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GLOBEFORM RANKING

MUNIZ MEMORIAL CLASSIC (G2) 9 fur Turf, Fair Grounds, March 21, 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)					
(-3) 0+ / 2	7	PROGRAM TRADING <i>GF 113+ in Oct '25</i> <i>GF 116 in May '24</i>	(116) 113+ / 111	111 - 110+ 113+	Brown / Prat
0 / 6	1	CHASING THE CROWN <i>GF 113 in Jan & Aug '25</i>	113 / 107	107 - 102+ 91	Maker / Loveberry
3	4	LAGYNOS <i>GF 114 also in Aug '25</i>	114	114 - 106 - 103	Asmussen / J L Ortiz
6	5	TOM'S MAGIC	109	106 - 109 - 103	Stidham / L Saez
8p	2	MONTADOR	109p	109p - 104p - 102	Stidham / Gaffalione
10	3	IDRATHERBEBLESSED <i>GF 107 also in Muniz Mem. '25</i>	107	101 - 98 - 107	Hartman / Pedroza
20	6	FABER <i>GF 92 turf in Sep '25</i> <i>GF 93 dirt in Sep '25</i>	93	90 - 89 - ?	Scherer / Geroux

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 Muniz Memorial

2025	IDRATHERBEBLESSED	GF 107	Chris Hartman	Ben Curtis
2024	I'M VERY BUSY	GF 116p	Chad Brown	Irada Ortiz Jr
2023	SPOOKY CHANNEL	GF 113	Jason Barkley	Joel Rosario
2022	TWO EMMYS	GF 115	Hugh Robertson	James Graham
2021	COLONEL LIAM	GF 119p	Todd Pletcher	Irada Ortiz Jr
2020	FACTOR THIS	GF 117	Brad Cox	Shaun Bridgmohan

Average winning Globeform: 114.5



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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

PROGRAM TRADING failed to fire when favorite for the 9-furlong Pegasus World Cup Turf at Gulfstream Park in January, but he still ran respectably to finish fifth 1 1/2 lengths behind Test Score. The performance was worth GF 111, a fair bit below what he was capable of as a 4yo but not far off his best form last year. Ideally suited by this distance, he must have a winning chance in the Muniz. He rounded a three-race campaign off by running tenth after a troubled run in the Breeders' Cup Mile last year, beaten 5 1/4 lengths behind top class miler Notable Speech. Program Trading returned GF 110+ at the Breeders' Cup, while his run prior was worth GF 113+. That was when he tried a mile for the first time in his 'stop-start' career; he was second 3/4 length behind Rhetorical in the Coolmore Mile at Keeneland in October (Rhetorical ran fourth in the BC Mile). Tackling a distance that is a bit too short for him, Program Trading ran much as could be expected at Keeneland; staying on late but running out of ground when trying to deliver a challenge.

He won the 9-furlong Turf Classic at Churchill Downs in '24, taking the race off a five-month break since winning the Hollywood Derby in '23. He raced prominently throughout and beat Naval Power by a head. Improving to **Globeform 116** in the process, the son of Lope de Vega looked set for more success but he ended up sidelined once again after running fifth in the Manhattan at Saratoga a month later - this time keeping him out of action for almost 15 months. He comes off a layoff yet again this weekend. The break is not necessarily a worry - but this race is unlikely to be a main target for his connections and Program Trading may not be fully fit. In addition, there's the risk of a slow to moderate pace, which would not suit him.

CHASING THE CROWN was also unplaced in the Pegasus World Cup Turf, beaten 3 1/4 lengths in fifth place behind Test Score. Having run third in the race in 2025, he lost his form late in the season but he returned GF 107 in this year's Pegasus Turf - an indication that he may be rounding back into form. There has been some progress in his last three starts. The first of those was a dull race when he returned from a nine-week break in the River City Stakes at Churchill Downs in November. Never in the hunt, he passed the winning post with six horses in front of him, more than ten lengths behind our 12-1 winner Wolfie's Dynaghost. Chasing the Crown ran much better when meeting that rival again in the Fort Lauderdale at Gulfstream Park in December; on that day he was beaten 3 1/2 lengths in fifth place (without being given a hard time by his rider once his winning chance had gone). The Pegasus Turf performance a month later was another step in the right direction.

His good run in the 2025 Pegasus World Cup Turf was no fluke and we should not give up on this 7yo son of Skipshot. The Mike Maker trainee ran just four times last year, and on both of his first two outings he produced **Globeform 113** - which is his career best. Going off at 64-1 he overcame a wide post and finished strongly from off the pace to reach the winning post 1 1/2 lengths behind Spirit of St. Louis in the Pegasus Turf. Spirit of St. Louis went on to win the Turf Classic at Churchill Downs, and Chasing the Crown confirmed his form by winning an competitive handicap over a mile at Kentucky Downs, where he beat Lambeth by half a length while spotting him 4lbs. Chasing the Crown came from well off the pace in last year's Pegasus and he was ridden from just off the pace at Kentucky Downs. Drawn by the rail, he should get a ground saving trip in this 9-furlong contest, but there's not much pace signed on and a slow fractions would not be ideal. >>

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LAGYNOS comes here on the back of an impressive performance in the Fair Grounds Stakes in February, like the Muniz Memorial contested over this 9-furlong trip. Facing a group of in-form, solid rivals he was given an efficient 'just off the pace' ride by Jose Ortiz, and quickened up smartly to win by 2 1/4 lengths from **MONTADOR**, who meets him again here. Kupuna, who had beaten Lagynos by 1 1/4 lengths in the Colonel Bradley four weeks earlier, checked in third in the Fair Grounds. Lagynos ran to **Globeform 114**, the same mark he had achieved when taking the Tapit Stakes over an extended mile at Kentucky Downs last August. The son of Kantharos improved on his previous form as he ran out an easy 5 1/4-length winner from Ohana Honor in the Tapit. Breaking well from the outside post in a nine-runner field, Lagynos was always prominent and he dominated in the home stretch. The further he went the better he looked, and the win made him favorite for the Mint Millions over the same course nine days later. He put up another good performance in the big race, but he had to settle for second, 2 lengths behind Epic Ride. A two-month break led to the River City at Churchill Downs - where he was third to Wolfie's Dynaghost -, then a similar rest before the Colonel Bradley. Lagynos had a hard campaign last year but his recent win showed that he is a tough and hardy horse who can cope with these challenges. The G2 / G3 level turf events for older horses are often very competitive heats, and Lagynos is just the type for this program. In top form, well drawn and with tactical speed to deal with any pace scenario, he is a strong candidate for the Muniz Memorial.

Factor This (2020) is the last winner of the Fair Grounds Stakes and the Muniz Memorial Stakes the same season and this double has also been done in recent years by Synchrony (2018), Enterprising (2017), Chocolate Ride (2015), Blue Street (2010) and Mystery Giver (2004).

TOM'S MAGIC was bit below par when runner-up to Quatrocento in the Tampa Bay Stakes over 8.5 furlongs in late January, but the winner was very strong on a loose lead that day, and Tom's Magic was a game second, albeit 3 3/4 lengths behind the impressive winner. He beat Win for the Money by a neck to get the place. Tom's Magic ran his best race to date to be a close second in the Hollywood Derby over 9 furlongs at Del Mar in November, a month after his win in the 12-furlong Breeders' Stakes at Woodbine.

A big, scopey son of Justify he may be a horse whose 3yo form will turn out having been a bonus. His 2025 season was productive indeed. Rather an unlucky loser when second in the prestigious King's Plate over 10 furlongs on the Tapeta track at Woodbine, he made amends when beating Borealis Trail by a head (in full control) in the Breeders' Stakes. His runner-up that day won the Ontario Derby on his subsequent outing, beating Mansetti, who made all for the win when Tom's Magic came from way too far back in the King's Plate. Tom's Magic's run in the Hollywood Derby was even better; he was beaten just a neck by Salamis, with Test Score a neck behind him in third place. That form has worked out well; Test Score won the Pegasus World Cup Turf last week, the fourth placed Tempus Volat ran second in the Mathis Mile at Santa Anita in December and Kokosan, who was fifth in the Hollywood Derby, was a 5 1/4-length maiden winner next time out. Tom's Magic improved to **Globeform 109** at Del Mar and he could improve again this year. >>>

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MONTADOR meets **LAGYNOS**, who beat him by 2 1/4 lengths in the Fair Grounds Stakes, at level weights once more; and based on ratings he is up against it when it comes to closing that gap. Improving to **Globeform 109p**, he did not have the smoothest of trips though and, unlike most of his Muniz Memorial rivals, this well bred son of Nyquist is open to improvement. He has been climbing steadily up the ratings ladder in his last four starts, returning GF 100p, GF 102, GF 104p and Globeform 109p. It's very likely that he will produce even better form this season; potentially already in this race. He was ridden just off the pace when winning the Woodchopper Stakes by 4 1/4 lengths over 8.5 furlongs in December (with **FABER** a distant third), and Montador's running style was similar in the Fair Grounds Stakes.

IDRATHERBEBLESSED improved to **Globeform 107** when taking this race by going gate to wire at a slow pace last year and he produced the same figure when winning the Diliberto Memorial over 8.5 furlongs at this track in December; setting a much better the pace and keeping on gamely to beat Kupuna by 3/4 length. Kupuna gained revenge as they met again in the Colonel Bradley Stakes a four weeks later; winning that contest by 1 1/4 lengths from **LAGYNOS**, with Idratherbebled a well beaten seventh. Idratherbebled didn't run much better when ninth to **LAGYNOS** in the Fair Grounds Stakes another four weeks into the winter, and he is up against it in his attempt at winning the Muniz back-to-back.

CONCLUSION: Lagynos has an obvious chance; he has never been better than in his last race, and he can become another to complete the Fair Grounds Stakes / Muniz Memorial Stakes double. However, he has to give 4lbs to Program Trading, and that could prove difficult. If Program Trading runs back to his best form of last year (GF 113), well, then Lagynos will need GF 117 to match strides with the Chad Brown runner. Thus, it's not hard to side with Program Trading either, but this isn't quite that simple. While Lagynos has clearly been pointed at these winter / spring Fair Grounds races and is in top shape, Program Trading probably comes here in order to get a run under his belt before he steps back up to G1 events like the Turf Classic on Kentucky Derby Day and the Manhattan on Belmont day. Those are his main targets and he might not be at peak fitness as we are still in March. Another factor is that a (likely) moderate pace will not inconvenience Lagynos all that much. The Asmussen candidate gets the vote in this office. Chasing the Crown, Montador and Tom's Magic have about an equal chance; and a low cost Trifecta plan must be to us Lagynos as the winner with Program Trading 2nd / 3rd with those three included. That's just 6 lines and the back-up ticket can be a 3-liner with Program Trading to win from Lagynos with the other three in third spot.

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A	4 LAGYNOS WON
B	7 PROGRAM TRADING 3rd
C	1 CHASING THE CROWN, 2 MONTADOR, 5 TOM'S MAGIC 2nd
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Program Trading 5th / Pegasus World Cup Turf: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0m_FDsdPfAY
7th Chasing the Crown

Program Trading 2nd / Coolmore Turf Mile: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JS78kfCPjxE>

Lagynos / Fair Grounds Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QZ2wKRJrsfo>
2nd Montador

Lagynos 2nd / Col. Bradley Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ORYmSafeLs0>

Montador / Woodchopper Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Twp30e2u7EA>

Chasing the Crown / Hcap, Kentucky Downs: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VBoBSrKD5pk>

Chasing the Crown 3rd / Pegasus World Cup Turf '25: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=klgUMaM-gqA>

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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 / Caffalione

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What is the difference between rating figures with "p" and "+"?
Notice these differences in the ratings columns for some horses.

When "p" is being used it means that the horse produced a new career best and was given a "plus", denoting that improvement can be expected. When a "+" is being used it means that better than this can be expected next time out, but that the rating the horse ran to on this day was not a new career best (it was either equal to his previous best or below his previous best).