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## GLOBEFORM RANKING

### SAN MARCOS STAKES (G3) 10 fur Turf, Santa Anita, February 8

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	7	DIVIN PROPOS	109	104 - 105 - 109	D'Amato / Rispoli
0 / 3+	8	EASTER <i>GF 113 in Mar '24</i> <i>GF 115 in Dec '23</i>	(115) 113 / 110+	106+ 110+ 110	D'Amato / Fresu
1	6	TRULY QUALITY	112	111 - 110+ 112	Thomas / Cheminaud
1	4	NINEEVENTURBO	108	90 - 108 - 0 - 108	Drysdale / M Smith
(-3) 3	2	THERE GOES HARVARD <i>GF 116 on dirt, May 2022</i>	(116) 110	110 - 110 - 101	M McCarthy / Dettori
4	1	DICEY MO CHARA	109	102 - 0 - 108 - 109	Powell / J Hernandez
9	5	ATITLAN <i>4yo</i>	105	105 - 98 - 104	Shirreffs / Berrios
12	3	LORD BULLINGDON <i>4yo</i>	100	100 - 95 - 95	M McCarthy / Frey

Globeform weight-for-age US 4yo vs older 10 fur early Feb: 1lb

### Most recent winners of the San Marcos

2024	MISSED THE CUT 5	GF 115	John Sadler	Joel Rosario
2023	PRINCE ABAMA 5	GF 110	Phil D'Amato	Flavien Prat
2022	FRIAR'S ROAD	GF 111	Michael McCarthy	Flavien Prat
2021	MASTEROFFOXHOUNDS	GF 111	Richard Baltas	Joel Rosario
2020	UNITED	GF 108	Richard Mandella	Flavien Prat

Average winning Globeform: 111

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## GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

**This is a fascinating contest**, and that for various reasons; we have a pair of four-year-olds taking on their elders and we will get to see Easter stretching out in distance, something his running style has suggested he wants to do for some time. In addition, Divin Propos - a contender that hasn't even hit the board in stakes company since joining D'Amato - is at the head of the ranking. How did that happen, and how will the two youngster stack up?

**DIVIN PROPOS** is well in at the weights here, mainly based on the form he produced when winning a good allowance heat over 11 furlongs at Del Mar last August, but it's also worth noting that he is 4lbs better off at the weights with **TRULY QUALITY**, who beat him by 3 3/4 lengths into fifth place in the Hollywood Turf Cup in November (when Divin Propos met with trouble in running at the finish).

The son of George Vancouver made a perfect start to his US career when winning an allowance race over 10 furlongs on the downhill turf course at Santa Anita, then ran fifth over 9 furlongs before his good win when stretching out. He came from off the pave to win by an easy looking length from Offlee Naughty, improving to Globeform 109 in the process. The fourth placed Dean Martini took the Japan Cup 'Turf' at Laurel (run on dirt) by 6 1/2 lengths on his next start. Divin Propos moved up in class in the 10-furlong John Henry Turf Cup at Santa Anita (sixth to soft lead winner Cabo Spirit), when **NINEEVENTURBO** ran third, and he tried strong company once more in the aforementioned Hollywood Turf Cup, contested over 12 furlongs. Looking at these two results on paper it's easy to think that Divin Propos regressed after his good allowance win, but he actually ran a lot better than the charts indicate. This 5yo travels almost too well in his races; he was swinging away while hard on the bridle in both races, and he failed to get a clean run in both. The impression is that he would be much better suited by strongly run events, making him settle better. He was never really pulling and wasting energy but he wasn't relaxed either - and that can have a mentally negative effect on long distance horses. So should we take a shot at him in this race? The ratings say that we ought to, the board will probably display odds that makes it tempting, while the one thing that might make us hesitant is the fact that this could also develop into a paceless contest. The morning line is not out at the time of writing (which is a good thing, we don't want to be affected by that) but, although he has been well backed in all of his races for D'Amato, Divin Propos is unlikely to be one of the favorites in the San Marcos. He is not a confident selection but he is well worth a bet. He was purchased for €150,000 at the 2023 Arqana Arc Sales. As he had won twice and run third to subsequent Royal Ascot G1 runner-up Zarakem in the Listed La Coupe de Marseille over 10 furlongs in France, it came as no big surprise to see him returning Globeform 109 at Del Mar. The anticipated next step up hasn't happened since - perhaps it does on Saturday.

**EASTER** will be running over further than 9 furlongs for the first time and his many good off-the-pace runs means that he will be getting a lot of attention leading up to the San Marcos. And rightfully so. Nobody would have though he was going to be without a win in 2024 when he won the San Gabriel Stakes at Santa Anita in December '23. He ran to **Globeform 115**, a personal best, to capture that 9-furlong event from Missed the Cut (who won the San Marcos next time out) and he ran to GF 113 when second to Du Jour in the Kilroe Mile on his subsequent start, but his form in five subsequent outings has not been up to the same level. Easter has been chasing Johannes four times; was 1 3/4 lengths behind him when fifth in the City of Hope Mile, and he was 2 1/4 lengths behind him when fourth in the San Gabriel in December. In between these starts, Easter took fourth behind Mi Hermano Roman in the Seabiscuit Stakes. Mi Hermano Roman was second in the San Gabriel and he went on to be fourth in the Pegasus World Cup Turf. In short; Easter has been in some strong races lately. He has also fluffed the starts, he has been pulling while held up, and his late charges have come up short. His run in the 8.5-furlong Seabiscuit, where he produced GF 110+, was his best run last fall. Easter was just a stride or two from grabbing third that day and he galloped out in a really positive manner. One would think that 10 furlongs will suit him; but this 7yo has been trained by three very good horseemen; Fabrice Chappet, Graham Motion and Phil D'Amato, and neither has tried him over this distance. Hardly encouraging. His sire Exosphere was a high class 5- to 6-furlong runner in Australia. His dam, Excellent Girl was by another classy Aussie sprinter, Exceed and Excel. Excellent Girl won over 10 furlongs on heavy ground at Saint-Cloud but her best offspring have been 6- to 8-furlong horses. Can Easter win the San Marcos? If he runs back to his very best he will win it with ease, if he runs back to his second best form he is the one to beat and if he runs to around 110 once more he will hit the board.

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**TRULY QUALITY** is the likely favorite. So consistent and reliable through the second half of his 2024 campaign, he will probably be tough again in the San Marcos, though cutting back in distance, from wins over 11 and 12 furlongs, is not ideal. Stamina is his forte, so he would probably like a strong pace here. That said, he did close into a slow pace when winning the Singspiel Stakes at Woodbine two starts back. He went from that win to more success in the 12-furlong Hollywood Turf Cup, a race he also took with a strong run from off the pace, beating Balnikhov by half a length, with **NINEELEVENTURBO** third, **DIVIN PROPOS** fifth and **DICEY MO CHARA** second last in the nine-runner field. Although Truly Quality has been successful when coming from way back he does not have to be ridden that way. In fact, it was probably not how his jockey Vincent Cheminaud had planned it, when Truly Quality had a bumpy start from the widest gate and ended up some 10 to 12 lengths off the pace in the Singspiel. The son of Quality Road had raced very close to the early pace when winning the 12-furlong Colonial Cup on his preceding start (beat Webslinger with ease) and it's likely that Cheminaud will decide to ride him closer to the leaders this time. Something that could actually contribute to the San Marcos getting an honest pace.

**NINEELEVENTURBO** is also in with a chance on his best form but this 8yo has become rather inconsistent. He ran to **Globeform 108** (good enough to hit the board here) when beaten just a head by Irish Aces in the Tapit Stakes over an extended mile at Kentucky Downs in August, then flopped badly in the Carey Memorial at Hawthorne, before bouncing back to 108 again to take third to **TRULY QUALITY** in the Hollywood Turf Cup over 12 furlongs at Del Mar, only to run second last a long way behind Johannes in the San Gabriel Stakes at Santa Anita in December. Three of Nineelevanturbo's five wins have come at Santa Anita, so that's a plus, but he has also been second / third no fewer than 12 times in his 26-race career. He has been highly tried a few times though, and this stat may not mean that he's not interested in going past rivals at the finish.

**THERE GOES HARVARD** enjoyed the run of the race almost as much as the winner when taking advantage of the slow pace to finish a length second to Cabo Spirit in the John Henry Turf Championship over this course and distance in September - but he ran to the same level (GF 110) when tenth in the Breeders' Cup Turf (that's how much better the B Cup races are) and there's every chance that he can hit the board here.

**CONCLUSION:** Even with just ten runners this edition of the San Marcos should be an interesting betting race. Truly Quality will be poor value and he could be vulnerable over this distance, Divin Propos has looked like a graded stakes winner in the making; things need to fall just right for him for that to happen; this is a good spot and let's take a shot at him. Easter is Easter, he will come charging late and he is a danger, while Atitlan (a half-brother to Hollywood Turf Cup winner Astronaut) and Lord Bullingdon (a fairly exposed sort who is now a gelding) represent last year's Californian 3yo division; a division that was rather weak. Let's toss them both out.

## GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

<b>A</b>	<b>7 DIVIN PROPOS</b>
<b>B</b>	6 TRULY QUALITY, 8 EASTER
<b>C</b>	2 THERE GOES HARVARD, 4 NINEELEVENTURBO

**Truly Quality / Hollywood Turf Cup:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FvnxtD18tzs&t=360s>  
*3rd Nineelevanturbo, 5th Divin Propos, 8th Dickey My Chara*

**Divin Propos / Del Mar Allowance:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EZGxHAUzCkA&t=256s>

**Easter 4th / Seabiscuit Stakes:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Duw1f7z0B1U&t=182s>

**Easter / San Gabriel Stakes 2023:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MJwCUGiRC7U>

**There Goes Harvard 2nd / John Henry Turf Champ.:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SnIDXjiqkuk>