

Globeform's Pegasus World Cup Special '26

Previews and ratings by Geir Stabell



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GLOBEFORM RANKING

PEGASUS WORLD CUP (G1), 9 fur dirt, Gulfstream Park, January 24

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 / 16	11	WHITE ABARRO GF 130 Pegasus W Cup '25	130 / 114	103+ 114 - 111	Joseph Jr / I Ortiz Jr
7p	1	DISCO TIME	123p	123p - 114p - 104p	Cox / Prat
8 / 12+	3	FULL SERRANO GF 122 B Cup Dirt Mile '24	122 / 118+	97 - 112+ 118+	Sadler / Rosario
11	9	CAPTAIN COOK	119	100 - 119 - 113p	Pletcher / Velazquez
11 / 15	4	BANISHING GF 115 Jun, Jul & Aug '25 GF 119 Mar, Apr & May '25	119 / 115	114 - 93 - 109	Jacobson / J L Ortiz
13	5	SKIPPYLONGSTOCKING GF 117 also in Mar '25, Apr '24 & Aug '24	117	117 - 0 - 98 - 116	Joseph Jr / Gaffalione
15	6	MADAKET ROAD	115	103 - 106 - 115	Baffert / M Smith
17p	7	TAPPAN STREET	113p	99+ / 113p - 102p	Joseph / L Saez
20	12	BROTHA KENY	110	100+ 106 - 110	D'Angelo / Castellano
21	10	MIKA	109	109 - 107p - 103p	Maker / M Franco
22	8	POSTER	108	108 - 103 - 97	Harty / Alvarado
24	2	BRITISH ISLES GF 106 in July '25	106	106 - 105 - 90	Baltas / Herrera
23	13	LIGHTNING TONES AE1	107	107 - 97 - 100	Castro / Morelos
24	14	CATALYTIC AE2 GF 106 in July 2024	106 / 100	100 - 0 - 85 - 100	Sano / TBA

Most recent winners of the Pegasus World Cup

2025	WHITE ABARRO	GF 130	Saffie Joseph Jr	Irad Ortiz Jr
2024	NATIONAL TREASURE	GF 120	Bob Baffert	Flavien Prat
2023	ART COLLECTOR	GF 125	William Mott	Junior Alvarado
2022	LIFE IS GOOD	GF 127	Todd Pletcher	Irad Ortiz Jr
2021	KNICKS GO	GF 124	Brad Cox	Joel Rosario
2020	MUCHO GUSTO	GF 120	Bob Baffert	Irad Ortiz Jr

Average winning Globeform: 124.3

GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

WHITE ABARRO comes into the race off what appears to have been a less than satisfactory preparation. Having been a vet gate scratch at the Breeders' Cup and scratched from the Mr. Prospector Stakes four weeks ago, he has not raced since late August, when he was one of the sufferers in the terrible scrimmaging coming out of the gates in the Jockey Club Gold Cup at Aqueduct. His recent works; somewhat soft; have been well publicized elsewhere but this service is not about assessing works. Let's just note that his preparation this time does not resemble what happened 12 months ago, when White Abarrio was a most impressive winner of the Pegasus World Cup.

It was a proper, top class performance. Outclassing Locked and **SKIPPYLONGSTOCKING**, who both came back with solid wins to frank the form next time out, he ran to a career best **Globeform 130**. Winning the race comfortably by 6 1/4 lengths, White Abarrio showed that he was back to his best. He followed up with a smooth odds-on win in the 8.5-furlong Ghostzapper Stakes in late March, getting a prep for the Met Mile at Saratoga in early June; where things did not go so well. For whatever reason (he looked light in the preliminaries), he did not fire at all that day; the sloppy track may also have played its part. He finished fourth, beaten 5 1/4 lengths behind gate to wire winner Raging Torrent, who took the race by 2 1/2 lengths from Fierceness. Two months later, White Abarrio and Fierceness ran fourth and fifth to Sierra Leone in the Whitney Stakes. Next up was the Jockey Club Gold Cup over 10 furlongs at the same venue. A strong field of eight was assembled but Phileas Fogg, who veered soon after the gates opened, wiped four of them out virtually before they got going. Mindframe lost his rider, while White Abarrio was one of those badly hampered. He managed to get up to good position but tired and finished fifth, 8 lengths behind the winner Antiquarian (and moved up to fourth by the Stewards). The Jockey Club Gold Cup is a race to forget. White Abarrio, winner of the Breeders' Cup Classic in 2023, is obviously much better than that result suggests, but the worry with this horse is also obvious; is he ready for a big run this week? Most players will want to include him in all bets, while the braver players will leave him out. Given that it's quite possible that he can run 10 to 12 pounds (i.e. 5 to 6 lengths) below his career best and still hit the board, White Abarrio is not going to be tossed in this office. After all, he has won 8 of his 10 races here at Gulfstream Park.

DISCO TIME, who is unbeaten in five starts, looked potentially top class when winning the Dwyer Stakes over a mile at Aqueduct in November. He had just three to beat and he was a hot favorite, but the son of Not This Time could hardly have been more impressive as he strolled home to win by 9 3/4 lengths from Crudo, who was second 5 lengths in front of Tip Top Thomas. Crudo had a bit of a mixed campaign, also trying turf, but let's not forget how easily he won when taking the Sir Barton Stakes on Preakness day at Pimlico back in May. Tip Top Thomas, like Crudo a Todd Pletcher trainee, went into the Dwyer off of wins in the Indiana Derby and the Smarty Jones Stakes at Parx. Disco Time met decent horses in the Dwyer; they were not the types he is to face in the Pegasus World Cup, but he absolutely trounced them. Winning with more up his sleeve while conceding weight, he carried his speed strongly to the wire and earned **Globeform 123p** in the process. Another step up - which seems likely - will make him the one to beat in the Pegasus. Having won the 8.5-furlong Lecomte Stakes from well off the pace while racing over a sloppy Fair Grounds track at the beginning of 2025, Disco Time seems both very talented and versatile. He raced in the first two throughout in the Dwyer Stakes and he made all when beating Hypnus comfortably by 5 1/2 lengths in the St. Louis Derby at Fairmount Park in September (after an eight-month break). Covering 9 furlongs will be a first for Disco Time and we don't know that he will stay this trip but he had plenty of energy when passing the winning post in the Dwyer and the chances are that the Pegasus distance won't be a problem. His sire, the highly successful Not This Time, has given us top class runners from 6 to 10 furlongs (on dirt and turf), while his dam, Disco Chick, was a stakes quality sprinter with 10 wins to her name. She has also produced Bright Spark (Arrogate), a seven-time winner who was successful over 9 furlongs. >>>

FORT LAUDERDALE WEATHER FORECAST

Thu 22	78°/69°		Showers	◇ 40%
Fri 23	80°/70°		Partly Cloudy	◇ 16%
Sat 24	81°/71°		Partly Cloudy	◇ 20%
Sun 25	83°/72°		Partly Cloudy	◇ 7%

FULL SERRANO disappointed badly when fifth of eight in the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile at Del Mar in November, but it has since been reported that he was unsound after the race - so perhaps we should simply draw a line through that result. He won the 2024 edition of the Dirt Mile and was well fancied as he tried to defend his title, but early speed petered out and in the end he was beaten 12 1/4 lengths behind Nysos, who who a photo finish against Nevada Beach, who had beaten Full Serrano by 1 1/2 lengths when winning the 9-furlong Goodwood Stakes at Santa Anita in September. Full Serrano seemed to run out of stamina in the Goodwood, having won well over a mile on his comeback at Del Mar four weeks earlier. He made a pleasing return to racing action after a lengthy break when taking an allowance race hard held at Del Mar. It was his first run since the 2024 Breeders' Cup, and he made useful runners like American Admiral and Packs a Wahlop look like cheap claimers, beating them very comfortably by 7 1/4 lengths and a neck. The way he won suggested that he might be every bit as good as he was when he won at the Breeders' Cup ten months earlier, when he beat Post Time readily by 1 1/2 lengths and recorded **Globeform 122**. That figure makes Full Serrano one of the best horses going into the Pegasus, so he should be respected, especially from his favorable post 3. The worry is the distance, as he appears to be a natural miler. The son of turf miler Full Mast did finish second in the 10-furlong Pacific Classic in '24, but that was a half-length loss against Mixto in a weak field; and the performance was worth no more than GF 110.

TAPPAN STREET looked a serious Kentucky Derby contender when he won the Florida Derby over this course and distance last March, but injury ruled him out for the best part of the rest of the season. Making only his third start - and coming off a second in the Holy Bull Stakes - he improved markedly to beat Sovereignty by 1 1/4 lengths, with Neoqueos 2 3/4 lengths further aadrift in third place. Sovereignty does not need an introduction to **Globeform** subscribers; he went on to become the star of the season and will probably be crowned Horse of The Year at the Eclipse Award. However, he was given an easy race in the Florida Derby and Neoqueos is not a G1 caliber horse. Perhaps it's unwise to simply assume that Tappan Street is a top class performer, but running to **Globeform 113p** so early in the career is a bit rare, so he must be respected. The son of Into Mischief is open to improvement and we know that he likes this trip. His comeback win was a bit workmanlike though, as he had to dig deep to beat Steppe by a length as the 1-10 favorite in a mile allowance heat at Gulfstream Park in December. That performance was worth no more than GF 99+ and Tappan Street probably needed the race pretty badly after a long break. Steppe, a fairly consistent allowance runner on this circuit, was taken off in an equine ambulance after the race. Flying Liam, who was third 3 1/4 lengths behind Tappan Street while giving him 3lbs, was coming off a win in a \$25,000 claimer. So, yes, there are good reasons to dislike Tappan Street's return to racing action. While at the same time there's no reason not to like his Florida Derby performance.

CAPTAIN COOK is a fascinating contender representing the Pletcher barn. At first glance he seems like a misfit in a 9-furlong race and perhaps he is, but bookmakers offering 33-1 and bigger should get some each-way players interested. True, his best form has come over 7 furlongs but Captain Cook, like Disco Time, is a young horse who might improve and he did succeed in the 9-furlong Wither Stakes at Aqueduct in February last year (when trained by Richard Dutrow). That event was a far cry from a G1 but at least we know that Captain Cook is not a runner stepping markedly up in distance for the first time. After the Withers win, he was a well beaten fourth in the Wood Memorial, then third in the Peter Pan Stakes at Aqueduct; those races are also over nine panels. Pletcher turned him into sprinter though and Captain Cook ran a big race when beaten just a nose by Patch Adams in the H Allen Jerkens Memorial over 7 furlongs at Saratoga in August. Arguably the best 3yo sprinter around at the time, Patch Adams just got the better of him as they hit the line, while Barnes was third 1 1/2 lengths behind them. Patch Adams had previously won the Woody Stephens Stakes and Barnes went on to impress in the Perryville Stakes at Keeneland in the fall. There were some strong names also further down the chart of the Jerkens Memorial, in which Captain Cook was prominent all the way, kept on gamely at the finish and improved to **Globeform 119**. He had one more run in '25, finishing second 8 1/4 lengths behind Branes at Keeneland in October. Captain Cook looked very flat on that occasion and he was probably ready for a break. Could this son of Practical Joke sneak into the Trifecta in the Pegasus? It will probably depend a lot on the pace and there's so much of it in this field, so Captain Cook's task is not going to be easy; *if* all the speed turns up that is; sometimes races loaded with speed do not get a hot pace, as riders are wary of getting involved in a detrimental scenario. The best we can do with this horse is to include at him at least to some extent in our Trifecta plan. >>>

BANISHING's 2025-season was quite remarkable. Four wins, six other top three finishes and \$1.6 million in earnings ain't bad for a horse bought for \$80,000 in July 2024. Having been very good all the way from January through August, he was way below par in the Breeders' Cup Sprint at Del Mar, where he beat just two home, but bounced back with a good run to take second behind Roll On Big Joe in the 6-furlong Ring the Bell Stakes at Oaklawn Park in December.

After taking a minor event and running a close second in the Razorback at Oaklawn Park in January / February, Banishing stepped right up to the top of the podium in the Oaklawn Mile, beating the favorite Saudi Crown readily by a length while giving him 5lbs. Saudi Crown went on to beat Mystik Dan in the Lake Ouachita Stakes next time out. Next up for Banishing was the 9-furlong Oaklawn Handicap. Was the trip going to stretch his stamina? Not really, because he ran to the same rating as in the Mile - **Globeform 119** - and the reason he had to settle for second was that he met a better horse in First Mission. Banishing had subsequent Hollywood Gold Cup winner **SKIPPYLONGSTOCKING** 5 3/4 lengths behind him in third place though, so there's no way one can say he did not see out the trip. Nine furlongs suits him just fine but his two easy wins over 6.5 furlongs at Churchill Downs in the summer proved that he can sprint too (though GF 115 was enough to win both). Banishing is a really likable horse and his best ratings say that he is a possible Trifecta horse in the Pegasus World Cup, but this event could prove to be a bridge too far. He ran well, but not up to his best, last time out and sooner or later his hard 2025-campaign will take its toll; even on an iron horse like him.

SKIPPYLONGSTOCKING is an incredible horse. Having his 35th start, he produced his career best, **Globeform 117**, yet again when beating **POSTER** by a head in the 8.5-furlong Harlan's Holiday Stakes at Gulfstream Park in December. Conceding 8lbs to his runner-up, Skippylongstocking responded gamely when coming under pressure and he turned a foe that looked like a winner when throwing down a challenge coming down the lane. Skippylongstocking was ridden from just off the pace but he is just as effective when put on the lead. He was returning to action after a 17-week break since the Charles Town Classic in August, when he ran too bad to be true and was eased right down to be distant last. Something must have been amiss with him. The son of Exaggerator was off the work tabs for 11 weeks afterwards. His run prior to the Charles Town Classic was also well below his true form, though at least it was in hot company; he was seventh of nine behind Sierra Leone in the Whitney Stakes at Saratoga. "Skippy" enjoyed an excellent first half of 2025. His most important success came when he stretched successfully out to 10 furlongs to capture the Hollywood Gold Cup at Santa Anita in late May. Ridden positively against over-matched rivals, he kept on finding when it was needed and prevailed by three parts of a length from Midnight Mammoth, who won the Cougar Stakes in '24 and was coming off a wide margin allowance win. The two were well clear and ratings showed that Skippylongstocking wasn't far off his previous best. He has run to **Globeform 117** a few times, including when winning the Challenger Stakes (for a third time) over 8.5 furlongs at Tampa Bay Downs in March, after having been a good third in the Pegasus World Cup over 9 furlongs at Gulfstream Park in January. He was 6 1/2 lengths behind his top class barnmate **WHITE ABARRO** 12 months ago but lost second by just a neck to Locked, who powered home by a wide margin in the Santa Anita Handicap five weeks later. Skippylongstocking's win over this track just over a month ago proved that he retains his enthusiasm and ability, and he is a Trifecta contender here.

MADAKET ROAD stepped in as Bob Baffert's contender when his barnmate, Malibu Stakes winner Goal Oriented, was ruled out (retired to stud) and it's hard to get excited about this shipper. Beaten 5 1/4 lengths into fourth place in the seven-runner Malibu, Madaket Road was well below his best at Santa Anita, as he had been also when 5-lengths fifth to Patch Adams (who beat **CAPTAIN COOK** by a nose) in the H Allen Jerkens at Saratoga in August. Those races are over 7 furlongs but that has actually proved to be his best distance; the son of Quality Road improved to **Globeform 115** when beaten 2 1/4 lengths in second behind Patch Adams over seven in the Woody Stephens Stakes at Saratoga back in June. Note that the Woody Stephens was run over a muddy track and that the Pat Day Mile at Churchill Downs, where Madaket Road was a respectable second, was run over a sloppy track.

BROTHA KENY improved to **Globeform 110** when going gate to wire in the Bourbon Fleet Stakes over 9.5 furlongs at Churchill Downs in September but he had just two to beat and the rating must be treated as provisional. He returned GF 106 in fourth place against stakes quality older horses in October, and needed no more than GF 100+ when winning the Zia Park Derby in late November, his most recent start. >>>

MIKA came close to giving us a nice 14-1 payout when he was the recommended value best in the Cigar Mile at Aqueduct in December. Well in at the weights after two very easy wins in lesser company, he tried to make all but was caught late and beaten a neck by Bishops Bay. Mika improved to **Globeform 109** in the Cigar. He will need much better form to figure in the Pegasus, where he will also be up against as far as distance and the likely pace scenario goes.

POSTER improved to **Globeform 108** when beaten just a head by **SKIPPYLONGSTOCKING** in the 8.5-furlong Harlan's Holiday Stakes at Gulfstream Park in December, but he was receiving 8lbs that day and he was turned firmly back by Skippylongstocking, who seems sure to beat him again in the Pegasus. Poster won the 9-furlong Remsen Stakes at Aqueduct as a juvenile in 2024, improving to GF 104 as he took the race by a neck from maiden winners Aviator Gui and Tux. It was not a particularly good renewal of the Remsen, but the son of Munnings moved up to GF 106 when making his 3yo debut in the Sam F Davis Stakes over 8.5 furlongs at Tampa Bay Downs in February. That wasn't enough to win the Derby prep but it got him third place behind the race-fit John Hancock, who beat next out Tampa Bay Derby winner Owen Almighty by half a length. Poster was beaten 2 3/4 lengths. He was spotting the top two 4lbs. A dull fourth in the Jeff Ruby Steaks at Turfway Park in March followed, then a long break up to early November, when he resurfaced with a win against older horses in a turf allowance race over a mile at Churchill Downs. Racing in the first three all the way, he beat Judge Davis by half a length. It was satisfactory comeback with form not too far off his previous best.

BRITISH ISLES, who joined the field from the list of reserves, is coming off two good runs in California, but nowhere near good enough to make him a player in the Pegasus World Cup. He won a 9-furlong allowance race on turf at Santa Anita in October, and improved slightly - to **Globeform 106** - when second to Nevada Beach in the Native Diver over the same distance on dirt at Del Mar in November.

CONCLUSION: Disco Time drew post one. It's better than 11, that's for sure, but I'm not sure it is ideal. If he breaks well then it is, if he's off a step slow his task will become more difficult. He responded well to take charge when urged to go forward from post one in the St Louis Derby, and he broke well enough and soon traveled really strongly pressing Tip Top Thomas on the lead in the Dwyer Stakes, so there's no reason to doubt that he can take advantage of the rail draw.

Disco Time looked very special at Aqueduct and he is in the obvious selection. Not just because he is an unbeaten, lightly raced colt with a high rating and likely to improve; but also because his main rivals all have question marks. Is White Abarrio ready? Will Full Serrano stay the trip? Will Tappan Street move up from a dull win after the break? Can Captain Cook run to his best stretching out? It's lot easier to be positive about Disco Time, right? And the one that strikes me as a solid contender who will run his race and be in the first four is Skippylongstocking. Third last year, coming off a very game prep win, and sporting a good record both at this venue and over the distance, this 15-1 shot could help us out as we try to compile sensible Tri / Super plans. Using him in 2nd, 3rd and 4th behind Disco Time, with a few of the others mixed in, might just do the trick. So is he the lone B-horse then? Well, that's actually another matter; White Abarrio's class makes him a contender for that spot, while Tappan Street, based on possible improvement, is another, and a case can also be made for Full Serrano.

This race took the slot from the discontinued Donn Handicap in 2017. Over the past 20 editions, three horses have won from post one; Arrogate (2017), Constitution (2015) and Invasor (2007). Post 4 has been most successful with five winners. No horse drawn higher than ten has been successful, but post 10 has produced three winners and there have been shorter fields. Paying a lot of attention to historical draw stats can be misleading, as pace and track conditions are also important factors; and here we also have a case of the race having changed from a handicap to a conditions event.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS | PEGASUS WORLD CUP

A	1 DISCO TIME
B	5 SKIPPYLONGSTOCKING WON @ 21-1, 11 WHITE ABARRO 2nd EXACTA PAID 132-1
C	3 FULL SERRANO 3rd, 7 TAPPAN STREET, 9 CAPTAIN COOK TRIFECTA PAID 1,193-1
BOXING OUR TOP THREE IN SIX \$10 EXACTAS RETURNED A HEALTHY \$1,270 NET PROFIT	

White Abarro / Pegasus World Cup 25: www.youtube.com/watch?v=gU2b3B2dqNg&t=10s
3rd Skippylongstocking

Disco Time / Dwyer Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gU2b3B2dqNg&t=10s>

Full Serrano / Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile '24: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gU2b3B2dqNg&t=10s>
6th Skippylongstocking

Full Serrano Del Mar Allowance: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gU2b3B2dqNg&t=10s>

Captain Cook 2nd / Allen Jerkens Memorial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gU2b3B2dqNg&t=10s>

Skippylongstocking / Harlan's Holiday S: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gU2b3B2dqNg&t=10s>

Skippylongstocking / Hollywood Gold Cup: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gU2b3B2dqNg&t=10s>



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Santa Anita Opening Weekend

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2026

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SCHEDULE / FIXTURE LIST

Jan 19	PEGASUS WORLD CUP SERVICE BEGINS Gulfstream Park, 10 races Jan 24	Stand alone: Subscription link £66 / \$89	 The logo for the Pegasus World Cup, featuring a stylized white pegasus in flight against a dark blue background.
Jan 31 / Feb 1 Weekly Service FREE			
Feb 7-8	Weekly Service Subscription rates on page 3		
Feb 14-15	Weekly Service		
Feb 28 MAIN EVENT FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH DAY Gulfstream Park, 10 races covered			Stand alone: £66 / \$89
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Mar 28 MAIN EVENT FLORIDA DERBY DAY Gulfstream Park, 10 races covered			Stand alone: £66 / \$89
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June 13	Weekly Service Please see subscription rates on page 3		
June 20	Weekly Service		
June 27	Weekly Service FREE		

Service always begins 3 to 4 days prior to the first raceday



June 28 SARATOGA / DEL MAR SERVICE BEGINS

The Saratoga meet runs from July 3 to September 7.

5 to 6 races each week, except for Main Event Weekends. *



Saratoga races will be preferred but some Del Mar races will be included, and races at Del Mar (possibly also Monmouth & Colonial Downs) will be used as substitute events if we get cases of weather changes at Saratoga.

* Main Event Weekends, Saratoga, with 10 races covered:

WHITNEY WEEKEND (probably July 31-Aug 1) | TRAVERS WEEKEND (probably Aug 21-22)

Saratoga Subscriptions

2 weeks	£73 / \$99	49.50 p/w
3 weeks	£102 / \$138	46.00
4 weeks	£131 / \$176	44.00
5 weeks	£160 / \$215	43.00
6 weeks	£187 / \$252	42.00
7 weeks	£212 / \$287	41.00
8 weeks	£238 / \$320	40.00
9 weeks ***	£279 / \$376	See below

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One week in early / mid-September
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Oct 03 Weekly Service | Please see subscription rates on page 3

Oct 10 Weekly Service

Oct 17 Weekly Service

Nov 14 Weekly Service

Nov 21 Weekly Service **FREE**



Nov 23	THANKSGIVING WEEK SERVICE BEGINS	
	10 races covered; November 25 - 29	Stand alone: £66 / \$89
Dec 05	Weekly Service	
Dec 12	Weekly Service	
Dec 19	Weekly Service	
Dec 21	SANTA ANITA OPENING WEEK SERVICE BEGINS	
	10 races covered; December 26 - 31	Stand alone: £66 / \$89

WEEKLY SERVICE

SUBSCRIPTIONS

2 weeks	£66 / \$89	44.50 p/w	Subscription link
3 weeks	£93 / \$125	41.66	Subscription link
4 weeks	£118 / \$159	39.75	Subscription link
5 weeks	£140 / \$189	37.80	Subscription link
6 weeks	£160 / \$216	36.00	Subscription link
7 weeks	£176 / \$238	34.00	Subscription link
8 weeks	£189 / \$256	32.00	Subscription link

Total of 19 weeks of normal weekly service; covering 5 races per week / min. 10 races in any 2-week period. 3 of these 19 weeks are FREE of charge: Weeks of Jan 31, June 27 and Nov 21.

Please note: Dates given are the actual race dates; and that the service begins three to four days out.

Best winners 2025

CALL SIGN SEVEN	68-1
DESVIO	34-1
BALANTINA	21-1
SIMULATE	16-1
J B STRIKES BACK	16-1
DARYZ	16-1
MACHO MUSIC	13-1
WOLFIE'S DYNAGHOST	12-1
LADY CLAYPOOLE	11-1
MI HERMANO RAMON	11-1
DREAMING OF MO	9-1
GEZORA	8-1
SMOKIN' T	7-1
DETERMINISTIC	6-1
UNRIVALED TIME	11-2
FORT WASHINGTON	11-2
USHA	5-1
SHISOSPICY	5-1



ROLL ON BIG JOE	5-1
EPONA'S HOPE	9-2
LESLIE'S ROSE	4-1
WHISKEY DECISION	4-1
SPECIAL WAN	4-1
BEACH BOMB	4-1

Typically 5 races covered per week - several other winners at shorter odds.



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Apr 11	Weekly Service	
Apr 18	Weekly Service	6 weeks Normal price £160 / \$216

NORMAL TOTAL: £424 / \$572

BUNDLE OFFER: £381 / \$515

Saves \$57 / £43

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Main Kentucky Derby Prep Weeks

Mar 28	MAIN EVENT FLORIDA DERBY DAY Gulfstream Park, 10 races covered	Stand alone: £66 / \$89
Apr 4	MAIN EVENT BLUE GRASS WEEKEND Keeneland, 10 races covered	Stand alone: £66 / \$89

NORMAL TOTAL: £132 / \$178

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GLOBEFORM RANKING

SYCAMORE STAKES (G2) 12 fur Turf, Keeneland Friday Oct 10

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	5	GRAND SONATA	112	105 - 112 - 110	Pletcher / Gaffalione
0	3	MERCANTE GF 112 in May '24	112	100 - 105+ 110	Knippenberg / Ramos
1	4	UTAH BEACH GF 113 in May '25	113	96 - 104 - 109	Correas / J L Ortiz
2 / 12	10	OHANA HONOR GF 110 in Apr '24	110 / 100	99 - 95 - 100	McGaughey / Prat
3	9	GOLDENEYE	109	98 - 109 - 104+	McPeek / I Ortiz Jr
5p	2	SAFE TRIP HOME	107p	107p - 106 - 94	Cowans / Esquivel
5p	6	DESVIO GF 107p in May '24	107p	103+ 98 - 97	Meyers / Velazquez
5	11	ANGLOPHILE GF 107 in May '25	107	98 - 106 - 104	Lynch / Saez
7 / 15	8	SAN SIRO GF 103 in Apr '25 GF 105 in Feb '25	105 / 97	96 - 84 - 97	Walsh / Dettori
9	1	IL SICILIANO	103	101 - 103 - 95	Sano / Arrieta
?	7	REIQUIST	?	?	Yakteen / Graham

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Most recent winners of the Sycamore

2024	HIGHWAY ROBBER	GF 111	Brian Lynch	Tyler Gaffalione
2023	BOLD ACT	GF 115	Charlie Appleby	Jamie Spencer
2022	HIGHLAND CHIEF	GF 114	Graham Motion	John Velazquez
2021	SPOOKY CHANNEL	GF 112	Jason Barkley	Julien Leparoux
2020	RED KNIGHT	GF 113	William Mott	James Graham

Average winning Globeform: 113

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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

GRAND SONATA was below par when beaten 7 lengths to be fifth in the Kentucky Turf Cup at Kentucky Downs in September, a race he won in 2024. He has run two good races in defeat this term but he has also had quite a busy schedule and it may be that he is beginning to feel the effects. That said, we only need to go two starts back to find his career best, **Globeform 112**, produced when he was runner-up to Fort Washington in the Arlington Million in August. The Million was his third runner-up effort of the season; he was beaten just a head when trying to give Cash Equity 6lbs in the 12-furlong MacDiarmida Stakes at Gulfstream Park in March, and he passed the winning post 1 1/2 lengths behind the smart Redistricting in the 11-furlong United Nations Stakes at Monmouth Park in July. Effective over this distance, and when ridden just off the pace, he should get a race run to suit him this week and he must be respected.

MERCANTE comes back just six days after running in the Coolmore Turf Mile, where he beat just two home as a 60-1 outsider. That was in tough company but he would have been a lot closer if he had run up to his best. He steps markedly up in distance for a second time, having had a good season while operating over 8.5 and 9 furlongs - and it's a bit hard to imagine this horse relishing 12 furlongs. He is a prominent runner and could be part of a moderate pace, but he still needs to cover the distance. His best chance lies in a scenario where the early fractions are slow enough to turn this into a virtual 9-furlong race, and that's asking a lot. Mercante put together three solid runs in the spring; winning the 9-furlong Kentucky Cup Classic at Turfway Park (by a length from Encino), running a close second to Spirit of St Louis in the prestigious Turf Classic over the same distance at Churchill Downs; then beating the in-form Brilliant Berti by a neck to capture the Arlington Stakes over 8.5 furlongs (also at Churchill). That win came on the last day of May and Mercante was given a break up to August 2, when he made a satisfactory return to run fourth to Beach Gold over a mile at Ellis Park, before taking fourth in the 12-furlong Kentucky Turf Cup; returning GF 105+ after tiring inside the final furlong. Another try over the trip may be worthwhile but doing so on a six-day 'rest'? It does not appeal much to me.

UTAH BEACH, like **MERCANTE** (4th) and **GRAND SONATA** (5th), was also well beaten in the Kentucky Turf Cup, trailing home in ninth place as the co-favorite. He ran his best race to date when taking the Louisville Stakes over 12 furlongs at Churchill Downs in May. His 1 1/2-length win over Verstappen, who he was spotting 5lbs, earned **Globeform 113**. It was a visually taking performance though it was gained in an unsatisfactory event; Rebel Red fell, Tapit Shoes lost his rider and Idratherbeblessed bled. This meant that Utah Beach had just five to beat (two at 38-1 and 53-1) but he won well and he improved on his Elkhorn winning form at Keeneland in April, when he beat Limited Liability by a head, with **ANGLOPHILE** 1 1/4 lengths further back in third. Utah Beach's best form puts him in with a winning chance, he stays this trip and he likes this course. He never got into the race at Kentucky Downs so that's probably a run to ignore.

OHANA HONOR sits high on the ranking thanks to a strong allowance win over 12 furlongs at Keeneland in April 2024. He took that contest by making all the running and drawing off to score by 5 3/4 lengths from Foreign Relations, who checked in 4 lengths clear of the third placed He's Got Swagger. Foreign Relations (who has not raced again since) had won the Louisville Stakes over the same trip back in 2023 and He's Got Swagger was an allowance winner at Churchill Downs the same year. In outclassing these two, Ohana Honor improved to **Globeform 110**. He went on to run second to Silver Knott in the Man O'War Stakes and third to Measured Time in the Manhattan Stakes (produced GF 107 and GF 106), then lost his form. He was eighth of ten in last year's Sycamore and subsequently sidelined right up to August this year, when he was beaten 5 1/2 lengths in second behind Lagynos in the Tapit Stakes at Kentucky Downs. Lagynos was runner-up in the Mint Millions next time. Cameo Performance, who was third in the Tapit, runs in a good allowance race at Keeneland on Wednesday (R8). Ohana Honor is hard to place here; but note that his career best came on a second start after a long layoff and that's the case again. He is the one that may set the pace, and he should not be ruled out.

GOLDENEYE did not care much for the 2-mile trip when beaten almost twelve lengths as fourth in the Bowling Green Gold Cup at Kentucky Downs in late August, and he returns to a more suitable distance here. Unless the marathon race took too much out of him, this son of Hard Spun has a winning chance in the Sycamore. He improved through his three first starts for trainer Ken McPeek, He was visually impressive when coming from off the pace (after a bad stumble at the start) to beat the odds-on favorite Wolfie's Dynaghost easily over 9.5 furlongs at Saratoga on August 1. Quickening past horses down the lane, >>>

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>>> his rider had him under a hand ride and Goldeneye won by 2 lengths from Wolfie's Dynaghost, who was coming off a 4 1/2-length win in the Prince George's County Stakes at Laurel Park, and won a good handicap at Colonial Downs next time out. Goldeneye improved to **Globeform 109p** with this win. Winner of an allowance race over 12 furlongs at Kentucky Downs last year (made all to beat My Boy Tony with ease), he has 6 wins from 29 starts and a 48% top three strike rate.

SAFE TRIP HOME has improved in his two most recent starts; he performed to Globeform 107p when winning the 12-furlong Colonial Cup in September, idling in the closing stages and showing clear signs that there was plenty left in the tank as he beat **DESVIO** by 2 1/4 lengths. These two are both worth a close look.

Safe Trip Home can beat Desvio again but he was given a better ride at Colonial Downs, and note that the margin between them was about the same as they turned for home as it was at the finish. Safe Trip Home had more up his sleeve, though he was also the one who was given the best ride. While his jockey decided to make a forward move from off the pace on the home turn, Desvio was still being waited with. Recent form counts for a lot, especially when we are into the fall and horses that have done well through the summer begin to regress. Safe Trip Home is quite the opposite, as he was rested two months between his allowance win at Churchill Downs and his Colonial Cup success. This late developing son of More Than Ready is a 5yo with just 10 starts and 4 wins, and he could improve again. Morning line 6-1 may not look like great value but, as a bunch of his rivals have higher profiles, it's not impossible that we will get better odds about this in-form contender.

DESVIO has six horses above him on the ranking and his career best performance lies four starts back, but he is also an interesting horse and **20-1 looks tempting**. It's a huge price and we may just get it, as his recent runs won't inspire too many players. His last run was much better than it may seem though; he was given a poor ride sitting too far off a pedestrian pace for far too long in the 12-furlong Colonial Cup just over a month ago, and did well to get up for second, 2 1/2 lengths behind **SAFE TRIP HOME**, who won the race well to add to his previous win over 11 furlongs at Churchill Downs. Could Desvio reverse the form? Not if his run at Colonial Downs is as good as he is but he has one performance that was better; his staying-on third behind subsequent Arlington Million winner Fort Washington in the Dinner Party Stakes over 9 furlongs at Pimlico in May. Desvio, who won the Kent Stakes over 11 furlongs last year, improved to **Globeform 107p** at Pimlico. He came from well off the pace also in that event and was beaten no more than 2 1/4 lengths. Two things worth noting about this 20-1 shot; he will appreciate going back up in distance, and he gets a significant upgrade in the saddle, from Weston Hamilton and Forest Boyce to John Velazquez. Another plus; he managed to close into a slow pace (on soft ground) in the Dinner Party, so even if we see a similar scenario here he can be efficient at the finish.

DESVIO WON AT 34-1; beating Safe Trip Home for a 268-1 Exacta, 1073-1 Trifecta also hit

ANGLOPHILE, yet another who could hit the board if he puts his best foot forward, was seventh in the Kentucky Turf Cup last time out, thus behind **MERCANTE** and **GRAND SONATA** but in front of **UTAH BEACH**. He ran his best race when second to the high class Far Bridge in the 11-furlong Man O'War at Aqueduct in and ran close to the same level when a close third behind Highway Robber and next out Kentucky Turf Cup winner Ole Crazy Bone over 10 furlongs at Ellis Park in August. >>>



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CONCLUSION: As many as eight horses in the selections box is hardly usual; and it's normally not a good idea when we are considering a possible Trifecta plan, but this is *that type of race* and, in taking the two Colonial Cup runners against the field, one at 6-1 and the other at 20-1, we can afford to fill up with six others on our Trifecta plan. It is an ambitious plan all right, but we are dealing with a very open looking and tricky contest. So why not apply this betting rule; "When a race looks too difficult, try something that looks impossible". Getting Safe Trip Home and Desvio both in the top three is asking a lot; it may seem impossible even, but it's not. They ran well at Colonial and they both have a chance on ratings, particularly if their rivals are bit below their best form after busy campaigns. So, here goes; a Tri plan with the two A-horses to hit the board with the six others (24 lines) + a Superfecta ticket where we use these two in 1st & 4th with the others in between.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS | SYCAMORE STAKES

A	6 DESVIO Won @ 34-1, 2 SAFE TRIP HOME 2nd @ 9-1
B	5 GRAND SONATA, 9 GOLDENEYE
C	3 MERCANTE, 4 UTAH BEACH 3rd , 10 OHANA HONOR, 11 ANGLOPHILE

34-1 winner; 268-1 Exacta using the two A-horses, 1073-1 Trifecta hit with just 24 lines

Grand Sonata 2nd / Arlington Million: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aU1Ad2KhIzE&t=4s>

Mercante 4th / Kentucky Turf Cup: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=415H98pLDQM>
5th Grand Sonata 7th Anglophile 9th Utah Beach

Goldeneye / Saratoga Allowance (R2 45:00) / : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JCLSda6r0yU&t=3366s>

Safe Trip Home / Colonial Cup: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iMja0n3lyFo>
2nd Desvio

Desvio 3rd / Dinner Party Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hWriZ89WA5w&t=10s>



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