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## GLOBEFORM RANKING

### THE VERY ONE STAKES (G3) 11 fur Turf Gulfstream Park, Sat Feb 28

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	9	NO SHOW SAMMY JO 2nd	111	99 - 111 - 108	Motion / Ruiz
(-1)	2	JUST BASKING Won: 13-1 Exacta: 62-1	110	84 - 88 - 110	Wilkes / Castellano
4p	1	GALLANT GRETA	105p	95 - 97+ 105p	Maker / L Saez
5	3	VENENCIA	108	106 - 92 - 108	Joseph Jr / Gaffalione
8	4	CANDY QUEST 4yo *	103	103 - 100 - 103	M Casse / I Ortiz Jr
11	5	FOR FLYING GF 100 in Sep & Oct '25	100	87 - 97 - 86 - 100	Motion / Egan
12	7	FANTASY PERFORMER	97	91 - 97 - 92	Gambolati / Maragh
14	8	LOVE SONG 4yo *	97	94 - 97 - 84	Stidham / Velazquez
19	6	DONA CLOTA	92	92 - 92	Joseph Jr / Prat

\* Globeform weight-for-age 4yo vs. older 11 furlongs, late February: 2lbs

### Most recent winners of The Very One

2025	BEACH BOMB	GF 109p	Graham Motion	Luis Saez
2024	R CALLI KIM	GF 112p	Brendan Walsh	Tyler Gaffalione
2023	MYLADY	GF 111	Chad Brown	Edgar Zayas
2022	VIRGINIA JOY	GF 110	Chad Brown	Irada Ortiz Jr
2021	ANTOINETTE	GF 110	William Mott	Jose L Ortiz
2020	ELIZABETH WAY	GF 107	Roger Attfield	Paco Lopez

Average winning Globeform: 109.8

## GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

**NO SHOW SAMMY JO**, who had been so good on her preceding start, disappointed when only seventh in the Christophe Clement Stakes over 12 furlongs at Gulfstream Park in January. She made a good move coming into the home straight but it petered out fairly quickly and she was beaten almost five lengths behind Speed Shopper. Having run to **Globeform 111** in the Via Borghese Stakes over 11 furlongs here in December, she returned no more than GF 99 in the Clement. The pedestrian pace was a big factor that day. Can she bounce back here? She is the clear number one on ratings, the distance is right and she likes this course; but we might see another race with moderate fractions - something that would not be ideal. Hopefully it will not be as slow as it was in the Clement, where the leaders went 24.7 - 50.2 - 1.15.0 and the mile was covered in 1.40.5, compared to 1.35.3 in the Via Borghese. That is a massive difference; equaling about 25 lengths. No Show Sammy Jo needs a test of stamina and it was a run to forget.

The daughter of Lope de Vega was impressive when winning the Via Borghese and if she gets back to that level she will be hard to beat. Ridden confidently for a strong off-the-pace kick coming into the home straight, she won unchallenged by 5 3/4 lengths from **GALLANT GRETA**, who made up a lot of ground from far back to get second. Gallant Greta, who produced **Globeform 105p** with an impressive allowance win back in November, also ran in the Christophe Clement, and finished ninth - like No Show Sammy Jo compromised by the slow pace. There's not a strong front runner in this field but it has three horses that have done well when racing prominently in the past; Venencia, For Flying and Fantasy Performer. This gives hope that we will see at least an honest pace, but by no means a guarantee.

**VENENCIA**, who came back to form close to her best when running fourth in the Christophe Clement Stakes over 12 furlongs at Gulfstream Park in January (with **NO SHOW SAMMY JO** and **GALLANT GRETA** behind her), could become the lone speed and a big danger to all in this contest. The Clement was her second start for Saffie Joseph Jr and it was a much better effort than her tiring sixth in the Via Borghese (when she clearly needed the run after a two-month break and a barn switch). Trained by Chad Brown when she ran a close third behind Ready for Shirl and Gimme a Nother in the 9-furlong Canadian Stakes at Woodbine last July (finished well after being given an ill judged ride), she was with Brendan Walsh when producing a career best **Globeform 108** to win the Dowager Stakes over 12 furlongs at Keeneland three months later. Venencia raced in the first two throughout on that occasion, the pace was really slow and she beat South African G2 winner Bless My Stars easily by 2 3/4 lengths over the yielding turf course. The forecast calls for thunderstorms around Gulfstream Park on Saturday, and any rain would not be a concern for Venencia's connections, though she acts just as well on firm ground. She was bought her for \$250,000 at the Keeneland November Sale last year. The first reward may come this weekend.

**JUST BASKING** sits high on the ranking based on her good form in 2024, when she won the Iowa Oaks and was a good third to Power Squeeze, who beat Candied by a head. Just Basking checked in just a length behind them and earned **Globeform 110**. She has raced just twice since though, once on turf and once of dirt; both efforts were way below her good 3yo form. Her distant third to Senza Parole over a mile at the Gulfstream main track in January wasn't all that inspiring. Could she become a good turf horse? If she regains her form, then why not. She is a half-sister to Kilwin, who won the Untapable Stakes on turf at two but did even better when taking the Test Stakes on dirt at three. Another sibling, One Timer, has been one of the best turf sprinters around the last three seasons. Kilwin and One Timer are both speedy; neither would ever be considered for an 11-furlong race. Their dam Spanish Star never ran but the second dam, La Gran Bailadora, was a G3 winner over 8.5 furlongs on the artificial track at Turfway Park. She is better known as the dam of Sir Winston, who won the 12-furlong Belmont Stakes.

**CANDY QUEST** has performed to **Globeform 103** twice; when beaten just half a length by G1 winner Fionn in the Dueling Grounds Oaks over 10.5 furlongs at Kentucky Downs last September and when beaten 2 1/2 lengths by Aussie Girl in the 8.5-furlong Endeavour Stakes at Tampa Bay Downs in January. In between these two runs she was a respectable fifth to Lush Lips in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes over 9 furlongs at Keeneland. A daughter of Connect out of mile winner Candy Crush, Candy Quest has always raced like filly in search of a proper stamina test. Whether she gets that here is another matter but she will stay 11 furlongs and she might improve aged four. She fits in well as a Trifecta contender.

**CONCLUSION:** The pace make the race. Here we have a contest where a strong pace (which seems unlikely) would make the first two home in the Via Borgese, No Show Sammy Jo and Gallant Greta, come to the fore; while a moderate to slow pace (which seems more likely) will make this a difficult task for both. With rain in the forecast a slow pace scenario is even more probable. That suits Venencia - she could even become the lone speed. Set to carry the same weight as No Show Sammy Jo, and 4lbs more than Gallant Greta, she is only third on the ranking (on recent form) - but there's not too much in it and tactical advantage counts for a lot in races like this. So let's go with Venencia to take this year's Very One. A win bet on her plus a 24-line Trifecta plan with her as 1st or 2nd combined with the four underneath in the selections box is tempting.

Just Basking is the joker in the pack. She had been off for 10 months when well below par on her return but her back class is there for all to see. Putting her in an 11-furlong turf race smells of experimenting, but the Alabama is always a stamina test so the distance is hardly going to be an issue. **WON AT 13-1**

## GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

<b>A</b>	<b>3 VENENCIA</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>9 NO SHOW SAMMY JO</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>1 GALLANT GRETA, 2 JUST BASKING, 4 CANDY QUEST</b>

**No Show Sammy Jo / Via Borgese Stakes:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-0rAjBgNgHU>  
2nd Gallant Greta 6th Venencia

**Venencia 4th / Christophe Clement Stakes:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wDHQqw8c8Fc>  
7th No Show Sammy Jo 9th Gallant Greta

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

**Just Basking 3rd / Alabama Stakes '24:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=awkM78YV0T8>

**Candy Quest 2nd / Dueling Grounds Oaks:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eVbFd4HKkDo>



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