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GLOBEFORM RANKING

THE DOWAGER STAKES (G3) 12 fur. Turf, Keeneland Sunday Oct. 18, 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	Trainer / Jockey
From right to left (most recent first)					
0 / 4+	5	FIONN <i>GF 110 in Nov '25</i>	110 / 106+	106+ 85 - 104	B Cox / I Ortiz Jr
2	10	SOMETHINABOUTHER	108	103 - 108 - ?+	Walsh / Gaffalione
3	9	SPEED SHOPPER <i>GF 109 in Jan '26</i>	109	0 - 102 - 107+	Walden / Velazquez
3 / 7	11	VENENCIA <i>GF 107 in Dowager S. '25</i>	107 / 103	94 - 90 - 103	Joseph Jr / J Torres
5	2	MALIBU SMART	105	105 - 104 - 0	Maker / Curtis
6p	6	SNIPSNIPPITYSNIP	104p	104p - 98 - 99	Walsh / Hernandez Jr
7	12	MODAROSA	103	103 - 100 - 98	R Mott / Alvarado
7	8	GOLDEN SUNSHINE <i>GF 103 in Apr '26</i>	103	100+ 98 - 101+	Harty / L Saez
8	1	MASSARAT	102	99 - 100 - 102	Walsh / Sheehy
14	4	PRETTY TAPIT	96	96 - 85 - 90	Sharp / J L Ortiz
15	7	POPPY THE PRINCESS <i>Also ent. Kee R8 Sat.</i>	95	86 - 95 - 93	Newton / Concepcion
?	3	SKY LOW LOW	?	?	DeVaux / K Davis

Globeform ratings are expressed in pounds. The "Rank" column shows the horse best in at the weights based on Globeform ratings on top, with other horses ranked down in pounds. For example; rank figure 6 tells us that the horse is 6lbs below the top ranked horse. Length values: 5-6 furlongs: 3lbs per length. 7 fur: 2.5lbs. 8 - 11 fur: 2lbs. 12 fur: 1.5lbs

Globeform rating with a "p" attached = this was the horse's best rating to date and the horse is likely to improve.

Globeform rating with a "+" = this was not its best rating but the horse ran better than the rating suggests.

Most recent winners of the Dowager

2025	VENENCIA	GF 107	Brendan Walsh	Ben Curtis
2024	CHOP CHOP	GF 110	Brad Cox	Luan Machado
2023	ROMAGNA MIA	GF 111	Graham Motion	John Velazquez
2022	TEMPLE CITY TERROR	GF 111	Brendan Walsh	Tyler Gaffalione
2021	SUMMER IN SARATOGA	GF 106	Joe Sharp	Corey Lanerie
2020	BLAME DEBBIE	GF 110p	Graham Motion	Manuel Franco

Average winning Globeform: 109.1

GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

FIONN has not had the season one could have expected after her good 3yo exploits, but this race can be the start to a good fall campaign for the Brad Cox trainee. Her run in the 10-furlong Flower Bowl Stakes at Belmont Park in October was very much a step in the right direction. She returned GF 106+ in fifth place behind Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf contender Kathynmarissa. Fionn was running on well from the back of the field that day, and beaten no more than 2 3/4 lengths by the smart winner. This step up in distance, and drop in class, makes for a very good opportunity. There's a good chance that she will be back to her best form and if she is then the Dowager race will probably be on her CV come Sunday evening. She's the class act in this field and **morning line 3-1 is way too big a price.**

She was one of the best 3yo fillies operating on the lawn last year, when she won the Belmont Oaks over 9 furlongs at Saratoga in July, the Dueling Grounds Oaks over 10.5 furlongs at Kentucky Downs in September and the Jockey Club Oaks over 11 furlongs on the inner course at Aqueduct in November. Three high class staying performances over three very different courses; sophomores don't come much more versatile than this. Fionn did not need to be at her best when winning at Kentucky Downs but that she was successful also at the undulating venue speaks volumes; not much fazes this daughter of Twirling Candy. She produced **Globeform 110** when beating Nitrogen by a nose at Saratoga, and repeated the rating as she won by half a length from Laurelin at Aqueduct. Nitrogen's name is well known, she is now the top female runner in the land - and she was in good form when meeting Fionn; six weeks after being pipped by her she won the Alabama Stakes at Saratoga. Laurelin was also strong rival; a winner of the Saratoga Oaks she was 5-for-6 when meeting Fionn at Aqueduct.

SOMETHINABOUTHER looks a danger on ratings, though there must be a question mark about the distance for this filly. She has never tried further than 10 furlongs. She tackled 9.5 furlongs when producing a career best **Globeform 108** to be third, half a length behind Gimme A Nother, in the Beverly D Stakes at Colonial Downs in early August. Somethinaboutther met that rival, plus other high class runners, in the 10-furlong E P Taylor Stakes at Woodbine in September. As she had done also at Colonial, she raced just behind the pace, but faded and ended up beating just one of her seven rivals. Gimme A Nother won again, punching her ticket to the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf, and Somethingaboutther was now 6 1/4 lengths behind her. Ratings say that she's in with a chance in the Dowager but the way she has been running suggests that 12 furlongs will be too far.

SPEED SHOPPER reverts to the turf after having tried her luck against some of the best dirt fillies around in the Personal Ensign Stakes at Saratoga in August. That did not work out at all but her early season form on the lawn makes her a runner to respect here. The problem is, however, not only that she was way last in the Personal Ensign but also that her two preceding runs were well below par. Can she bounce back? Possibly, but it seems just as likely that we are dealing with a horse struggling to keep going in the fall after having peaked in the winter / spring period. She improved to **Globeform 109** when winning the Clement Stakes over 12 furlongs at Gulfstream Park in January, has returned GF 106+ and GF 107+ in her two subsequent starts, most recently when winning the Bewitch Stakes over 12 furlongs at Keeneland in April, when she beat **GOLDEN SUNSHINE** by 1 1/4 lengths.

VENENCIA won this race last year, improving to **Globeform 106** as she stayed on strongly from having race prominently all the way, and beat Bless My Stars by 2 3/4 lengths. She ran to the same figure when finishing sixth to **SPEED SHOPPER** in the 12-furlong Christophe Clement Stakes at Gulfstream Park in January and was close to the same level as runner-up to Arya Stark in the Keertana Stakes over the same distance at Keeneland in May; and this is obviously Venencia's best distance. What's not so obvious is that we will see her in good shape this weekend. Given a break after the Keertana, she came back with very dull effort in the Glens Falls at Sartoga in August (eighth of nine) and her run in the Ladies Marathon at Kentucky Downs a month later wasn't much better (ninth of ten). Her back class is there for all to see but she's hard to fancy after those performances. >>>

MALIBU SMART has improved markedly since being stepped back up to 12 furlongs in her last two starts, which resulted in solid wins at Saratoga and Kentucky Downs in August, and this Mike Maker trainee definitely needs attention in the Dowager. It is a step up in class but she's not far off the top names on ratings and she comes here off a career best effort. After beating Trading Strategy and next out winner Midnight Concerto quite easily at the Spa Malibu Smart went on to an even easier success at Kentucky Downs less than three weeks later, outclassing National Archive to come home 4 1/2 lengths clear. Calamity filled third and Mambo Queen checked in fourth place. Mambo Queen was beaten 7 lengths and she went on to run third to **SNIPSNIPPITYSNIP** at Churchill Downs, beaten 5 3/4 lengths on that occasion (Calamity was eighth in the same race). Formlines to Malibu Smart's race at Saratoga are also quite positive. She raced prominently at Kentucky Downs but was ridden with more restraint as she won from just off the pace at Saratoga, and she fits well into this contest. **Morning line 15-1 looks too big** about this horse.

MALIBU SMART WON AT 14-1, BEATING FIONN FOR A 109-1 EXACTA

SNIPSNIPPITYSNIP, at 12-1 also too big a price, has been running over 11 furlongs in all of her last five races. She is interesting as she takes a step up in trip; a step that will probably suit the daughter of Girvin even better. She caught the eye when staying on for third behind Silvology and Vronti in a stakes quality allowance heat at Saratoga in July, and it came as no big surprise to see her winning a similar contest at Churchill Downs in September. Ridden the same way she closed gamely in on her rivals to get up for a half-length win over Hereforagoodtime, with Mambo Queen 4 1/4 lengths further adrift in third place. Galloping out incredibly well after passing the winning post, Snipsnippitysnip earned **Globeform 104p** with that performance. Her runner-up Hereforagoodtime had hit the board in three good G3 events last year; while Mambo Queen was coming off a fourth behind **MALIBU SMART** at Kentucky Downs (beaten 7 lengths). >>>

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GOLDEN SUSNHINE ran better than it looks on paper when encountering traffic in the Ladies Marathon at Kentucky Downs in September (second, 5 1/2 lengths behind back-to-back winner Stellify) and she ran her best race to date when second to **SPEED SHOPPER** the Bewitch Stakes over this course and distance back in April. The Kentucky Downs run was a second off a layoff and she can be expected to take another step up here; over what is her optimum trip.

MODAROSA improved to **Globeform 103** when surprising with her good runner-up effort in the Forever Together Stakes over 8.5 furlongs at Belmont Park in September; and this lightly raced 5yo may be on the upgrade now, but she was favored by a soft lead when beaten a neck by Dynamic Pricing at Belmont, and there's nothing in her record to suggest she will stay 12 furlongs.

CONCLUSION: Are we really going to get **3-1** about Fionn in this race? Such odds would make her a max bet in this office. She's not way clear of a those ranked closest to her based on figures but her run last time out signaled a return to top form, she will love this distance and she is a strong selection with superior form from much better races than this one. Going with good recent results; and results that link two in-form longshots; Malibu Smart (15-1) and Snipsnippitysnip (12-1) are chosen as B-horses. It's wide open below Fionn but these two make more appeal than runners coming off below par efforts. Speed Shopper and Golden Sunshine filled the exacta in the Bewitch Stakes; one is questionable when it comes to recency, the other one not; while Somethinabouther - despite stamina fears - also fits as a C-horse. With two big priced horses on the B-line we can afford to go a bit deeper underneath, and **PRETTY TAPIT** is the next one to include in Trifecta plans. She has a mountain to climb on ratings but her wide margin win over 12 furlongs at Kentucky Downs was visually impressive and she could be potentially better than her current figure.

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

Fionn / Jockey Club Oaks '25: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3fB3yJ7ZT9g&t=1s>

Fionn / Dueling Grounds Oaks '25: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ba2x8KvygoQ>

Fionn / Belmont Oaks '25: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A7zuYiJ2Syyg>

Malibu Smart / Kentucky Downs Alw (R3 / 3:10): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fwdKZuvUnCU&t=27188s>

Snipsnippitysnip / Churchill Downs Alw: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pCV4hBgsDUE>

Speed Shopper / Bewitch Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9JMwLpOsLPw>
2nd Golden Sunshine

Somethinabouther 3rd / Beverly D Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IfNTP667Wqw>

Venencia / Dowager Stakes '25: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3kaDLGS4N-0>