moore
2	8	**JANCIS**	116	113+ 104 - 116	McCreery / Lee
4p	6	**THOUGHT PROCESS**	114p	114p - 111 - 113	D'Amato / M Franco
4p	5	**KATHYNMARISSA** *GF 114p in May '26*	114p	113+ 113+ 110+	C Brown / J L Ortiz
(3) 4	1	**GIMME A NOTHER** *GF 115 in South Africa*	(115) 114	114 - 110+ 113+	Motion / Velazquez
5p	3	**CLASSIC Q**	113p	113p - 110 - 113p	M Casse / Castellano
5p	13	**LUSH LIPS**	113p	113p - 107+ 109+	Walsh / Gaffalione
6p	10	**EXPENSIVE QUEEN**	112p	109+ 112p - 109p	Walsh / L Saez
7p	14	**STELLIFY** *GF 111 also in Sep '25*	111p	111p - 104+ 106	B Cox / Prat
7	7	**BLESS THE BROKEN**	111	111 - 110 - 94	B Cox / Murphy
7	2	**EVERSHED**	111	111 - 107p - 97	Delacour / Barzalona
7	4	**RED LETTER**	111	110 - 103 - 111	Lyons / McMonagle
8	15	**VINA ARANA** AE	110	110 - 101 - 108	Sisterson / Beschizza
~~?~~	9	~~**ECCENTRIC**~~	~~?~~	~~?~~	~~W Ward / W Rodriguez~~

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Most recent winners of the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf

2025	**GEZORA**	**GF 118**	Francis-Henri Graffard	Mickael Barzalona
2024	**MOIRA**	**GF 116**	Kevin Attard	Flavien Prat
2023	**INSPIRAL**	**GF 120+**	J & T Gosden	Frankie Dettori
2022	**TUESDAY**	**GF 116**	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore
2021	**LOVES ONLY YOU**	**GF 115+**	Yoshido Yahagi	Yaga Kawada
2020	**AUDARYA**	**GF 115**	James Fanshawe	Pierre-Charles Boudot
2019	**IRIDESSA**	**GF 119**	Joseph O'Brien	Wayne Lordan
2018	**SISTERCHARLIE**	**GF 119**	Chad Brown	John Velazquez
2017	**WUHEIDA**	**GF 118**	Charlie Appleby	William Buick
2016	**QUEEN'S TRUST**	**GF 117**	Sir Michael Stoute	Frankie Dettori
2015	**STEPHANIE'S KITTEN**	**GF 118**	Chad Brown	Irad Ortiz Jr

Average winning Globeform: 117.3

**** PLEASE NOTE:** All 3yos get a 4lbs weight allowance in this race.*

Globeform weight-for-age for European based 3yos is 4lbs over 9 furlongs in early November.

GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

BLUE BOLT has developed into an incredible money maker this year, winning all of her six races in Europe; the last four at G1 level; and she is the top rated contender in this race.

She's not another Goldikova or Miesque but this daughter of Blue Point produced **Globeform 118** when winning the Falmouth Stakes over a straight mile at Newmarket in July, and a repeat of that level would make her hard to beat in the Filly & Mare Turf. She beat **PRECISE** readily by 2 lengths at Newmarket, where last year's Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf winner Balantina ran third. Precise was coming off wins in the Irish 1,000 Guineas at the Curragh and Coronation Stakes at Royal Ascot, and this result is still Blue Bolt's best piece of form. She has not quite returned the same high rating in her three races since; but that's simply because she hasn't needed to. She beat Precise again, though only by half a length, when they renewed rivalry in the Prix Rothschild over the same distance at Deauville in August; and she has since been an easy winner of the Matron Stakes at Leopardstown in Ireland and the Sun Chariot Stakes at Newmarket. Except for tacking 7 furlongs when making her debut in April '25, all of Blue Bolt's runs have been over a mile. She beat a solid field in the Matron, where she came home 2 1/2 lengths clear of G2 winner City of Memphis, with multiple G1 winner Fallen Angel third. The field was not particularly deep as she captured the Sun Chariot Stakes by 2 3/4 lengths. Evolutionist, who had been runner-up to BC Mile contender True Love in the 1,000 Guineas over the same trip in May, finished second that day, and City Of Memphis checked in third of the five runners. Blue Bolt raced a bit too freely in this event, something that's never a good sign as a horse is coming to the end of a busy campaign, but she did finish the race off in good style as the 1/4 favorite. At her best when held up just a few lengths off the pace, she could well get further than a mile.

She has had a long season and she is now being asked to try both a new distance and a new type of course after having shipped across the pond, so should we stick with Blue Bolt in this event? With her 6-for-6 record this year she is bound be popular in the betting and she has an obvious chance; but there are reasons to be a bit wary of this 5-2 favorite (who is even shorter with some bookmakers). She was keen in her last race; not in her normal beautifully settled rhythm. It may not mean anything but it could also mean that she was about to be going over the top for the year. She got away with it against inferior rivals. There is stamina in her pedigree so 9.5 furlong may not be a problem, and she has won going left handed, which is also good.

PRECISE, who was a top class juvenile filly last year, has stayed at the top level also this season; with important wins in the Irish 1,000 Guineas at the Curragh in May and the Coronation Stakes at Royal Ascot in June. Having been held up in her work in the spring, she started the campaign off by running seventh well behind her stable companion True Love in the 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket, but she turned that form around in no uncertain manner when the two fillies filled the exacta in the Irish version three weeks later. Ryan Moore switched from Precise to True Love that day, with Wayne Lordan doing the opposite switch, having partnered True Love at Newmarket. Moore made the wrong choice. True Love ran another solid race but she had no chance when Lordan unleashed Precise for an impressive final furlong dash. She flew past horses and won the race easily by 2 1/2 lengths. The daughter of Starspangledbanner improved to Globeform 118 as she gained her third G1 win, and she followed up with another in the Coronation Stakes at Royal Ascot. Like the two Guineas races that's also a mile contest, but staged around a right handed turn (not on the straight course, as given in some PPs). Precise had done her best over straight courses previously, but she is adaptable; quickening to take charge over a furlong out she ran on to win by 1 1/2 lengths from Touleen, with True Love third. Touleen had rough traffic issues and could have been closer and this performance was not as good as Precise's win in Ireland. It was a very game performance though. Next up was a clash with Blue Bolt in the Falmouth Stakes at Newmarket, where the latter proved 2 lengths too good. They met again in the Prix Rothschild, with Blue Bolt beating Precice by half a length. Blue Bolt was improving, while Precise's form had tailed of a bit. She was being kept on a busy schedule though, taking a shot at the boys in the Prix Jacques le Marois at Deuville (second, 3/4 length behind French 2,000 Guineas winner Raiyf) followed by the Matron Stakes at Leopardstown (4 1/4 lengths fifth to Blue Bolt). She bounced back to almost her best with a good runner-up effort in the Prix de l'Opera over 10 furlongs at Longchamp in October, when she was 1 1/2 lengths behind the progressive Gosden trainee Miss Scott, with Pink Panthera - one of the best 3yo fillies in France - the same margin behind Precise in third place. The Prix de l'Opera, run over 10 furlongs on good ground, was Precise's first try over further than a mile and she saw the trip out well. She is a neat and nimble filly, not very big, and going around turns at Keeneland will probably suit her well. This Ballydoyle representative is an obvious win contender but, like Blue Bolt, she does not have a good post.

JANCIS, who was tactically compromised when beaten just a neck in third place behind **GIMME A NOTHER** in the Beverly D Stakes over 10 furlongs at Woodbine in September, ran her best race to date when second under a tough weight in the Duke Of Cambridge Stakes over a straight mile at Royal Ascot in June. Spotting both of her nearest rivals 3lbs, when was 1 3/4 lengths behind **BLUE BOLT** and half a length in front of Friendly Soul in that event. Blue Bolt, who has her own essay in this service, was not the only top class runner in the mix. Friendly Soul went on to win the Prix Vermeille, one of the most imporant fillies and mares contests in Europe, and was then fourth behind Daryz, Bay City Roller and Diamond Necklace in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (with a host of G1 winners behind). Jancis was much further behind Blue Bolt when fifth to her in the Falmouth Stakes at the Newmarket July course four weeks later, but she had won the 9-furlong Dahlia Stakes on the Rowley Mile course there in the spring (beating Cathedral and Survie), and there's no doubt that she's a talented runner. Well suited by this dsitance, she's in with a chance.

THOUGHT PROCESS could be the surprise package in this field. It's been easy to overestimate Californian form over the past couple of years, as the standard there has been slipping, but she could hardly have been more impressive when winning the 10-furlong Rodeo Drive Stakes at Santa Anita in October. Going straight to the lead and setting a decent pace, she quickened right off coming down the lane and won comfortably by 4 1/4 lengths from Vronti. Resolve finished third and Totally Justified, who shipped in on the back of a stakes win over **LUSH LIPS** at Ellis Park, checked in fourth, beaten more than five lengths by Thought Process, who had plenty more up her sleeve. Lush Lips was not at her best in the Ellis race (running after a layoff) but this is still an interesting formline. Vronti, the Rodeo Drive runner-up, had won a Listed race at Del Mar on her previous start and the third placed Resolve ran second in a G2 at Santa Anita in the spring. These are not G1 quality performers but they are good horses and Thought Process made them look very ordinary as she beat them out of sight. She had previously won both the Buena Vista Stakes over a mile and the Gamely Stakes over 9 furlongs, and this daughter of Collected clearly combines speed with stamina; such horses are always dangerous. Can she win the BC Filly & Mare Turf? With a similar trip to what she had last time, yes, that's not at all impossible; and looking at this field it doesn't just seem *possible* that she will get the lead - it seems *probable* that this will happen. **Too big at 15-1 on the morning line**, she is the value bet in this race, and **bookmakers are offering 25-1** as this preview goes out Thursday. Tremendous odds. >>>

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KATHYNMARISSA has had an excellent season so far and winning the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf would be the icing on the cake. Touted by many as America's best hope against European rivals she has a decent chance of pulling it off. She maintained her form with a game win in the Flower Bowl Stakes over 10 furlongs at Belmont Park in October. Running close to her previous best rating, she won by 3/4 length from Sunlit Uplands, a G3 winner in Germany who was exiting a close second to And One More Time in the Ballston Spa Stales at Saratoga. **EVERSHED** was third in the Flower Bowl, beaten 1 1/2 lengths by Kathynmarissa. Now, this was Kathynmarissa's third win from four starts in 2026 and she built a bit of a reputation; but Sunlit Uplands is nowhere near G1 quality in Europe and Evershed, albeit progressive, is not a particularly strong benchmark either. Kathynmarissa's form is solid rather than brilliant, though it also needs mentioning that she might be able to produce better form than what we have seen so far; she has been visually impressive on more than one occasion.

She led a Chad Brown 1-2-3 when winning the Diana Stakes, staged over 9 furlongs on yielding ground at Saratoga in July, and she has enjoyed break leading up to the Flower Bowl. Like that event, the Diana was contested around an inner course, and the daughter of American Pharoah enjoys those ovals. Coming from off the pace, she was a game half-length winner of the Diana, followed home by Matriarch and Jenny Wiley Stakes winner Segesta and New York Stakes winner Portfolio Duration.

Her one defeat in 2026 came when she was beaten 1 1/2 lengths in third behind the front-running Portfolio Duration in the New York Stakes over 9.5 furlongs on the outer course at Saratoga in early June, but that race developed very much to suit the winner best of all and Kathynmarissa was spotting her 2lbs. Kathynmarissa's best rating to was actually achieved when she was an impressive winner of the Modesty Stakes at Churchill Downs in May. Going up against Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf winner **GEZORA**, she was 8-1 on the morning line for the 9-furlong test, but went off as a well backed 3-1 second favorite. She didn't let her supporters down - though they did get a 'nervy watch'. Kathynmarissa won despite things going wrong from the outset, and she won in the manner of a horse ready to step up again. The plan was to set the pace or be very close to it, but she broke poorly and ended up at the back. Jose Ortiz kept his cool and let her get gradually into the race. Kathynmarissa came with a great run down the home stretch and improved to **Globeform 114p** as she won easily by 1 1/4 lengths from Gezora, who was a neck in front of Proctor Street. Interestingly, Kathynmarissa has been held up in her races since (though not as far back) and it seems that the Modesty run showed her connections how she should be ridden. Waiting tactics were also employed when she was runner-up to She Feels Pretty in the 10-furlong American Oaks as a 3yo (while in the care of Richard Dutrow).

GIMME A NOTHER, a champion in her native South Africa - where she ran to **Globeform 115** - has needed time to fully acclimate after coming to the US prior to the 2025 season but trainer Graham Motion has revealed that there was another hurdle to be jumped before she could begin to show us her full potential. It turned out that mare has problems with two teeth that needed to be removed, and Motion explained that he thought this had affected her performances. She was good last year, but she has become better this year and fully belongs in top level events. She captured two such races on her last two starts; solid wins in the Beverly D Stakes over 9.5 furlongs at Colonial Downs in August and the E P Taylor Stakes over 10 furlongs at Woodbine in September. The Beverly D was won by reeling in the loose leader in Achieve, who she beat by a neck - while the E P Taylor was a bit different. Firstly, the field was much better and secondly the pace was particularly slow. It may have helped but, as she had a perfect, ground saving trip just off the pace, and was able to get a smooth run coming down the long stretch at Woodbine. Europeans See The Fire and **JANCIS** attached late but she held them off to get another neck verdict go her way. Having been an easy winner of the Eatontown Stakes at Monmouth on her seasonal debut in June, Gimme a Nother is 3-for-3 this year. She has run to GF 113+, 110+ and GF 113+ again in these races. It has been no surprise to see this mare doing well when stretching out, as there is stamina in her family. If she really is a stamina type, well, then the win at Woodbine should be marked up, due to the lack of pace that day.

Gimme a Nother was unbeaten in seven starts in South Africa. She ran her best race when taking one G1 South Africa Fillies Classic easily by 4 1/4 lengths from Silver Sanctuary, who captured a G1 event herself next time out. Gimme A Nother outclassed her rivals in the 9-furlong race at Turffontein, where she followed up with another impressive win in the one-mile Empress Club Stakes a month later, taking that event comfortably by 1 1/2 lengths from Humdinger, who also won a G1 on her subsequent outing. Turffontein is quite different to most US tracks. It is right handed and the home straight is about four furlongs. Gimme A Nother, who takes a bit of time to get going, was produced to lead going into the final furlong in both of >>>

>>> these valuable events and she was soon in full command once she had her head in front. She ran to **Globeform 115** in the Fillies Classic and returned GF 111+ in the Empress Club, a race her dam Nother Russia won for the same connections back in 2018.

CLASSIC Q (career best winning the First Lady over a mile at this venue last time out; now stretching out for the first time), **LUSH LIPS** (beaten a nose Classic Q last time; but with G1 winning form over 9 furlongs here as a 3yo) and **EXPENSIVE QUEEN** (G1 win over 8.5 fur here in April; ran better than result suggests when sixth in the First Lady after long break) are closely matched on form. Although they are a notch below the top contenders on ratings, they are all good enough to merit consideration for Trifecta / Superfecta players.

CONCLUSION: She has had a long season and she is now being asked to try both a new distance and a new type of course after having shipped across the pond, so should we stick with Blue Bolt in this event? With her 6-for-6 record this year she is bound be popular in the betting and she has an obvious chance; but there are reasons to be a bit wary of this 5-2 favorite (who is even shorter with bookmakers). She was keen in her last race, not in her normal beautifully settled rhythm. It may not mean anything but it could also mean that she was going over the top for the year. She got away with it against inferior rivals. There is stamina in her pedigree so 9.5 furlong may not be a problem, and she has won going left handed, which is also good. Still, this could be a bridge too far. Her most likely rival on form is Precise but she has also had a long and hard campaign. So perhaps we should take a shot against the European stars in this turf contest. Gimme a Nother and Jancis (who seems badly underrated) both ran well enough in the E P Taylor at Woodbine to merit respect, while Kathynmarissa has been winning good races looking like she could step up to get the better of even better opposition. But there's a contender here that has much better chance than most people realize; and it's Californian shipper Thought Process. She has not faced horse like these but she won for fun both in the Gamely and in the Rodeo Drive, she had a tough weight when second in the Mabee, and - perhaps most importantly - she could easily shake loose and be the lone speed. Likely be be showing at a big odds on the board, she could be ignored by riders thinking she's a no-hoper. She's not. This 4yo is exiting a career best, she can improve again, and this is her ideal distance range. She's by no means a strong selection but Thought Process is a must bet at huge odds; **15-1 morning line / 25-1 bookmakers**. The most sensible Trifecta plan is to key her in 1st, 2nd and 3rd with the five others in the selections box. As **STELLIFY** might also be favored by the pace scenario, she's the sixth horse to add to this plan if you want more cover; and as we are basing this on a longshot why not go for that option.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	**6 THOUGHT PROCESS**
B	11 PRECISE, 12 BLUE BOLT
C	1 GIMME A NOTHER, 5 KATHYNMARISSA, 8 JANCIS (14 STELLIFY)

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GLOBEFORM RATINGS

BREEDERS' CUP SPRINT (G1) | 6 fur. Keeneland Sat. Oct.31 2026

Horses ranked in pounds (0.45kg). 1 length = 3 pounds over this distance

Rank	No.	Name of horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs	Trainer / Jockey
				From right to left (most recent first)	
0p	13	ENGLISHMAN *3yo **	129p	129p - 129p - 112p	DeVaux / J L Ortiz
2	11	T O ELVIS	128	128 - 119p - 110p	Takayanagi / Sakai
10	7	BUILT	120	116 - 120 - 118	Catalano / L Saez
11	10	ROLL ON BIG JOE	119	114 - 119 - 119	Hess / Leparoux
12	5	LISTENUPSHANCE	118	118 - 116 - 118	D O'Neill / Jaramillo
14	1	MAD HOUSE	116	111 - 108 - 95 - 116	VanWinkle / Lopez
15	4	HYMN	115	115 - 114 - 115	Moquett / Bejarano
19	12	STRADALE *3yo **	110	110 - 107p - 83	Asmussen
(13) 16	9	NAKATOMI *GF 117 in 2024*	(117) 114	114 - 106 - 0	W Ward / Gaffalione
13	2	DARK SAFFRON	117	117 - 112 - 105	bin Harmash / Beasley
19	8	LITTLE THUNDER	111	111 - 106 - 106p	Hamm / Velazquez
19		MOONLIGHT	111	94 - 108 - 111	Miller
16 / 23+	6	AMERICAN STAGE *GF 113 B Cup Sprint '25*	113 / 106+	106+ ? - ?	Yahagi / Murphy
21p	3	LIAM SMITH *3yo **	108p	108p - ?p	Miller / M Franco

***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.*

* ***PLEASE NOTE:** 3yos get a 2lbs weight allowance in this race.*

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Most recent winners of the Breeders' Cup Sprint

2025	**BENTORNATO**	**GF 127**	Jose D'Angelo	Irad Ortiz Jr
2024	**STRAIGHT NO CHASER**	**GF 129**	Dan Blacker	John Velazquez
2023	**ELITE POWER**	**GF 123**	William Mott	Irad Ortiz Jr
2022	**ELITE POWER**	**GF 120**	William Mott	Irad Ortiz Jr
2021	**ALOHA WEST**	**GF 124**	Wayne Catalano	Jose L Ortiz
2020	**WHITMORE**	**GF 123**	Ron Moquett	Irad Ortiz Jr
2019	**MITOLE**	**GF 131**	Steve Asmussen	Ricardo Santana Jr
2018	**ROY H**	**GF 130**	Peter Miller	Paco Lopez
2017	**ROY H**	**GF 126**	Peter Miller	Ken Desormeaux
2016	**DREFONG**	**GF 126p**	Bob Baffert	Martin Garcia
2015	**RUNHAPPY**	**GF 124**	Maria Borell	Edgar Prado

Average winning Globeform: 125.7

GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

ENGLISHMAN has looked sensational in two wide margin wins in important sprints for 3yos and this will be his test against older horses. Having run to **Globeform 129p** both in the Woody Stephens Stakes and the H. Allen Jerkens Memorial, he is the top ranked horse in this field, but only just in front of T O Elvis, and the Breeders' Cup Spring will be quite different to the two field at Saratoga, where he dominated in relatively short fields. This not an attempt at knocking his form, for he is top class no doubt, but it is a factor to take into consideration that he now runs in a bigger, and much deeper field. He outside post is just perfect, however, and he will probably be tough to deny. If Englishman runs like he did at the Spa, well, then even T O Elvis will have his work cut out. Cherie DeVaux's star is top rated 3yo regardless of distance this year. He confirmed his class when beating Deep Flame comfortably by 3 3/4 lengths in the 7-furlong Jerkens Memorial in late August, controlling the race throughout and winning with more up his sleeve. Deep Flame did nothing for the form when badly beaten in sixth place behind Dr. Kapur as an odds-on favorite the Perryville Stakes at Keeneland on Oct 17, but that run was too bad to be true and something must have been amiss (perhaps he bounced after running so hard behind Englishman). Deep Flame is a high class horse; prior to the Jerkens Memorial he won the Maxfield Stakes by almost six lengths.

Englishman ran to the same level also when he reversed the form with the impressive Pat Day Mile winner Crude Velocity in the Woody Stephens Stakes in early June. A fast improving son of Maxfield, he raced up with the pace all the way in and drew off for a comfortable 5 3/4-length win while setting a new track record (1:20.40). His runner-up had beaten him when they met in the Pat Day Mile at Churchill Downs but Englishman ran way too fast early on there; and it was over a distance that is too long for his liking. Going into the Breeders' Cup, this colt has failed to stay a mile, then excelled twice over 7 furlongs, and he now cuts back to 6 furlongs. He won an allowance heat over 6 furlongs at the Fair Grounds back in March and, with his high cruising speed, this drop back in distance may make him even better.

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T O ELVIS produced an impressive performance when outclassing a high class field in the 7-furlong Churchill Downs Stakes on Kentucky Derby day. Ridden confidently just off a very strong pace, the Japanese ace kicked hard coming down the lane, passing horses to draw off for a 3 1/4-length win over Disruptor, with Crazy Mason third, Imagination fourth, Cornucopian fifth and Knightsbridge sixth. These five all have seriously strong form in the book and T O Elvis earned **Globeform 128** as he put them all in their place. He had not raced since last December (by circumstance, not by design) so we know he can fire straight off the bench. Recommended as a value bet in our "Too big, too short on the morning line" newsletter (he was ML 30-1 and 25-1 with bookmakers), T O Elvis was hammered late in the betting and went off at just under 6-1. It became obvious that others had realized that he was a strong contender. Japanese racing fans probably had no doubt whatsoever, as he had looked something out of the ordinary in his homeland, where he had four wins over 6 furlongs. That the Breeders' Cup Sprint is a furlong shorter than the Churchill Downs Stakes won't be a cause for concern - and he is 5-for-5 at this distance in Japan. He is no pushover and a serious threat to the favorite. These two are so good, and players involved in horizontal exotics should use both; that isn't full cover technically speaking - but the formbook says it pretty is.

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T O ELVIS IN FOCUS

T O ELVIS, a US bred son of Volatile, represents Japan in this contest, and he is a fast improving young sprinter. Definitely a horse to respect, he is on a four-race win streak. All his wins have come over 1200 metres (about 6 furlongs) but the way he runs one would not doubt his ability to cover a seventh panel. The streak began in allowance company at Hanshin March '25, whereafter he took a break up to August, when he took a minor event at Chukyo by a length. He did not beat high class rivals on that occasion, but met better horses when winning a similar contest at Hanshin in September; this time outclassing a decent sprinter named Strength by 4 lengths. Strength was coming off two straight minor event wins and he ran second twice in such company on his following starts. T O Elvis was now beginning to look really smart but he had still not been in a race qualifying him for a Globeform ratings (his provisional mark was GF 110p).

Stepped up in class in the Capella Stakes, a 16-runner G3 event over 1200 metres at Nakayama in December, the Daisuke Takayanagi trainee put up his best performance to date. After travelling really well held up at the back, he powered home by 5 lengths from Yamanin Cerchi while stopping the clocks in a sharp 1:08.6 and thus getting close to the track record. He moved up to **Globeform 119p** on that occasion. The formlines are positive and there is probably better still to come from this 4yo. His runner-up in the Capella had won three Listed races on the trot going into the race and Ecoro Azel, who was beaten 6 lengths in third place, ran second in another stakes event next time out, then won a stakes himself.

Don't let it put you off this horse that Yamanin Cerchi and Gabby's Sister (who as fourth in the Capella) were both well beaten when 12th and 6th respectively in the Riyadh Dirt Sprint in Saudi Arabia in February; a race won by Bob Baffert's Imagination, who also goes for the Churchill Downs Stakes. Yamanin Cerchi ran poorly in Saudi but Gabby's Sister was 8 1/2 lengths behind Imagination; beaten 1 3/4 lengths further than in her Capella defeat behind T O Elvis (who had at least a length more up his sleeve). Gabby's Sister performed better in the Capella than she did in Saudi Arabia, and this is an interesting comparison; it suggests that T O Elvis is just as good as Imagination. The reason he bypassed the Saudi Cup meeting was that his connections decided to wait for the Golden Shaheen on Dubai World Cup day at Meydan - but they changed that plan due to travel and safety issues. This means that T O Elvis will come off a long break when he goes for the Churchill Downs Stakes but it's probably not a cause for concern; he had been rested for more than three months when winning the Capella and his allowance win in August came after an even longer layoff. He is an interesting contender.

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BUILT has developed into a solid sprinter this season and he comes into this race on the back of wins at Saratoga and Churchill Downs, where he didn't need to be at his best to win a 6.5-furlong Listed race in September. Going off as the odds-on favorite, he took that race by 1 1/2 lengths from 48-1 shot Echo Again. It was a perfect last prep for the Breeders' Cup Sprint, as he was successful without getting a hard race. The son of Hard Spun had improved to **Globeform 120** on his previous outing, an impressive 2 1/2-length win in the Vanderbilt Stakes over 6 furlongs at the Spa in July. Always looking the winner he proved far too good for **HYMN.** Hymn franked the form by winning the Forego Stakes on his next start; beating **T KRAFT** (who was 4th in the Vanderbilt) by three parts of a length. An allowance winner at the Fair Grounds and Churchill Downs earlier in the season, Built ran second in the 6.5-furlong Bango Stakes (also at Churchill) prior to his two stakes wins, beaten half a length by Harrodsburg. A very consistent sprinter who has done his best over 6 furlongs, Built has to be respected here. He is a bit below the two favorites on ratings but what he has in his favor is that he's a battle hardened, seasoned runner who won't mind a bit of a street fight.

ROLL ON BIG JOE has not raced since finishing second to Cornucopian in the 6-furlong Aristides Stakes at Churchill Downs in late May, when he was a bit below his best and beaten 1 1/4 lengths. His two preceding runs were much better, both worth **Globeform 119**; a level that puts him in with a chance of hitting the board in the Breeders' Cup Sprint. The long break has not been by design though, and trainer Robert Hess commented last month that he was playing catch-up with son of Prospective. Roll On Big Joe is a very game and consistent performer, and he has run really well three times after layoffs in the past. He took the King Cotton Stakes over 6 furlongs at Oaklawn Park on his seasonal debut in February, beating next out Whitmore Stakes winner Tejano Twist by half a length. They met again in the Count Fleet Handicap over the same course and distance two months later, when Roll On Big Joe was a good second under top weight, beaten half a length while trying to give 5lbs to **MAD HOUSE**. Tejano Twist finished fifth. Roll On Big Joe is a 6-furlong specialist sharp early speed; with 10 wins and 9 placed efforts from 25 runs. There's a lot to like about this contender but what's not so appealing is the fact that he is a prominent runner who has been on the lead or pressing the lead in his races, and the BC Sprint pace is likely to be very hot.

LISTENUPSHANCE, who outran his 21-1 odds when running such a good race to be third behind top class sprinters Book'em Danno and Bentornato in the True North Stakes over 6.5 furlongs at Saratoga in June, has served up two winning performances in California since; and the run at Saratoga was clearly no fluke. He went on to beat Maximum Bourbon by a nose in the 6-furlong Bing Crosby Stakes at Del Mar in July and followed up by beating that same rival by 3/4 length in the Santa Anita Sprint, also over six panels, two months later (with no start in between). The Santa Anita Sprint had just three runners, so making it hard to evaluate the form, but Listenupshance was spotting the runner-up 4lbs and he was given **Globeform 118**, the same figure he had earned in the True North. A speedy runner, he went gate to wire last time out, after having led for most of the way at Del Mar and been pressing the pace at Saratoga. This running style may make him vulnerable as he goes up against the best sprinters around.

LIAM SMITH, a bit of a 'wild card' who got into this field after some defections, is an interesting contender. With 4 wins from 6 starts he has never met anything like those he will be facing here, but the son of Midshipman has been clocking some seriously fast fractions out in California, where he was claimed for $50,000 after winning by 12 lengths over 6.5 furlongs at Del Mar in August. Transferred from Jeff Mullins to sprint expert Peter Miller, he followed up with a 5 1/2-length allowance win over Duke Silver running the same distance at Santa Anita a month later; improving to **Globeform 108p** in the process. Duke Silver had been ninth and sixth in a couple of allowance races in August, and he was seventh of eight in similar company last Saturday, so Liam Smith didn't beat much - but he could still turn out to be better than how it has been possible to rate him thus far. His presence will could have some bearing on the early pace. He was odds-on and he led every step of the way in his two most recent races. This time, he is 20-1 on the morning line and who knows how he will fare from a low draw. He's fast, but this is a different ballgame altogether.

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CONCLUSION: On paper, this looks like a showdown between two horses, Englishman and T O Elvis. Let's see if that's how is pans out on the racecourse. Hopefully, they will both fire on the big day and we get a race to remember. Players getting involved in horizontal exotics should use both in this leg. It's unlikely that they both fail to run to form - and the scary bit for the opposition is that they don't need to be at their absolute best to beat the rest. There are some solid sprinters in the mix though it's hard to identify one that has the potential to improve enough to pose a threat. Built, with his good form and consistency, is the obvious third choice, while 30-1 shot Roll On Big Joe has been solid and is also good enough to fight for a top three or four finish (he has to overcome a long break though, and he is a speed horse). Well drawn, Roll On Big Joe is way too big on the morning line and well worth using underneath. Listenupshance is close to Built and Roll On Big Joe on ratings but he is even more of a speed runner and thus likely to be compromised. With such fast early fractions expected we could do with a Trifecta filler who's a deep closer, and why not add veteran **NAKATOMI** to our tickets? He came from a seemingly impossible position way off the pace when taking the Phoenix Stakes over this course and distance four weeks ago, beating **LITTLE THUNDER** and **MAD HOUSE** in last few jumps, and he is capable of even better. If there's a meltdown, or shall we say ' those who try to go with Englishman hit the wall', well, then Nakatomi will be passing quite a few. But how many?

It's not easy to decide between Englishman and T O Elvis. They are two world class sprinters but have little else in common. Given that Englishman - fast as he is - could end up facing much stiffer pace pressure than he has experienced in the 3yo division, T O Elvis gets a narrow vote. The field he outclassed at Churchill Downs included names like Imagination, Cornucopian and Knightsbridge, and T O Elvis can sit just off of a furious pace (just like last time he visited) and produce a strong final furlong surge. Then again, it's not impossible that Englishman will be long gone and not for catching when that happens.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	**11 T O ELVIS**
B	13 ENGLISHMAN
C	7 BUILT, 9 NAKATOMI, 10 ROLL ON BIG JOE

Englishman / H Allen Jerkens Memorial: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LqY_GQUeB_0

Englishman / Woody Stephens Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EX034VDScj4

T O Elvis / Churchill Downs Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HU6-DZ_t9RY

T O Elvis / Capella Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aWGWdUh_4hw

Built / Vanderbilt Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=riXDTxhS2As

Roll On Big Joe / King Cotton Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KoYpwQ4ZYnA&t=1s

Mad House, Roll On Big Joe / Count Fleet H: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LS8-md-0PnA

Listenupshance / Santa Anita Sprint: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJKjj11hR4A

Listenupshance 3rd / True North Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dORF1qbLLck

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GLOBEFORM RATINGS

BREEDERS' CUP MILE (G1) | 8 fur Turf Keeneland Oct.31 2026

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

Rank	No	Name of horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs From right to left (most recent first)	Trainer
0	8	**NOTABLE SPEECH**	124	124 - 124 - 112	C Appleby / Buick
3	1	**DETERMINISTIC**	121	121 - 120 - 116	Clement / Karmouche
6p	9	**RHETORICAL** *GF 118 also in May '26 (Kee)*	118p	118p - 115 - 113+	Walden / J L Ortiz
7	2	**LAKE FOREST**	117	113+ 117 - 111	Haggas / Fallon
7 / 10+	11	**FORMIDABLE MAN** *GF 117 BC Mile '25 (DMR)*	117 / 114+	104 - 114 - 114+	M McCarthy / Velazquez
8 / 11	14	**PUERTO RICO** *Euro 3yo ** *GF 117 in Oct '25*	117 / 114	114 - 111 - 0	A P O'Brien / Moore
8 / 11	12	**TRUE LOVE** *Euro 3yo filly ** *GF 114 in May '26*	114 / 111	111 - 107 - 108	A O'Brien / Lordan
(7) 9	10	**LUGAL** *GF 117 in Sep '24*	(117) 115	0 - 112 - 115	Sugiyama / Murphy
9	7	**QIRAT**	115	115 - 113 - 113	Beckett / Keane
10p	5	**ASK IKIGOMI** *Japanese 3yo **	115p	115p - ?p - ?p	Fujiwara / Sakai
11	4	**CABO SPIRIT**	113	113 - 109 - 111	Papaprodromou / Smith
12	13	**BRILLIANT BERTI**	112	111 - 111 - 107	DeVaux / Hernandez Jr
14	3	**FACTEUR CHEVAL** *GF 110 in Feb '26* *GF 119 in Oct '24*	(119) 110	109 - 101 - 103	M Casse / M Franco
~~8~~	6	~~**ZULU KINGDOM**~~ ~~*GF 116 in Apr '26*~~	~~116~~	~~110 - 115 - 106~~	~~C Brown~~
		Vina Arana an unlikely runner			
11	15	**VINA ARANA** *mare 3lbs alw.* **AE**		110 - 101 - 108	Sisterson / Beschizza

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.*

** 3yo; 3lbs weight allowance*
GF weight-for-age 3yo vs older 1 mile early Nov: US trained 3lbs | Euro / Japan trained 4lbs

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Most recent winners of the Breeders' Cup Mile

2025	**NOTABLE SPEECH**	**GF 120+**	Charlie Appleby	William Buick
2024	**MORE THAN LOOKS**	**GF 122p**	Cherie DeVaux	Jose L Ortiz
2023	**MASTER OF THE SEAS**	**GF 120+**	Charlie Appleby	William Buick
2022	**MODERN GAMES**	**GF 120+**	Charlie Appleby	William Buick
2021	**SPACE RULES**	**GF 118**	Charlie Appleby	William Buick
2020	**ORDER OF AUSTRALIA**	**GF 118**	Aidan O'Brien	Christophe Soumillon
2019	**UNI**	**GF 119**	Chad Brown	Joel Rosario
2018	**EXPERT EYE**	**GF 118p**	Sir Michael Stoute	Frankie Dettori
2017	**WORLD APPROVAL**	**GF 119**	Mark Casse	John Velazquez
2016	**TOURIST**	**GF 118**	William Mott	Joel Rosario
2015	**TEPIN**	**GF 117**	Mark Casse	Julien Leparoux

Average winning Globeform: 119

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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

NOTABLE SPEECH, third in the BC Mile in 2024 and an impressive winner of this championship event twelve months ago, has maintained his high level of form as a 5yo this year and he is the one to beat as he goes for back-to-back wins. He took the same route to the Breeders' Cup as in '25 by winning the Woodbine Mile in Toronto in September, when he quickened past the pace setting **DETERMINISTIC** to beat him readily by 1 1/4 lengths. Judged on that performance not many will fancy Deterministic to get any closer to Charlie Appleby's star; but the way the race developed it actually played into the hands of the favorite. Deterministic went to the lead but he slowed things down, rather than ensure a bit of a stamina test, and that suited Notable Speech very well. Able to rate just off the pace, he has a blistering turn of foot and he used that weapon to win yet another G1 contest. Deterministic, who has won top level races over 9 and 9.5 furlongs, might have stood a better chance if his rider had opted for quicker fractions. Then again, perhaps Notable Speech would have been a clear cut winner regardless.

He produced his trademark finishing kick to beat **FORMIDABLE MAN** by 1 1/2 lengths at Del Mar last year. The son of Dubawi returned GF 120+ on the big day and his two most recent wins have been assessed to **Globeform 124** - if he can reach that level for a third time on the bounce he will almost certainly become back-to-back winner of the Breeders' Cup Mile. This race has seen repeat winners in Wise Dan, Lure, Da Hoss and Miesque over the years and the mighty filly Goldikova won it in three consecutive seasons.

Right back to his best 3yo form, the 6yo ran to **Globeform 124** also when gaining an impressive win in the Lockinge Stakes over the straight mile at Newbury in May, and he achieved the same rating as he outclassed the field also in the 7-furlong City of York Stakes at York in August. A relatively new G1 in the European racing calendar, the City of York had some very good sprinters going for it. Notable Speech took a drop in distance and some felt me might be vulnerable, but that he was not. He raced close to the pace and quickened right away inside the final furlong to win by 2 3/4 lengths over ground described as good to soft. He had previously done his best on good and good to firm. His York runner-up **LAKE FOREST** was second also in the 2025 edition, and the placed horses in the Lockinge Stakes - More Thunder and Zeus Olympios - also took strong G1 form into the battle. In between these high class winning performances, Notable Speech disappointed at Ascot, where he was beaten also in '24 and '25, but the theory that he does not like that course may not be correct; he didn't look right in the paddock that day. He certainly did at York, and again at Woodbine. The one point some may put forward as an argument to go against Notable Speech is that he was only fourth, beaten by **ZULU KINGDOM**, One Stripe and **RHETORICA**L, in the Maker's Mark Mile here at Keeneland back in April; but anyone who has seen that race knows that he beaten by terrible traffic problems on that occasion - not by superior rivals.

DETERMINISTIC has to find at least 1 1/4 lengths if he is going to reverse the Woodbine Mile form with Notable Speech. He was beaten quite easily in Toronto but - as explained in Notable Speech's essay - perhaps his connections got the tactics wrong that day. In dictating at a moderate pace, Deterministic set the race up to suit Notable Speech all too well. The Miguel Clement trainee still produced his career best form, something that may tell us he has further improvement in him. The bookmakers have Notable Speech as short as 6-4 for the Breeders' Cup Mile and early lines published in the US make him an 8-5 chance. Take a look at where Deterministic figures on these lists; he can be backed at **9-1** with bookmakers and US line makers predict **8-1**. This doesn't quite add up, does it? He may have lost the prep but Deterministic is a seriously good, and incredibly consistent, runner. It's hard to believe that US horse players will ignore him to that extent. We have seen horses losing the prep then win the big one many times; and the Breeders' Cup Mile can easily become a contest where the margins are small; with post positions, pace and luck in running playing a big part.

Deterministic owns a unique 'double / double' as he has won the last two editions of both the Manhattan Stakes and the Fourstardave Stakes at Saratoga. He's not quite another Wise Dan, at least not quite yet, but he took a six-race win streak to the Woodbine Mile and the way he won the one-mile Fourstardave in August suggested that we had not seen the best for this horse. True to his resume, he was right behind the leader Mi Bago in the Fourstardave, and it was evident that he would be hard to beat. Quickening off the turn he soon had things under control and won easily by 1 1/2 lengths from Mi Bago, with Zulu Kingdom 3/4 length further back in third. Those two had run a dead heat in the Kelso Stakes five weeks earlier, and going back to April we find that Zulu Kingdom was the one who took full advantage when Notable Speech lost due to traffic problems in the Maker's Mark Mile at Keeneland.

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RHETORICAL, recommended as a good 25-1 future bet for the Breeders' Cup Mile two weeks before his easy win in the Coolmore Turf Mile at Keeneland in early October, goes into the big race with a winning chance. He lost his partner Irad Ortiz Jr when the top jockey broke an ankle in a freakish accident on October 22, and his brother Jose takes over. Rhetorical was a below par fourth to **DETERMINISTIC** in the Fourstardave Stakes at Saratoga back in August. A near two-month break followed and he bounced back in fine style in the Coolmore Turf Mile. He led every step of the way and got away with setting a moderate pace - which obviously was a big advantage - but he did look strong at the finish and it would have taken a very good horse to deny him that day. **LAKE FOREST**, who was compromised by the pace scenario, closed in from the back and passed the winning post 2 1/4 lengths behind William Walden's star. Having run to that rating also when winning at Churchill Downs in May, he recorded **Globeform 118p** in the final prep.

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Do we want to bet against Notable Speech and - most likely - other Europeans, plus Deterministic in the Breeders' Cup Mile? Perhaps not but when Rhetorical is available at **25-1** it makes a lot of sense add him to our portfolio. Not far behind Deterministic on ratings, this horse should be closer to 10-1. If Notable Speech turns up with his A-game, well, then all others are in trouble; though we should never be afraid of one horse, especially when we are looking at having a future bet. Rhetorical has one clear advantage as he goes for a second crack at the Breeders' Cup Mile. This time it's at Keeneland, where the William Walden trainee won a Grade 1 over a mile last year. He is one of the best US trained contenders for this race and the home team has done better than many seem to recall in the Breeders' Cup Mile.

Rhetorical improved again when taking the Turf Classic over 9 furlongs at Churchill Downs in May, making all to win easily by 3 1/4 lengths from Make Me King over what is not his optimum trip. This son of Not This Time is a natural miler - so that he was able to run to **Globeform 118** over further augured really well for the rest of the season. Things did not pan out as expected though. He disappointed - though still ran well - when fourth behind **DETERMINISTIC** both in the Manhattan Stakes and the Fourstardave Stakes at Saratoga, but these were clearly off-days for Rhetorical. He got upset in the stalls before the Manhattan and he hit a flat spot relegating him to last at halfway in the Fourstardave, staged on August 8.

He has been given a break since that event and is now on a good training schedule at Churchill Downs. His most likely target before the Breeders' Cup is the Coolmore Turf Mile at Keeneland on October 4. He won that event 12 months ago, beating Program Trading readily by 3/4 length. A month later he was part of the Breeders' Cup Mile field at Del Mar, where be was beaten 2 1/4 lengths in fourth behind **NOTABLE SPEECH**. With high class milers filling the first five places it was a strong renewal of the championship race; and Rhetorical's performance could be marked up for two reasons; Del Mar is nowhere near Keeneland and Churchill Downs in nature, and he was committed too early that day.

Rhetorical earned GF 116p at Del Mar and his career best, **Globeform 118**, happened in the Turf Classic at Churchill Downs. That figure may not be his ceiling and, with what can safely be called home court advantage, Rhetorical is well worth a bet at 25-1. Euro invaders are always tough in the turf races but it's a myth that their record is far superior in the Breeders' Cup Mile. The score between Euros and US based horses stands at 10 - 10 for the past 20 editions of this race. In backing Rhetorical at 25-1 we get a tremendous price about a horse with proven course and distance form; a horses basically running out of his home stall and - perhaps more important - a horse we *know* will be pointed to the Breeders' Cup. Plans are still very much in a state of flux for potential contenders in England and France.

LAKE FOREST, representing the highly successful Newmarket trainer William Haggas, was compromised by the slow pace when beaten 2 1/4 lengths by **RHETORICAL** in the Coolmore Turf Mile at Keeneland in early October. Staying on from the back of the field, he beat Belmont Derby winner Title Role by a neck for the place, without getting a chance to show what he is truly capable of. He returned GF 113+ in this BC Mile prep and, given stronger early fractions, he can be expected to run better in the big event.

The 5yo son of No Nay Never came back to his best when second to **NOTABLE SPEECH** in the City of York Stakes over a straight 7-furlong trip at York in August. He had no chance with the 2 3/4-length winner, >>>

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>>> who went on to beat **DETERMINISTIC** easily in the Woodbine Mile next time out, but Lake Forest had some very good horses behind him that day. The fourth placed Ten Bob Tony had won the Queen Anne Stakes at Royal Ascot in June and he took second behind Erdenali in the Prix du Moulin on his subsequent outing. Zavateri, who was fifth at York, was a top 2yo last year and he franked the form by winning the Summer Mile at Goodwood next time out. Lake Forest had previously been a good fifth to Europe's best sprinter Almeraq in the 6-furlong Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Stakes at Royal Ascot and won the 7-furlong Lennox Stakes at Goodwood. He captured the valuable Golden Eagles Stakes over 7.5 furlongs in Australia back in 2024, and stretching out to a mile around two turns is not a problem. He looks a Trifecta contender.

TRUE LOVE improved to **Globeform 114** when winning the 1,000 Guineas over a straight mile at Newmarket in May, running a very game race to win the classic by 1 3/4 lengths from Evolutionist, with Venetian Lace third and a below par Precise back in seventh place. Precise gained revenge on her stable companion when beating True Love for an O'Brien exacta in the Irish 1,000 Guineas, and again when they ran first and third in the Coronation Stakes at Royal Ascot. True Love went on to be a good second in the Prix Jean Prat, half a length behind Thesecretadversary and a head in front of Nighttime. Nighttime was once more in opposition when True Love ran in the 7-furlong Prix de la Foret at Longchamp in October; and True Love beat her by a head in an incredibly close finish, where **PUERTO RICO** was another head behind in third. The Foret has been a good prep for the BC Mile over the years, but this year's renewal was a bit sub-standard. True Love comes here on the back of a gritty win, the mile will suit her but a turning track may not be ideal - as she is a big, long striding filly. Her win at Longchamp was worth GF 111.

PUERTO RICO finally regained some of his good juvenile form when running a close third in the 7-furlong Prix de la Foret at Longchamp, returning GF 114 as he lost by only two heads behind **TRUE LOVE** and Nighttime. He performed to **Globeform 117** in his best races last year, and it's quite possible that he can get back to that level. Some of his trainer Aidan O'Brien's horses were troubled by an infection at the time when Puerto Rico ran sixth, 4 1/2 lengths behind **NOTABLE SPEECH**, in the City of York Stakes over 7 furlongs in August. An impressive winner of the prestigious Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere and the Criterium International in France last year, he is a bit of a joker in the pack here. It's hard to see him taking the step right up to having a winning chance, especially from post 14; but Puerto Rico could hit the board.

QIRAT, a shock 150-1 winner of the Sussex Stakes at Goodwood last year, has become more consistent of late and he is exiting a game win in the Prix Daniel Wildenstein over a mile at Longchamp, where he proved 2 1/2 lengths to good for the useful yardstick Quddwah (who was coming off a good win in England). Qirat is a possible Trifecta filler; he was well down the field in the BC Mile last year but a turning track probably does suit this gelding.

LUGAL, who was a G1 winner over 6 furlongs in Japan back in 2024, was not far off the same level when second, beaten a neck by the locally trained 28-1 shot Native Approach, in the Al Quoz Sprint at Meydan in Dubai in March, performing to **Globeform 115** (he was capable of GF 117 two years ago). He ran a respectable race when finishing eighth in the Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Stakes at Royal Ascot (a neck behind **COMANCHE BRAVE** who was seventh) but failed to fire when unplaced in the Sprinters Stakes back home in September. He pressed the pace and gave the winner all he wanted when running so well at Meydan, and ratings suggest that Lugal is one who *might* sneak into the Trifecta; but all of his good form has been over 6 and 7 furlongs.

ASK IKIGOME, a Japanese 3yo with just three runs under his belt, is hard to assess. He improved to a provisional **Globeform 115p** when beaten just a nose by Rodeo Drive in the prestigious NHK Mile at Tokyo racecourse in May, and he needs to improve a fair bit on that form to have a winning chance here; but he ran a winning race and he had won well on both of his preceding starts so there's no way of know how good this son of top class sprinter Lord Kanaloa will turn out to be. Rodeo Drive was coming off a second in a G2 event and he has since run third in a G3 event. Rodeo Drive and Ask Ikigome both came from well off the pace in the 18-runner field and a strong pace seems to be what this colt needs to be seen to full effect. Ikigomi is the only horse in this field who may jump up and make significant improvement; so please *do* include him is those Tri / Super plans. >>>

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FACTEUR CHEVAL was a high class performer back in 2024, when he ran to **Globeform 119** to get second behind top miler Charyn in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot, but he has been unable to build on that performance since. Rather unconventionally campaigned he has been in some tough battle, both on turf and dirt, and a class relief in a pair of G3 events at San Siro did not result in a return to winning form. Favorite for both the 9-furlong Premio Presidenta Della Repubblica and the 10-furlong Gran Premio Di Milano, he ran third and second in those races. Next out German G3 winner Best Lightning beat him by 1 1/2 lengths when taking the Repubblica, while Woodchuck was 1 3/4 lengths too good in the Premio Di Milano. Woodchuck ran second in a G3 in France a month later. Facteur Cheval was sent to the Min Millions at Kentucky Downs, where he finished sixth; and then moved to Mark Casse, who won a decent allowance race with the 7yo at Keeneland in October. It was a good performance but much better will be needed here.

CONCLUSION: Early subscribers able to get on with the bookmakers were advised to back Rhetorical in the futures at 25-1, which is a great price, and also to back Deterministic at 9-1. The latter is still available at such odds and he is **8-1 on the morning lin**e. That is way, way too big and makes him an absolute must value bet. Drawn by the rail he should get perfect, ground saving trip. It's very tempting to make him the selection and - for a change - I am going to let the price affect this decision. Notable Speech is one of my favorite horses and he has done me many a favor, right back to a big priced win in the 2,000 Guineas as a 3yo; and he has been as good as ever in his last two races. So there's no way we can make our bets without having him on our side - but Deterministic does have a chance of getting his revenge. It may not be a sort of a '2-1 chance' but it is definitely more likely than an '8-1 chance' that he turns the Woodbine form around. Players getting involved in the horizontals should use all three; as Rhetorical was also very strong in his prep and he holds home court advantage.

Lake Forest will get a better pace setup here than in the Coolmore Mile and he is one to use underneath in the Trifectas; while the lightly raced Japanese raider Ask Ikigomi, Aidan O'Briens's duo True Love and Puerto Rico, plus Qirat are others to consider. This may all sound a bit complicated and not particularly cost effective - but there is a way we can keep the Trifecta simple and affordable; by compiling a plan purely based on the Woodbine Mile form. In other words; playing it with Notable Speech / Determinsitic to fill either 1st and 2nd place or 1st and 3rd place.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	**1 DETERMINISTIC**
B	8 NOTABLE SPEECH
C	2 LAKE FOREST, 5 ASK IKIGOMI, 9 RHETORICAL

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2nd Deterministic

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2nd Lake Forest

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2nd Formidable Man 4th Rhetorical

Notable Speech / Woodbine Mile '25: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-UXECiVdrpU

Notable Speech 2nd / Prix Jacques le Marois '25: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ADMXZFnlN6E

Notable Speech 3rd / Breeders' Cup Mile '24: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uK6WmdfYBSo&t=68s

Notable Speech / 2,000 Guineas '24: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yfCSuuXTXGA

Deterministic / Fourstardave Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GNuezVRFG7M
3rd Zulu Kingdom

Deterministic / Manhattan Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8y_7aoaPjcA&t=2s

Deterministic / Manhattan Stakes '25: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Op3uakqNnIQ

Deterministic / Fourstardave Stakes '25: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sl7HR37Hu4Q&t=1s

Rhetorical / Coolmore Turf Mile: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y9ebKDFcIzg
2nd Lake Forest

Rhetorical / Turf Classic, Churchill: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9wa_bijiccI

Rhetorical 4th / Breeders' Cup Mile '25: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NS7WEheiFRE&t=19s

Rhetorical / Coolmore Turf Mile '25: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JS78kfCPjxE

Zulu Kingdom / Kelso Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XULPBY_OH00

Zulu Kingdom / Maker's Mark Mile: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=41Hw9UCPhG4
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Lake Forest / Lennox Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xkVKpGGKz1E

True Love / Prix de la Foret: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VOW_k0cIUIE
3rd Puerto Rico

True Love / 1,000 Guineas: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WUymLE73Oak

Ask Ikigomi 2nd / NHK Mile: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KoSOVorJIC8

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GLOBEFORM RATINGS
BREEDERS' CUP DISTAFF (G1) |

9 fur. Keeneland Sat. Oct.31 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
				From right to left (most recent first)	
0	2	NITROGEN	126	115+ 114 - 126	M Casse / J L Ortiz
~~6~~	~~8~~	~~SPLENDORA~~ *~~GF 120 also BC F&M Sprint '25~~*	~~120~~	~~116 - 118 - 120~~	~~Baffert / Gaffalione~~
7	4	FULLY SUBSCRIBED	119	?+ 119 - 113p	C Brown / Prat
11	3	REGALED	115	115 - 113p - 96	Beckman / Ramos
11	7	SUPER CORREDORA *3yo*	115	115 - 0 - 101	Sadler / Rosario
13	1	IMMERSIVE	113	? - 95 - 113 - 109	B Cox / Alvarado
~~14~~	~~5~~	~~SCOTTISH LASSIE~~	~~112~~	~~100 - 112 - 112~~	~~Abreu / L Saez~~
18	9	EUNOMIA	108	108 - 108 - 105	Joseph Jr / Husbands
18	6	MEASURE *3yo*	108	104 - 108 - 106	M Casse / M Franco

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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Most recent winners of the Breeders' Cup Distaff

2025	**SCYLLA**	**GF 122**	William Mott	Junior Alvarado
2024	**THORPEDO ANNA**	**GF 121+**	Kenneth McPeek	Brian Hernandez Jr
2023	**IDIOMATIC**	**GF 118**	Brad Cox	Florent Geroux
2022	**MALATHAAT**	**GF 120**	Todd Pletcher	John Velazquez
2021	**MARCHE LORRAINE**	**GF 115**	Yoshido Yahagi	Oisin Murphy
2020	**MONOMOY GIRL**	**GF 120**	Brad Cox	Florent Geroux
2019	**BLUE PRIZE**	**GF 120**	Ignacio Correas VI	Joe Bravo
2018	**MONOMOY GIRL**	**GF 120**	Brad Cox	Florent Geroux
2017	**FOREVER UNBRIDLED**	**GF 122**	Dallas Stewart	John Velazquez
2016	**BEHOLDER**	**GF 123**	Richard Mandella	Gary Stevens
2015	**STOPCHARGINGMARIA**	**GF 117**	Todd Pletcher	Javier Castellano

Average winning Globeform: 119.8



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 • CHAMPIONSHIPS SATURDAY

FANDUEL TV	11:15 a.m.	Race 1	The Keene Place (Maiden)
	11:50 a.m.	Race 2	The Maine Chance (AOC) 3x/NW4
	12:25 p.m.	Race 3	The Fall Harvest (AOC) 1x/NW2
			OPENING CEREMONIES
USA Network, peacock, FANDUEL TV	1:10 p.m.	Race 4	**Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint (G1)**
	1:48 p.m.	Race 5	**Prevagen Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint (G1)**
	2:26 p.m.	Race 6	**Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (G1)**
	3:04 p.m.	Race 7	**Maker's Mark Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf (G1)**
NBC, peacock, FANDUEL TV	3:42 p.m.	Race 8	**Cygames Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1)**
	4:20 p.m.	Race 9	**FanDuel Breeders' Cup Mile (G1)**
	4:58 p.m.	Race 10	**Longines Breeders' Cup Distaff (G1)**
	5:36 p.m.	Race 11	**Longines Breeders' Cup Turf (G1)**
	6:16 p.m.	Race 12	**Longines Breeders' Cup Classic (G1)**

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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

NITROGEN will be trying to go one better than in last year's BC Distaff, when she was runner-up, 6 lengths behind Scylla and half a length in front of **REGALED**, who got up for third at 30-1. Nitrogen was second choice in the betting then. This time she will be a heavy favorite.

The daughter of Medaglia d'Oro produced a tremendous performance when winning the Ogden Phipps Stakes over 9 furlongs at Saratoga in June. Leading every step of the way, she left her five rivals in another county coming down the lane. Cruising home by 12 3/4 lengths from dead-heaters **FULLY SUBSCRIBED** and Bless the Broken, with **REGALED** back in fourth place, she improved to **Globeform 126** in the process. Nitrogen had run to GF 119 in her best race as a 3yo - a solid win over Kentucky Oaks winner Good Cheer in the 10-furlong Alabama Stakes at Saratoga; so moving up to GF 126 did not represent abnormal improvement, though it was still quite a surprise. Had she really become *that* good? The next question was whether she could repeat to form. For there's no doubt that she did reach such a high figure in the Ogden Phipps. Smart rivals Bless the Broken and Fully Subscribed were both receiving weight from Nitrogen and they had absolutely no chance.

Fully Subscribed went on to win the Shuvee Stakes (outclassing **SCOTTISH LASSIE**) and the Spinster Stakes (easily from top 3yo filly Counting Stars) - more on her below - and Nitrogen has also run two good races since the Ogden Phipps. Neither resulted in such a high rating, however. Yes, she was second to Sovereignty when meeting the boys in the Whitney Stakes two months later, but he trounced her by almost five lengths while conceding 5lbs and Nitrogen was only a neck better than the third placed Antiquarian, who also carried 5lbs more than the filly. Nitrogen was ridden too aggressively and she tired in the closing stages in the Whitney. Her performance there was worth GF 114; while her final prep for the Breeders' Cup, a somewhat workmanlike win in the 9-furlong Beldame Stakes at Belmont in September, earned GF 115+. Nitrogen was obviously not fully cranked up for that race but she had little to beat and went off as the 1/20 favorite. Setting her own pace, she kept on to win by 2 3/4 lengths from allowance winner Donor Advised despite drifting at the finish. It was not an exciting performance but she got the job done and it may well have been the perfect prep; a graded stakes win without being particularly fit. It's hard to go against her in the Distaff, but it's also hard to accept a very short price about Mark Casse's star. The reason being that, although she ran to a markedly superior rating at Saratoga, she only has one such performance and that doesn't justify recommending her as banker material on Breeders' Cup Saturday.

SPLENDORA, winner of the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint last year, has proved herself to be just as good over 8.5 furlongs this season - but she has yet to try 9 furlongs. She improved to **Globeform 120** when taking the 7-furlong F&M Sprint at Del Mar twelve months ago, and returned the same rating as won the Shawnee Stakes over 8.5 furlongs at Churchill Downs in May (beating **IMMERSIVE** easily by 2 3/4 lengths). The Bob Baffert trainee has not run back to that high rating in her two subsequent outings; but she has not needed to and she is a contender to respect. Her all the way wins in the Molly Pitcher Stakes at Monmouth Park in July and the Locust Grove back at Churchill Downs in September were solid performances; both also gained over 8.5 furlongs. She was long odds-on in these events but there's something resolute about how this daughter of Audible goes about the job. She came home 5 1/2 lengths in front of Serena's Song Stakes winner Lost Horizon at Monmouth and the margin was 5 1/2 lengths as she slammed Yes It Tiz on the Locust Grove (when **IMMERSIVE** was a distant third). Yes It Tiz is basically an allowance level performer and it needs mentioning that Lost Horizon was beaten 16 3/4 lengths when fourth of five behind **NITROGEN** in the Beldame (a 'too bad to be true' run and probably irrelevant). Splendora has been a daylight winner in races she was supposed to take easily but she should not be underestimated. Having also won the D Wayne Lukas Stakes and the Beholder Mile at Santa Anita early in the year, she has already made a terrific campaign, come what may at the Breeders' Cup. UPDATE OCT 30: SPLENDORA IS SCRATCHED

The main question is will she stay 9 furlongs? Interestingly, she has been ridden out in her races, most likely to learn more about her stamina. By Florida Derby winner and Kentucky Derby third Audible, she is out of Miss Freeze, who won a 6-furlong minor stakes at Belmont Park in her only start at two but failed to progress at three, when she ran second in a claimer over the same distance at Monmouth Park. The best horse in this family before Splendora was Royal Currier, a multiple stakes winning sprinter who was out of her third dam.

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FULLY SUBSCRIBED looks the main threat to the favorite. She was no match for **NITROGEN** when beaten 12 lengths by her in the Ogden Phipps Stakes at Saratoga in June, but Fully Subscribed has improved since that run. Sticking to 9 furlongs, she beat **SCOTTISH LASSIE** by half a length to win the Shuvee Stakes at the Spa in July, and proved too good for that rival also when they met in the Personal Ensign Stakes over the same trip in August; though this time she was way better than her runner-up. Once more ridden from just a few lengths off the pace, Fully Subscribed drew off to win the race by almost ten lengths, improving to **Globeform 119**. Sent to Keeneland to get her final prep in the Spinster Stakes in October, she obliged with another no-nonsense win. The Spinster had just three runners and, with Counting Stars below par in second and **IMMERSIVE** very dull in last place, it was a hard race to assess. Suffice to say that Fully Subscribed didn't need to produce GF 119 to win, but she won well and got a nice prep over the same trip as the Breeders' Cup Distaff. The way she has been running indicates that she wouldn't mind stepping up to 10 furlongs one day (though that will probably never be needed) and a strong pace will suit her really well in the Distaff; and that's probably what we are going to see in this race.

CONCLUSION: If Nitrogen runs back to her very best form she wins with ease; and if she runs just a couple of lengths below that level she can still come out on top. Though, good as she is - let's not forget that her career best rating sticks out on her CV and that she has run a number of races below that level. She really does look like poor value and a favorite to oppose. Fully Subscribed is the one who is most likely to take advantage if Nitrogen is a not at her best. She's been strongly on the upgrade in her recent races. One gets the impression that Fully Subscribed has surprised even those closest to her. When she took the Shuvee by half a length - after having lost so badly in the Ogden Phipps - rider Flavien Prat said that "easier competition helped". Then, on her very next start, she romped by almost ten lengths; against the same sort of opposition. It may backfire to go against Nitrogen and Fully Subscribed won't be a big price either, but she feels very much like the 'now horse' and a fierce pace will be absolutely perfect for this daughter of Tiz the Law. Splendora, who is likely to be part of the pace - if not the one who sets it - is also interesting but 9 furlongs could stretch her stamina. The fourth horse to throw into the Tri / Super plans is **REGALED**. Third in this race last year, she demonstrated her well-being when coming from last to first in the Delaware Handicap in October. She's never been better and she's a late closer who can come rolling past tiring horses at the finish. It would be a shock if she wins but sneaking into the top three once more is not at all impossible.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	**4 FULLY SUBSCRIBED**
B	2 NITROGEN
C	3 REGALED NEW

Nitrogen / Beldame Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dftaGYldLzQ

Nitrogen 2nd / Whitney Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YHYyr3yg7-g&t=1s

Nitrogen / Ogden Phipps Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0w1tw4SwpuI
2nd Fully Subscribed

Fully Subscribed / Spinster Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sjnXMmhCGKo

Fully Subscribed / Personal Ensign Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rvgx5SLEHVg&t=2s

Splendora / Locust Grove Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MEsk4tT9-Fw

Splendora / Molly Pitcher Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7nKG1-iifLo&t=127s

Splendora / Shawnee Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=58qniBTuM7Y

Splendora / Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint '25: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=drGPIB3vWu8

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GLOBEFORM RATINGS

BREEDERS' CUP TURF (G1) | 12 fur. Keeneland Sat. Oct. 31, 2026

Horses ranked in pounds (0.45kg). 1 length = 1.5 pounds over this distance

Rank	No.	Name of horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs From right to left (most recent first)	Trainer / Jockey
0	13	**BAY CITY ROLLER** *GF 124 also in June '26*	124	120 - 124 -115+	G Scott / Murphy
2	12	**DIAMOND NECKLACE** *Euro 3yo filly ***	121	119 - 114+ 121	A P O'Brien / Soumillon
4	6	**BURNHAM SQUARE** *GF 120 in Apr & May '26*	120	103 - 116+ 116+	I Wilkes / TBA
5	10	**TIFFANY** *mare 3lbs alw.*	116	116 - 110 - 104	Sir M Prescott / Morris
5 / 8	1	**ETHICAL DIAMOND** *GF 119 B C Turf '25 (DMR)*	119 / 116	116 - 113 - 109	W Mullins / McMonagle
6	2	**BENVENUTO CELLINI** *Euro 3yo ***	120	118 - 112 - 120 - 120	A O'Brien / Moore
6	7	**HOTAZHELL**	118	118 - 115 - 112	Harrington / Foley
6	14	**DEEP MONSTER**	118	? - 110 - 118	Yasutoshi / Marquand
6	9	**JOHANNA WALSH** *Euro 3yo filly ***	117	104 - 117 - 111	J O'Brien / Barzalona
7	3	**MINARET STATION**	117	117 - 114p - 107	W Walden / J L Ortiz
7	4	**FAR BRIDGE** *GF 117 in Sep '24*	117	116 - 110+ 110	Clement / Velazquez
7 / 10+	11	**SURVIE** *filly 3lbs alw.*	114 / 111+	0 - 111+ 110	Boughey / Prat
8 / 12	5	**EL CORDOBES** *GF 116 in BC Turf '25*	116 / 110	110 - 113 - 116	Appleby / Buick
8	15	**MAP OF STARS** AE1	116	115 - 116 - 0	Graffard / TBA
23	16	**TELESCOPIC** AE2	101	101 - 99 - 99	Oliver / L Saez
~~9~~	~~8~~	~~**TEST SCORE**~~	~~115~~	~~111 - 110 - 115~~	~~Motion~~

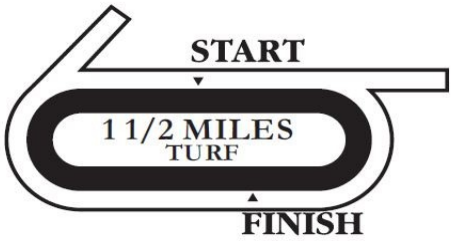
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GF weight-for-age European based 3yos vs. older horses 12 fur early Nov: 6lbs
GF weight-for-age North American based 3yos vs. older horses 12 fur early Nov: 5lbs
*** Fillies & mares: 3lbs sex weight allowance*

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Most recent winners of the Breeders' Cup Turf

2025	**ETHICAL DIAMOND**	**GF 119**	William Mullins	Dylan Brown McMonagle
2024	**REBEL'S ROMANCE**	**GF 120**	Charlie Appleby	William Buick
2023	**AUGUSTE RODIN**	**GF 123**	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore
2022	**REBEL'S ROMANCE**	**GF 122**	Charlie Appleby	William Buick
2021	**YIBIR**	**GF 122**	Charlie Appleby	William Buick
2020	**TARNAWA**	**GF 117**	Dermot Weld	Colin Keane
2019	**BRICKS AND MORTAR**	**GF 117+**	Chad Brown	Irad Ortiz Jr
2018	**ENABLE**	**GF 124**	John Gosden	Frankie Dettori
2017	**TALISMANIC**	**GF 119**	Andre Fabre	Mickael Barzelona
2016	**HIGHLAND REEL**	**GF 122**	Aidan O'Brien	Seamie Heffernan
2015	**MAGICIAN**	**GF 121**	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore

Average winning Globeform: 120.5



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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

BAY CITY ROLLER is top rated in this year's Breeders' Cup Turf field and it's hard to understand why he has been as big as **10-1** in the ante post market. This will be his third top level race in less than a month, but Bay City Roller is a tough horse who performs well when running back on short rests and he is coming off two impressive performances. Having won the prestigious Coronation Cup over 12 furlongs at Epsom in June, when he powered home by 10 lengths on heavy - very deep - ground, he has now proved that he is just as effective on good ground. He simply acts on any going, and there's no reason to doubt that he will handle Keeneland. He ran to **Globeform 124** at Epsom (admittedly crushing rivals who did not handle the conditions) and he ran to the same rating when beaten 1 1/4 lengths by the excellent French star Daryz in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe over the same distance in October, when **DIAMOND NECKLACE** was a neck behind him in third place. The early betting has offered Diamond Necklace at around 6-4 with a generous 8-1 about Bay City Roller. There's no way the discrepancy should be that big. One might even argue that Bay City Roller should be the favorite, while co favorites would make most sense. Odds compilers have probably taken the view that this will be a bridge too far for the colt, as he only had 13 days between the 'Arc' and the Champion Stakes; which was run just 14 days prior to the Breeders' Cup Turf.

That may well be, but Bay City Roller, who was runner-up to Daryz in the final Arc prep (after a long rest) wasn't subjected to a hard race when third behind Ombudsman and Calandagan at Ascot. He was facing two world class horses running over a distance that's too short for his liking, so one would assume he knew he'd had a race - but jockey Oisin Murphy gave him just three smacks of the whip then put it down once he realized that he could be no better than third. Relatively speaking, Bay City Roller's performance at Ascot was almost as good as his Arc run. He was badly drawn on the outside at Longchamp and Murphy sent him forward and wide, giving him the same trip Frankie Dettori used to win the Arc on Golden Horn back in 2015 (also from a wide post). Bay City Roller travelled well throughout, took the lead two furlongs from home and fought on bravely when Daryz came with his winning kick after having had a less than perfect trip. Golden Horn went for the Breeders' Cup Turf, that year also at Keeneland, but ran second half a length behind Found, like Diamond Necklace a 3yo filly trained by Aidan O'Brien. Found was a respectable ninth in the Arc then second in the Champion Stakes, before her success at Keeneland. So we know it can be done; horses can participate all these three races and run well in the third. It takes a hardy horse; one like Bay City Roller.

DIAMOND NECKLACE has been an incredible runner right from her first outing as a juvenile last year, when she won all of her three races, most notably the Prix Marcel Boussac on 'Arc' day at Longchamp. She picked up where she left off this year, winning three top level races on the bounce before an unexpected reversal in the Prix Jean et Louis Romanet at Deauville, where she lost against the high class older mare Aventure. Aidan O'Brien explained afterwards that the daughter of St Mark's Basilica was not fully cranked up for that event, which served as her prep for the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe over 12 furlongs at Longchamp in early October. Diamond Necklace was back in top shape for Europe's most important race though, and she finished third behind Daryz and **BAY CITY ROLLER**, who beat her by a neck for second. They both had a good trip and they both completed the distance in good style. Interestingly, Diamond Necklace did not run quite up to her career best rating that day, and she is probably best suited by 10 furlongs in Europe, the distance she tackled when she was an impressive 2 3/4-length winner of the Nassau Stakes at Goodwood in July. Her runner-up there was Friendly Soul, who went on to win the Prix Vermeille and be fourth in the Prix de l'Arc. These results, in races against top older horses, give Diamond Necklace's record a very solid look. She is a unique horse, with top class efforts from 8 to 12 furlongs. Not many a thoroughbred can do that, and she is a strong win contender at the Breeders' Cup. Prior to the Nassau, she landed a classic double in France, capturing the French 1,000 Guineas over a mile at Longchamp in May (easily by 3 lengths from The Last Dance) and the French Oaks over 10.5-furlongs at Chantilly in June (beating Pink Panthera by a neck).

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BURNHAM SQUARE is the best 12-furlong performer trained in America, and he is not at all without a chance in this race. His form falls short of the best of the European contenders, Bay City Roller and Diamond Necklace, but his career best performance happened over this course and distance in the spring and if he can get back to that sort of form he will make an impact. He has been rested since running way below his best to beat just two home in the nine-runner Kentucky Turf Cup, won by **TIFFANY** with **ETHICAL DIAMOND** in second. That's a result to ignore in his PPs, as he became very worked up and seemed badly affected by the incredible heat on the day. Trainer Ian Wilkes has said that he regrets not having scratched the horse.

Burnham Square took a four-race win streak to Kentucky Downs. He was not be at his best on his two preceding outings but won despite being compromised on both occasions. The 10-furlong Arlington Million at Colonial Downs in August was too short for his liking, yet he pulled out a gritty half-length win over Mr Steele Stakes and Soldier's Dancer Handicap winner Gran Oriente. It was a close thing also when Burnham Square won the Chorleywood Stakes over 11 furlongs at Churchill Downs in June. A strong stayer "who never gets tired" according to Wilkes, Burnham Square is a typical 12-furlong performer and lack of pace almost found him out when he was 1/10 to win in that event.

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 inconvenienced 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 12-furlong win on the lawn. His first came in the Elkhorn Stakes at Keeneland, when he romped home by 9 3/4-length from last year's Sycamore Stakes winner Desvio and returned **Globeform 120**. He ran to the same mark also when taking the Louisville Stakes at Churchill Downs in May (wrapped up 4 3/4 lengths in front of Dancin in Da'nile). With home court advantage he has to be respected.

TIFFANY, ran the race of her life when beating last year's Breeders' Cup Turf winner **ETHICAL DIAMOND** by 1 3/4 lengths to capture the 12-furlong Kentucky Downs Turf Cup in September. Staying on strongly from a position a couple of lengths behind the two leaders, she used her stamina to full effect and improved to Globeform 116. The undulating course clearly suited her but she was good also when winning one of the top races in Germany just under month earlier. She was runner-up in three G1 events in Germany last year; and she finally won one herself when taking the 12-furlong Grosser Preis von Berlin in August. Having been a pace factor in her earlier races, she was ridden with more restraint a few lengths behind the leaders, took charge a furlong from home and stayed on well at the finish to beat Bright Light gamely by a neck; with Dubai Future half a length further back in third place. Tiffany was coming off runner-up efforts in a minor stakes in France and the 12-furlong Lancashire Oaks in England, but the win in Germany took her to a new level, and the win at Kentucky Downs confirmed that it was no fluke. Tiffany is a genuine mare with consistent form and she stays well, and she is a possible Trifecta contender.

ETHICAL DIAMOND improved on what he had done so far this year when second to **TIFFANY** at Kentucky Downs, and he could well take another step forward here. Back to back wins in the Breeders' Cup Turf would still be a surprising outcome though. He won this event at Del Mar last year when he improved markedly to **Globeform 119** and beat Rebel's Romance (who has won the BC Turf twice in recent years) by 1 1/4 lengths. With last year's Sword Dancer Stakes winner **EL CORDOBES** filling third the form was solid enough. Rebel's Romance and El Cordobes were coming out of the Joe Hirsch Turf Classic at Aqueduct, where they ran first and third respectively. We have seen better editions of the BC Turf but Ethical Diamond beat good horses as he took the race from off the pace at 27-1. He had previously won the Ebor Handicap, a valuable 14-furlong event at York, when he returned GF 112, and his G3 win in Ireland earlier this year was worth GF 113. Was the Del Mar performance a bit of a fluke? Will he be able to get back to that level again? He was well beaten both in the Sheema Classic at Meydan in March and the Hardwicke Stakes at Royal Ascot in June, then returned to winning form in the Ballyroan Stakes over 12 furlongs at Leopardstown in August. It was not an impressive performance but he did get the job done, beating Green Impact by a nose. Green Impact was a Listed winner last year, when he also ran sixth in the Irish Derby, and he was fourth in the Tattersalls Gold Cup at the Curragh this spring, beaten 8 3/4 lengths by Almaqam, who won the race by 2 lengths from **BAY CITY ROLLER**. >>>

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BENVENUTO CELLINI, winner of the Irish Derby at the Curragh in June and a good third in the King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes in July, is now coming off two disappointing runs at Longchamp in France, where he was fifth in the Prix Niel and only ninth behind Daryz in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, albeit beaten no more than 4 1/4 lengths. The 12-furlong 3yo colts in Europe have not been a vintage group this year and it's a bit hard to fancy Benvenuto Cellini after his two most recent outings - but trainer Aidan O'Brien has turned horses around quickly after below par efforts many times and Benvenuto Cellini is good enough to get a top three finish here; *if* back to his best. He beat the Epsom Derby winner Christmas Day (who has disappointed since) in the Irish Derby, and confirmed the level he reached there (**Globeform 120**) by running third behind the top class older duo Kalpana and Calandagan in the 'King George' and Ascot. A son of Galileo out of Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf winner Newspaperofrecord, Benvenuto Cellini is certainly bred for the job but - if his stable companion Diamond Necklace and Bay City Roller bring their best form - this colt will have to improve to have a winning chance.

JOHANNA WALSH improved to **Globeform 117** when winning the Irish Oaks by 4 lengths from Inis Mor, who was 3/4 length in front of the third placed Sparan Nua. Taking charge while travelling strongly two furlongs from home, Johanna Walsh was a league of her own that day, looking a really exciting prospect for the second half of the season - but she failed to fire in the Yorkshire Oaks in August, fading tamely to finish sixth almost nine lengths behind Kalpana, who won by a nose over Sparan Nua, who surprised at a big price. Kalplana had won the 'King George' at Ascot just four weeks earlier; she was not at her best at York, nor in the 'Arc' next time out and disappointed again in the British Champion Filly & Mare Stakes at Ascot. Her form was clearly tailing off, but Sparan Nua has also run poorly twice since the Yorkshire Oaks. This makes the Iris Oaks form hard to assess but, given that the runner-up in that classic, Inis Mor, has been way below in three subsequent races, it's reasonable to conclude that it wasn't a strong G1 race. Though we can't conclude that Johanna Walsh, who only has six runs under her belt, won't be able to improve.

CONCLUSION: Horses coming out of the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe have often done well in the Breeders' Cup Turf and Bay City Roller and Diamond Necklace are the two best horses in this field. With the filly's weigh allowance there's precious little between them on figures. Bay City Roller is the one with most experience but he is also the one taking in a third tough race in a short space of time. Diamond Necklace has had a break since the 'Arc' and if one of these two were to improve it's almost certainly going to be her. Ryan Moore rides Benvenuto Cellini but let's not read anything into that. Christophe Soumillon rode the filly beautifully in the Arc and he was also her partner when Moore was sidelined last year. This is unlikely to have been a case of Moore rejecting Diamond Necklace, as some reports suggest. It's sensible rider arrangements, pure and simple, a 'team decision'. Diamond Necklace is taken as the top selection, ahead of Bay City Roller - previously advised at 8-1 and still available at such good odds with the bookmakers. Take it! Morning line 5-1 makes a lot more sense; though even that is higher than he should be. The top two are both drawn wide but this is 12 furlongs and post positions are not as important as in shorter races. Burnham Square is the C-horse and the reason he's the only one on that line is that, although others have claims, there's something not to like about each and everyone; making it impossible to separate them. Benvenotu Cellini could be the one who steps up to make a real impact but only if he regains his summer form.

Playing the Trifecta? The way to go may be to take the same approach as recommended in the Mile; using the top two reversed in 1st / 2nd and 1st / 3rd and fill up with other horses; but here we might as well use all others. The Turf is often a very formful affair but it feels more like a race where a big longshot can hit the board this time. The field is rather close on ratings.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	**12 DIAMOND NECKLACE**
B	13 BAY CITY ROLLER
C	2 BENVENUTO CELLINI NEW , 6 BURNHAM SQUARE

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Bay City Roller 3rd / British Champion Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bhHCbrhwFdU

Bay City Roller 2nd / Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nom35-GVeJg
3rd Diamond Necklace 9th Benvenuto Cellini

Bay City Roller / Coronation Cup: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d5Gh7WqadGM

Diamond Necklace / Nassau Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X2xXanqanO8

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Diamond Necklace / French 1,000 Guineas: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xJ0dZRfVywM

Benvenuto Cellini 3rd / King George VI & Queen Elizabeth: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ngb6fKPNsno

Benvenuto Cellini / Irish Derby: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xxquBn2zlvY

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Burnham Square / Chorleywood Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T0sMfPXWGBQ&t=8s

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Ethical Diamond / Ballyroan Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Enri_zoTTg

Ethical Diamond / Breeders' Cup Turf '25: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zGvpLoxFtX0

Tiffany / Kentucky Turf Cup: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X_P7qZ5GoeI&t=4s
2nd Ethical Diamond 7th Burnham Square

Tiffany / Grosser Preis von Berlin: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v8rpOeICDos

Hotazhell / Irish Champion Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T1LzYf5G-Z4

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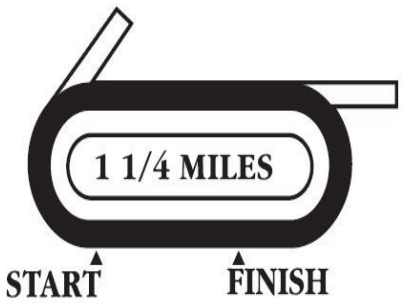
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Rank	No	Name of horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs From right to left (most recent first)	Trainer
0	7	**KNIGHTSBRIDGE**	**133**	129 - 133 - 120+	W Mott / L Saez
3	2	**SOVEREIGNTY** *GF 130 in June '25*	**130**	129 - 113 - 121+	W Mott / Alvarado
7p	5	**FOREVER YOUNG** *GF 126 also in Nov '25*	**126p**	119 - 122 - 126p	Yahagi / Sakai
~~7~~	6	~~**MAGNITUDE**~~ ~~*GF 126 in Feb '26*~~	~~**126**~~	~~103 - 124 - 124~~	~~Asmussen / Prat~~
12	8	**NAPOLEON SOLO** *3yo*	**121**	121 - 120 - 120	Summers / Velazquez
14p	3	**GOLDEN TEMPO** *3yo*	**119p**	117+ 119p - 115p	C DeVaux / J L Ortiz
16	4	**THE PUMA** 3yo	**117**	117 - 115 - 109+	Delgado / Castellano
?	1	**T O PASSWORD**	**?**	?	Takayanagi / Kimura

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Most recent winners of the Breeders' Cup Classic

2025	**FOREVER YOUNG**	**126**	Yoshito Yahagi	Ryusei Sakai
2024	**SIERRA LEONE**	**127**	Chad Brown	Flavien Prat
2023	**WHITE ABARRIO**	**124+**	Richard Dutrow	Irad Ortiz Jr
2022	**FLIGHTLINE**	**147**	John Sadler	Flavien Prat
2021	**KNICKS GO**	**130+**	Brad Cox	Joel Rosario
2020	**AUTHENTIC**	**128**	Bob Baffert	John Velazquez
2019	**VINO ROSSO**	**129**	Todd Pletcher	John Velazquez
2018	**ACCELERATE**	**124**	John Sadler	Joel Rosario
2017	**GUN RUNNER**	**127**	Steve Asmussen	Florent Geroux
2016	**ARROGATE**	**139**	Bob Baffert	Mike Smith
2015	**AMERICAN PHAROAH**	**128**	Bob Baffert	Victor Espinoza

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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

KNIGHTSBRIDGE confirmed that he is a world class performer when winning the Paciific Classic at Del Mar in August. Stepping up to 10 furlongs for the first time, he was ridden as if stamina was not going to be an issue - clearly tactics designed to test him - and he came through with flying colors. After running hard on the lead in company with Full Serrano, he shrugged that rival off with ease and opened up impressively to win by 6 1/4 lengths from Blame Stakes winner Original Sin, who stayed on late to beat a tiring Full Serrano by 1 1/4 lengths for second. Full Serrano, who win the BC Dirt Mile in 2024, is not as good these days and he lacks stamina, and Original Sin is not a G1 quality horse; but Knightsbridge beat them with such ease, and he galloped out well. It was yet another top class performance by the well bred son of Nyquist, worth GF 129.

He had reached an almost unbelievable **Globeform 133** when winning the 9-furlong Monmouth Cup in July, powering home to take the race by 10 1/4 lengths from Money Game, with Pegasus World Cup winner Skippylongstocking way behind in third place. It was later reported that Skippylongstocking came out of the race with 'a minor foot issue' and also a 'respiration issue'. He had no works for a month after the July 18 race. We could have done with the favorite at 100% to better assess Knightsbridge's form, but Money Game ran a good race. He was coming off two strong allowance wins this year; the most recent when defeating Bendoog at Saratoga, where he ran to GF 110. With Money Game assessed to GF 105 at Monmouth, Knightsbridge came out on GF 133. His time, 1:47.51, was 2.6 seconds (equals 13 lengths) faster than Baby Vino's time in the Haskell, and Knightsbridge ran the mile 2.8 seconds faster than Splendora did when romping in the 8.5-furlong Molly Pitcher. The track changed from fast to sloppy after her race but Knightsbridge's speed figures also came back exceptionally high. Make no mistake, this is a top class horse - and his early season form at Gulfstream Park backs it up. He won the Fred Hooper Stakes by almost five lengths and followed that up with an 11 1/4-length stroll in the Gulfstream Park Mile, where he crushed useful rivals Steal Sunshine and Flying Liam and returned GF 125p. His next task was probably a mistake, as he cut back to 7 furlongs while taking a big step up in class in the Churchill Downs Stakes, won by Japan's world class sprinter T O Elvis. Knightsbridge ran fast early and tired to finish sixth. Six weeks later he lined up for the Metropolitan Mile at Saratoga, another tough one-turn race; and was beaten 4 lengths by Nysos. Knightsbridge is a half-brother to top class 7- to 8-furlong runner Speaker's Corner (Bernardini) but he is a son of Kentucky Derby winner Nyquist and trying him over further in the Monmouth Cup made a lot of sense. It is a course where speed often stretches out well and he had no problems with the distance. If anything, he looked like he would love to go further. It seems that his connections have finally worked out that he is fully efficient in two-turn races. His unraced dam, Tyburn Brook, is also dam of top class sprint / miler Speaker's Corner's. By the outstanding Preakness / Travers / Jockey Club Gold Cup winner Bernardini, Tyburn Brook is a daughter of Round Pond, who won the BC Distaff over 9 furlongs at Churchill Downs as a 4yo.

Knightsbridge has looked a bit of a freak in his last two starts and he's the selection in this office. Nicely drawn in post 7 he's set for a great run. With plenty of money expected to come for Forever Young and Sovereignty, and Golden Tempo probably being overbet, Knightsbridge will offer good value too.

Morning line 9-2 looks generous and if he truly stays 10 furlongs he will be hard to beat.



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SOVEREIGNTY was ruled out of the Jockey Club Gold Cup due to a foot abscess and comes into the Classic off a near three-month break. Given that he needed a couple of starts before he blossomed in his 3yo career, and again as he returned this season, this break must be a worry - but trainer Bill Mott and his main exercise rider Neil Potznasky were both absolutely brimming with confidence after his breeze on Sunday, and Sovereignty is probably ready for a big run. If he's back to his best he has a big, big chance.

A prep run would have been the ideal scenario though what's not a cause for concern is his quality - nor his ability to handle 10 furlongs. Sovereignty absolutely relishes a test of stamina, and he was as good as ever when winning the Whitney Stakes over 9 furlongs at Saratoga in August. Coming with a seriously powerful kick from some eight lengths off the pace, he took that event by 4 3/4 lengths from Breeders' Cup Distaff favorite Nitrogen. She was exiting a daylight win in the Personal Ensign and Antiquarian, who checked in third a neck behind her, won the Westchester Stakes and ran fourth in the Met Mile earlier in the season. Nitrogen, receiving 5lbs from the boys, was not at her best in the Jockey Club (she was too aggressively ridden) but Antiquarian was, and this made Sovereignty's win worth GF 129, close to his career best. Practically speaking, he was just as good as in his best 3yo races.

His first run this year was a respectable, albeit losing, effort but he regressed on his second start and that's obviously a worry. Looking rather labored at the finish he could manage only third in the Stephen Foster Stakes over 9 furlongs at Churchill Downs, where the front-running **MAGNITUDE** and the late closing Baeza both got the better of him. Sovereignty raced evenly throughout and found little under pressure at the finish. Beaten 5 1/4 lengths by Magnitude, he ran to no more than GF 113. While it was expected that he would move forward after his seasonal debut in the Oaklawn Handicap, he took a significant drop. Either it was an off-day or it was a run telling us that he may no longer be as keen on this game as he was. He ran much better when he was beaten 2 lengths by White Abarrio in the 9-furlong Oaklawn Handicap in April. Whereas it was White Abarrio's second run this year, Sovereignty had not raced since winning the Travers Stakes last August, and he was spotting the winner 2lbs. He set the pace but was passed by a very determined White Abarrio at Oaklawn. Sovereignty reversed the form in the Stephen Foster though White Abarrio was way below par as a distant fourth on that occasion.

The Oaklawn Handicap was unusually strong this year. It only had six runners but last year's Preakness winner Journalism ran third 3 1/4 lengths behind Sovereignty (fully 8 lengths clear of the fourth placed Publisher) to round out a top class trifecta. Journalism was a well beaten third behind Nysos in the Met Mile next time out though he went on to take the San Diego Handicap at Del Mar on his next start.

Sovereignty was Horse of the Year in 2025 and it was a great shame that fever ruled him out of the Breeders' Cup Classic. His Travers Stakes win was an outstanding performance, confirming that he is an exceptional horse and that he had no plans to slow down after having produced top class form is his three preceding races. Having run to GF 127p in the Kentucky Derby, **Globeform 130p** in the Belmont Stakes and GF 125+ in the Jim Dandy Stakes, he had just four to beat in the Travers and it looked an absolute formality. So it proved too. Sovereignty cruised home 10 lengths clear of Bracket Buster, who beat **MAGNITUDE** by 10 3/4 lengths for second. We witnessed a Traves where the margin between first and third was a staggering 20 3/4 lengths. Bracket Buster is not a G1 horse and Magnitude seemed not to stay, but still, the margin was extreme. The beauty of the exercise what that Sovereignty did not have a hard race, and his connections must have been happy to see Bracket Buster winning the Oklahoma Derby with ease on his next start, and equally happy to see Magnitude taking second in the Pennsylvania Derby, 2 1/4 lengths behind Baeza**,** next time he ran. That was another step up for Magnitude, who has since won the Clark at Churchill Downs, the Razorback at Oaklawn and, most notably, the Dubai World Cup at Meydan. More on him further down.

Sovereignty was backed down to 1/3 in the Travers and he won the race like a 1/20 shot. The son of Into Mischief had previously impressed with wins in the Kentucky Derby, Belmont Stakes and Jim Dandy Stakes. His best performance was the easy 3-length win over Preakness winner Journalism in the Belmont, like the Travers contested over 10 furlongs at Saratoga. Sovereignty improved to **Globeform 130p** as he powered home that day, making him our joint highest rated horse in North America in 2025. He did not need to run to that level in the Jim Dandy but in that race he showed that he can be closer to the pace and had no problems fending off a challenge from subsequent Pennsylvania Derby winner Baeza, who was beaten readily by a length while in receipt of 4lbs. If Sovereignty is back his best he's to one the others have to worry about but he hasn't really had any hard excuses in his two defeats this year. >>>

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FOREVER YOUNG got his Breeders' Cup prep in the Jockey Club Gold Cup over 10 furlongs at Belmont Park in September. Not having raced since the surprise defeat against **MAGNITUDE** in the Dubai World Cup back in March, he got the job done at Belmont - but it was not an impressive return. He faced just three rivals and came home 3 1/4 lengths in front of Stars and Stripes. It was workmanlike run, as Forever Young failed to change legs at the finish and even his trainer said after the race that he wasn't happy about what he had seen. The performance was worth GF 119. Stars and Stripes went off favorite for the Fayette Stakes at Keeneland last Saturday, and ran second beaten a neck by Charles Town Clasic winner Willy's D, returning the same rating he ran to behind Forever Young.

This Japanese star is top class, no doubt about that but is he the *super*star so many publications, sites and shows keep telling us he is? Having worked professionally with class ratings since the early 90's, I do admire this horse - but I have never been able get Forever Young higher than **Globeform 126p**, which happened as he beat Nysos by a length in the 9-furlong Saudi Cup back in February. It was a really solid performance and the way he won that race showed us something that had not been evident in any of he previous big race wins; that he can still improve. He simply outstayed Nysos to take the race by a length; and many will point out that surely doing that deserves a higher rating, given what Nysos did afterwards. He slammed Knightsbridge in the Metropolitan Mile and the latter went on to ridiculously easy wins in the Monmouth Cup and the Pacific Classic. The problem with using Nysos as a yardstick is that he did not truly stay 9 furlongs; and covering nine panels in the one-turn Saudi Cup is more like covering 1 1/4 miles around two turns. Tumbarumba, who was beaten 4 3/4 lengths in third place, is no more than a fully exposed G2 / G3 performer, while the same can be said for Bishops Bay, who was a length behind him in fourth.

Forever Young had produced **Globeform 126** twice before the Saudi Cup, but seven weeks after that win he returned only GF 122 as runner-up to Magnitude in the Dubai World Cup. This will be his first start since the March 28 contest, where G2 winner Meydaan checked in 2 3/4 lengths behind him in third.

The son of Real Steel won the Saudi Cup also in 2025, when he outstayed Hong Kong's turf champion Romantic Warrior to win by a neck. Was that a top class performance? Yes it was but he was helped by the fact that Romantic Warrior was given an ill judged ride that day. Forever Young's win in last year's Breeders' Cup Classic was different though. That was gained in a very positive way; he raced close to the pace throughout and ran on gamely to keep the late charging Sierra Leone (who won the race in 2025) at bay and win by half a length. With Fierceness a length further adrift in third, Journalism fourth and Mindframe fifth there was no shortage of qualified competition.

Forever Young is now trying to do what only one horse has managed in the Breeders' Cup history; getting a repeat win in the Breeders' Cup Classic. Anyone who thinks his chances of succeeding in this task justifies odds as short as 2-1 might have underrated the opposition here. This is a really good Classic field.



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MAGNITUDE was very disappointing in the Whitney Stakes back in August and, just like Sovereignty, he has not raced since. He stumbled at the start in the Whitney, something that put in a position where he absolutely didn't want to have from the outset, but he should still have been able to to better than sixth, 15 1/4 lengths behind **SOVERIGNTY**. Perhaps something was amiss. He beat Baeza, **SOVEREIGNTY** and White Abarrio with a high class performance in the 9-furlong Stephen Foster Stakes over a wet track at Churchill Downs in June. That wasn't even his most famous win this season. Magnitude put together three great performances in the first half of 2026, most notably a front-running win in the 10-furlong Dubai World Cup at Meydan, where he ran on too strongly for **FOREVER YOUNG** and beat him by a length. He broke smartly and went straight to the lead also in the Foster; and just kept going to give his accomplished rivals no chance. He won the race by 1 1/4 lengths from Baeza, who stayed on from well off the pace to beat **SOVEREIGNTY** by 4 lengths for the place. His three wins in 2026 have returned **Globeform 126**, GF 124 and GF 124 respectively. It may seem strange to see that he ran to a higher figure in the Razorback than in the 10-furlong Dubai World Cup, but that's what happened - and his performances have all been at the same level. Not only has he improved as a 4yo, he has also become a more consistent horse who takes his racetrack with him.

The son of Not This Time made all to beat Forever Young by a length in Dubai; a strong win of course - but the third / fourth placed Meydaan and Imperial Emperor were only beaten 3 3/4 and 4 lengths, something that dragged the ratings down a bit. That said, it's quite possible that Magnitude could have run to a higher figure if needed. Last year's Breeders' Cup Classic winner Forever Young is not an easy horse to beat, even on a day when he is not at his best. He was coming off his second win in the Saudi Cup and probably felt the effects of that race. Magnitude was perfectly prepared by Steve Asmussen, and he peaked on the big day. The Razorback Handicap, run over 8.5 furlongs at Oaklawn Park a month prior to the Dubai World Cup served as the perfect stepping stone. Firing straight off the bench, Magnitude won it comfortably by 3 3/4 lengths from Nu What's New, who was receiving 8lbs. It might not have looked all that special at the time. Few knew the value of the runner-up too well; but that all changed a month later, when Nu What's New was a solid 3/4-length of the Oaklawn Mile, beating East Avenue while spotting him 7lbs. Incidentally this happened just a few hours after Magnitude's big win in Dubai. East Avenue has since run fourth to Corporate Power in the Alysheba Stakes at Churchill Downs and won the Salvator Mile at Monmouth Park, where he beat last year's winner of the race, Bishops Bay. These formlines also back Magnitude's early season form up very nicely. He comes off the bench in the Breeders' Cup Classic and, drawn to the inside of speed runners Knightsbridge and Napoleon Solo, he's not in an easy spot. The draw was not kind to him, that's for sure. The layoff may not be a big worry, however. He ran such a strong race after a three-month break in the Razorback, and his win in the Iowa Derby last year was also an impressive run after a long break.

UPDATE OCT 30: MAGNITUDE IS SCRATCHED

NAPOLEON SOLO, who was so impressive with his wide margin win in the Champagne Stakes over a mile last year, did not have the best of starts to his 3yo campaign but when he came good he was really good; winning the 9.5-furlong Preakness Stakes at Laurel Park with a strong front-running performance. Right back to his old self, he was part of the early pace all the way and he kept pouring it on to beat the oncoming Iron Honor by 1 1/4 lengths. Iron Honor had previously won the Gotham Stakes and the third placed horse Chip Honcho, beaten 4 1/2 lengths by Napoleon Solo, went on to capture the Ohio Derby on his next start. Napoleon Solo and Iron Honor met again in the Haskell Invitational Stakes at Monmouth Park in July. The distance was half a furlong shorter and the track came up sloppy. Conditions Napoleon Solo the best and he beat Iron Honor by 3 1/2 lengths while spotting him 3lbs but that still wasn't good enough for a trip to the winners' circle. Baby Vino, fast improving and coming off an impressive 10 3/4-length win in the 8.5-furlong Pegasus Stakes at the same venue, gave Napoleon Solo some race coming down the lane, and he proved the strongest inside the last sixteenth. Baby Vino edged gamely ahead to win by half a length - he was also carrying 3lbs less than Napoleon Solo. Napoleon Solo gained his revenge when they met again in the 10-furlong Travers Stakes at Saratoga in August. Attracting most of the best three-year-olds around, the Travers resulted in an upset win for 10-1 shot Leading Change, trained by Brad Cox. Napoleon Solo was the one who got closest to the winner, losing by just half a length after having tried to take the race going gate to wire. This son of Breeders' Cup Mile winner Liam's Map is very efficient when allowed to dictate and he ran to **Globeform 120** at Saratoga, the same figure he returned also in the Preakness. Although he stays 10 furlongs well enough, the suspicion is that he would improve his form if / when he's dropped down to 8 or 9 furlongs. Napoleon Solo has one way of running; and that's going to the lead. He is the one who might put pressure on Knightsbridge from the outset and he has more stamina than Full Serrano, who surrendered a long way out when trying such tactics against Knightsbridge in the Pacific Classic. Napoleon Solo needs to improve a fair bit to have a winning chance.

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GOLDEN TEMPO had to settle for third in the Travers Stakes at Saratoga in August, beaten half a length and 1 3/4 lengths behind Leading Change and **NAPOLEON SOLO** after staying gamely from well off the pace. It was his first run back since the Belmont Stakes in early June and his preparation had not been ideal. We can expect to see him in better form for the Breeders' Cup Classic, though the class gap up to the best older horses is there for all to see. Golden Tempo needs to improve to have a winning chance.

He proved that his Kentucky Derby win was no fluke when following up with an even better performance to win the 10-furlong Belmont Stakes at Saratoga just over a month later; having skipped the Preakness Stakes in order to come fresh to the third leg of the Triple Crown series. Once more closing in strongly from off the pace, the son of Curlin battled his way to a solid 1 1/4-length win over Florida Derby winner Commandment (who was seventh in the Kentucky Derby), with Kentucky Derby runner-up Renegade third beaten as much as 5 1/4 lengths. Golden Tempo's win at Churchill Downs might have looked like a fluke result but the reality is that he has been a late maturing horse who came into his own at the right time. He also got the absolutely ideal - strong - pace situation of course but his stretch run was well worth a five star rating. He continued to mature and get better leading up to the Belmont Stakes, where he improved to **Globeform 119p**, having returned GF 105p when third to Emerging Market in the Louisiana Derby in March, and to GF 115p when winning the Run for The Roses in May.

Attacking from way off the pace at Churchill, Golden Tempo looked a bit special as he went by horses coming down the lane to get up for a neck-verdict over Renegade - who also came from the tail end of the field to be a game second. Going into the race it looked quite an open classic with no standout but the stretch run of the top two made it an exciting race to watch - though what was the value of the form? With the maiden Ocelli - who looked a possible winner half a furlong out - beaten just a length in third place, there were reasons to doubt that the 2026 Kentucky Derby was a good edition. Chief Wallabee ran fourth despite meeting some trouble in running at a crucial stage at the finish, beaten 3 lengths by Golden Tempo.

Golden Tempo will probably take a lot of money, due to all the media coverage around how Cherie DeVaux became the first female trainer of a Kentucky Derby winner, and he is likely to be poor value. Could he jump up and win this race? It would be a great result for racing but it seems rather unlikely; though a really strong pace would set things up for him to come rolling late and get a top three or four result.

THE PUMA, who missed the Kentucky Derby due to a late set back, came back with good performances in the summer; finishing fourth both in the Haskell Stakes at Monmouth Park (4 1/4 lengths behind Baby Vino and **NAPOLEON SOLO**) and in the Travers Stakes, where Leading Change won from **NAPOLEON SOLO** and **GOLDEN TEMPO**. The Puma was beaten 3 1/4 lengths on that occasion. He went on to the 9-furlong Pennsylvania Derby at Parx in September, and improved to **Globeform 117** as he won by half a length from Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile contender Further Ado, who was spotting him 2lbs. Representing the same owner / trainer combination as the 2023 Kentucky Derby winner Mage, he ran strong races also early in the season, when capturing the Tampa Bay Derby (in that race beating Further Ado by 3/4 length) and lost by just a nose against Commandment in the Florida Derby. The Puma is one of the better 3yos around but this is not a vintage classic crop and he will probably be up against it in the Breeders' Cup Classic.

The Pennsylvania Derby form was given a mild boost when Sassmaster, who was third, obliged as the favorite in an allowance race at Keeneland last Saturday.

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CONCLUSION: Knightsbridge has the highest rating, **Globeform 133** produced over 9 furlongs at Monmouth Park - and the rating he returned over 10 furlongs at Del Mar also makes him the one to beat in this year's BC Classic. The question is; will he be as effective at Keeneland? Whether he will be pressured by Napoleon Solo is also interesting; but that may not be what's going to happen - don't forget how Napoleon Solo sat second for much of the way when winning the Preakness. Surely, that's how his connections should ride him again, right? Going in a speed duel with Knightsbridge would not be too clever.

This will be a great race and it may turn into a Bill Mott exacta. Sovereignty appears to be the biggest threat to his barnmate, but saying that is of course a bit of an insult to last year's winner Forever Young. With the 3yo division not having being been particularly strong this year, the fourth choice has to be Magnitude. He's beaten Forever Young and he's beaten Sovereignty. It happened on days when they were not at their best; but he was seriously good himself in those races and should not be underrated.

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FANDUEL TV	11:15 a.m.	Race 1	The Keene Place (Maiden)
	11:50 a.m.	Race 2	The Maine Chance (AOC) 3x/NW4
	12:25 p.m.	Race 3	The Fall Harvest (AOC) 1x/NW2
			OPENING CEREMONIES
USA Network / peacock / FANDUEL TV	1:10 p.m.	Race 4	**Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint (G1)**
	1:48 p.m.	Race 5	**Prevagen Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint (G1)**
	2:26 p.m.	Race 6	**Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (G1)**
	3:04 p.m.	Race 7	**Maker's Mark Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf (G1)**
NBC / peacock / FANDUEL TV	3:42 p.m.	Race 8	**Cygames Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1)**
	4:20 p.m.	Race 9	**FanDuel Breeders' Cup Mile (G1)**
	4:58 p.m.	Race 10	**Longines Breeders' Cup Distaff (G1)**
	5:36 p.m.	Race 11	**Longines Breeders' Cup Turf (G1)**
	6:16 p.m.	Race 12	**Longines Breeders' Cup Classic (G1)**

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Knightsbridge / Monmouth Cup: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_BwZMooDggQ

Knightsbridge 2nd / Metropolitan Mile Hcap: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t_y5w6bW45M

Knightsbridge / Gulfstream Park Mile: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WqBYY-QWAZA

Knightsbridge / Fred Hooper Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=etTLbmm24ag

Sovereignty / Whitney Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YHYyr3yg7-g&t=2s

Sovereignty / Travers Stakes '25: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bqKUoJ_hjYM

Sovereignty / Jim Dandy Stakes '25: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xbRZ3gTXE38

Sovereignty / Belmont Stakes '25: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3wPDqkdlclA&t=187s

Sovereignty / Kentucky Derby '25: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NqrDJmmh1AA

Forever Young / Jockey Club Gold Cup: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1-ZmPVHOhGw

Forever Young / Saudi Cup: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AYSXaj8mmG8

Forever Young / Breeders' Cup Classic '25: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZMLg0saVlaY&t=2s

Forever Young / Saudi Cup '25: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wD848csjW30

Magnitude / Stephen Foster Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JYySN0sb-x8

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Magnitude / Razorback Hcap: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cla8zcfUxxk

Napoleon Solo 2nd / Travers Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=htdmh9MdjDc
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Napoleon Solo 2nd / Haskell Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oy6lCuMkl2M&t=1s

Napoleon Solo / Preakness Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LZB6aGCBQpY

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