

Globeform's Kentucky Derby Day Previews

Churchill Downs, May 5, 2018



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Races covered

Kentucky Oaks – Friday

**Kentucky Derby, Turf Classic, Humana Distaff,
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GLOBEFORM RANKING

FRIDAY

KENTUCKY OAKS (G1) 9 fur dirt, Churchill Downs, 4 May 2018

Horses ranked in pounds (0.45kg). 1 length = 2 pounds over this distance

Rank	Horse	Globeform	Rank past 3 runs	Top3	Trainer / Jockey
				%	
0p	MIDNIGHT BISOU	117p	8p - 6p - 0p	5of5	Spawr / Smith
1p	MONOMOY GIRL	116p	6 - 5p - 1p	100	Cox / Geroux
4p	COACH ROCKS	113p	? - ?p - 4p	75	Romans / Saez
7	WONDER GADOT	111	12 - 12 - 7	89	Casse / Velazquez
7	TAKE CHARGE PAULA	110	10 - 9 - 7	89	McLaughlin / J L Ortiz
9	CHOCOLATE MARTINI	108	? - 16p - 9	57	Amoss / Castellano
10	ESKIMO KISSES	107	?p - 10 - 13	85	McPeek / Lanerie
11	SASSY SIENNA	106	16p - 15 - 11	77	Cox / Stevens
13	CLASSY ACT	104	17p - 15 - 13	71	Calhoun / Hernandez
13	RAYYA	104	17 - 13 - 33	5of5	Baffert / Van Dyke
14	MY MISS LILLY	103*	24p - 21p - 14	4of4	Hennig / Bravo
16	KELLY'S HUMOR	101	31 - X - 16	66	Cox / I Ortiz Jr
17p	PATRONA MARGARITA	100p	17p - 19 - 25	66	Calhoun / Santana
17p	HEAVENHASMNIKKI	100p	?p - 26p - 17p	3of4	Quartarolo / Borel

2017: ABEL TASMAN – GLOBEFORM 110+

Bob Baffert / Mike Smith

This is not a vintage edition of the Kentucky Oaks, something that normally opens up for a surprise result, though three names do stand out a bit – and the winner is likely to come from this trio; Midnight Bisou, Monomoy Girl and Coach Rocks.

MIDNIGHT BISOU has been visually impressive at Santa Anita, winning the Santa Ynez, Santa Ysabel and Santa Anita Oaks in the manner of a high class performer. She came with a very strong run from well off the pace to win the Santa Anita Oaks by 3 ½ lengths from Spectator a month ago. Her running style is that of a filly who will improve given a stamina test. She should get that here and, provided she enjoys a clean run, Midnight Bisou will be hard to beat. The one question mark is the track – as Churchill Downs is quite different to Santa Anita and Del Mar, where she has done all her racing to date. On the other hand, Churchill's long straight will probably suit her really well. The Midnight Lute filly drew a good post in 10 and she is the most likely winner.

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MONOMOY GIRL improved on her previous form when capturing the Fantasy Stakes over 8.5 furlongs at Keeneland last month. She led every step of the way (raced a bit freely) and ran on well at the finish (despite a high head carriage) to win by 5 ½ lengths from **ESKIMO KISSES**, who had been just a head behind **CHOCOLATE MARTINI** in the Fair Grounds Oaks two weeks earlier. Close to Midnight Bisou on Globeform ratings, this daughter of Tapizar is not sure to appreciate 9 furlongs – though the plus side is that she ran twice here at Churchill Downs last year, when she went down by a neck against Road to Victory in the Golden Rod Stakes over 8.5 furlongs. She drew the widest post – hardly ideal for a contender with her running style.

COACH ROCKS needed seven starts to break her maiden, but when she finally managed to, she did it in some style – powering home by 8 lengths over 8.5 furlongs at Gulfstream Park in February. Dale Romans gave her a six-week break after this win, and stepped her up in the Gulfstream Park Oaks, over the same distance, on March 31. Taking on some quite solid fillies, Coach Rocks won the race from off the pace – she outstayed **TAKE CHARGE PAULA** to beat her readily by 1 ½ lengths. A longer distance would have meant a bigger margin, and Coach Rocks looks a serious player in the Kentucky Oaks. A late developing daughter of Oxbow, she seems certain to stay the trip. Post 2 means that she can get a similar trip to what she had at Gulfstream Park, and she is the best each-way / across the board value alternative to the favorite.

WONDER GADOT was giving the winner five pounds when beaten a nose by **SASSY SIENNA** in the Fantasy Stakes over 8.5 furlongs at Oaklawn Park in mid-April, and she should reverse the form as they now meet at level weights. The Fantasy run was the best run to date for both of these fillies. They are both quite experienced but that also means rather exposed – and needs to improve again to win the Kentucky Oaks. Her consistency, combined with her good draw, makes her an obvious horse to include in the trifectas.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A: 10 MIDNIGHT BISOU

B: 2 COACH ROCKS, 14 MONOMOY GIRL

C: 5 WONDER GADOT

Selections based on good / fast track

interesting replays

Santa Anita Oaks / Midnight Bisou: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0kGuEWWcke0>

Ashland Stakes / Monomoy Girl: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=61mLEYeB9rY&t=123s>

Gulfstream Park Oaks / Coach Rocks / Take Charge Paula: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nG090w9QuXE>

Fantasy Stakes / Sassy Sienna / Wonder Gadot: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2kg16h8iDbE>

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GLOBEFORM RANKING

Race 6

HUMANA DISTAFF (G1) 7 fur dirt, Churchill Downs, 5 May 2018

Horses ranked in pounds (0.45kg). 1 length = 2.5 pounds over this distance

Rank	Horse	Globeform	Rank past 3 runs	Top3	Trainer / Jockey
				%	
Op	AMERICAN GAL	117p	7+ 0p - 2+	71	Callaghan / J L Ortiz
0	SKYE DIAMONDS	117 / 108	0 - 8 - 9 - 10	73	Spawr / Smith
1	LEWIS BAY	116*	3+ 7 - 1	92	Brown / I Ortiz Jr
2	SALTY ** SCRATCH	115	11 - ?+ 3+	70	Casse / Gaffalione
5	FINLEY'SLUCKYCHARM	117*	X - 16+ 5	86	Calhoun / Hernandez
12	IVY BELL **	107*	18 - 19 - 12	75	Pletcher / Castellano
12	TORRENT	105	12 - ? - 16	73	Moquett / Lezcano
22	MINER'S CAT	95	27 - X - 24	41	LoPresti / Velazquez

** Salty and Ivy Bell, both cross entered, La Troienne Stakes, Friday

2017: PAULASSILVERLINING – GLOBEFORM 118

Chad Brown / Jose L Ortiz

The Madison Stakes, run over this distance at Keeneland last month, is an important race when analyzing the Humana Distaff. With the Madison winner **FINLEYS'LUCKYCHARM** having to give 5lbs to her recent rivals **LEWIS BAY** (third in the Madison), **AMERICAN GAL** (fourth) and **SALTY** (fifth), it's not a given that she will be able to beat them again. In fact, it will be very hard to beat them again under these weight terms – though supporters of Finleys'luckycharm will be quick to point at her record here at Churchill Downs, which is an impressive 6-for-6. This is her home court advantage, no doubt about that but – although she won a G3 over seven panels at this track last year (when 3/10 favorite) – there is a question mark over her ability to stay seven at Churchill Downs. The long stretch may not be ideal when she runs over this distance. That said, one also has to note that there's not too much early speed in this edition of the Humana Distaff. Finleys'luckcharm may avoid early pressure, something that would be a great help to the local favorite. The reason to take her on is the combination of the weight, the distance and the fact that she will have to break from gate one. She's quick but it's not an ideal spot. So who do we pick to beat her? It's quite an open affair.

AMERICAN GAL gets a narrow vote. She needed the run, after a long break, in the Madison and ran well to take fourth, beaten $\frac{3}{4}$ length. That performance was worth GF 115+ and American Gal produced **Globeform 117p** when outclassing her rivals for a comfortable 4-length win in the Test Stakes over 7 furlongs at Saratoga last summer. Coming off a similarly easy win in the Victory Ride at Belmont, American Gal was making only her second start of the season that day. We have the same scenario here and if she moves forward off her Madison run she will be tough to beat. Lewis Bay and Salty (who was cross entered for the La Troienne on Friday) also have chances, though both of these would like a seriously strong, early pace. >>>

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SKYE DIAMONDS has not been at her best in two starts this season, but take a look at her 2017 results. She ran to Globeform 117 twice in California, when winning the Great Lady M at Los Alamitos and the Rancho Bernarero at Del Mar, on both occasions beating G1 winner Constellation over 6.5 furlongs. The way Skye Diamonds finished her races off indicated that she would be very happy to stretch out half a furlong - and she was well fancied for the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint, where she ran below par and finished fourth. Third place finishes in this year's Las Flores and Santa Monica were performances close to what she did at the Breeders' Cup and she has a bit to prove now. Skye Diamonds gets Mike Smith on board. Do not dismiss this combination.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A: 8 AMERICAN GAL

B: 1 FINLEYS'LUCKYCHARM, 2 SALTY, 4 SKYE DIAMONDS, 5 LEWIS BAY

interesting replays

Madison Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHveSTrN5x0>

2017 Test Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4rUTMZ2aPrE>

2017 Rancho Bernardo Hcap: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NpTkrZi6pgY>

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GLOBEFORM RANKING

Race 7

CHURCHILL DISTAFF TURF MILE (G2) 8 fur Turf, Churchill Downs, 5 May 2018

Horses ranked in pounds (0.45kg). 1 length = 2 pounds over this distance

Rank	Horse	Globeform	Rank past 3 runs	Top3	Trainer / Jockey
				%	
0p	PROCTOR'S LEDGE	114p	0p - 15 - 1+ 11	63	Walsh / Velazquez
0	LA CORONEL	116* / 114	9+ 5 - 3	60	Casse / Lezcano
2	DREAM DANCING	112 / 109	23 - 5 - 13	53	Casse / Castellano
4	ON LEAVE	110	7 - 5+ 4	86	McGaughey / J L Ortiz
4	MADAME STRIPES	110	4 - 11 - 5	73	Drysdale / Prat
4	INSTA ERMA	110*	4 - 7 - 11	59	Baltas / Rosario
5	DREAM AWHILE	109	? - 10p - 5	75	Brown / I Ortiz Jr
6	THUNDERING SKY	108*	9 - 8 - 6	65	Weaver / Maragh
7p	RES IPSA	107p*	13 - 11 - 7	69	Wilkes / Leparoux
7	MADAM DANCEALOT	109	7 - 10 - 7	64	Baltas / Nakatani
?	PSYCHO SISTER	?	? - ? - ?	55	Herbertson / Geroux

2017: ROCA ROJO - GLOBEFORM 114p

Chad Brown / Florent Geroux

Another tricky female contest, with seven of the runners within five pounds on Globeform ratings, which equates to two and a half lengths over this distance. Like the Humana Distaff, the Distaff Turf Mile does not have too much pace signed on - and moderate fractions would undoubtedly suit **LA CORONEL**. She likes to be at the head of affairs but she was handed the widest berth at the post position draw with, unfortunately for her, the only other speed horse in the race - longshot Psycho Sister - to her inside. This could mean a wide trip for La Coronel. Her best piece of form dates right back to her win in the one-mile Appalachian over a year ago, when she performed to Globeform 116 to beat Morticia by 3 ¼ lengths, with **Proctor's Ledge** third. La Coronel returned GF 114 when making all again to win the Queen Elizabeth II Cup over 9 furlongs (by half a length from Daddys Lil Darling, with **Madame Dancealot** well beaten in third) and her recent fourth place finish behind Sistercharlie in the Jenny Wiley at Keeneland was worth GF 113. La Coronel is so dangerous if she gets to an easy lead and she has a winning chance here but, as the likely favorite, she offers poor value. >>>



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PROCTOR'S LEDGE is much more tempting as a betting proposition. Her morning line, **12-1**, is too big but there's a good chance we will get that sort of a price – as her name isn't really high profile. The reason she is underrated is probably that she has been a bit of an in and out runner, not shown consistent form. When she's on song, however, Proctor's Ledge is good enough to beat these. Her best runs have come over 9 furlongs and a mile may be a bit short but 12-1 still looks good. Proctor's Ledge was unplaced in the Jenny Wiley (when she went off at 23-1) but her seasonal debut was very promising. She went down by just a head to Fourstars Crook in the Hillsborough at Tampa Bay in March, when La Coronel was third. Proctor's Ledge and La Coronel both carried 2lbs more than Fourstar Crook, who was second in the Jenny Wiley. Proctor's Ledge was close to her best 2017 form in the Hillsborough. She can sit in a stalking position if the pace is slow (as she did in last year's Lake Placid), she has a good post position and she gets a positive rider change, from Fergal Lynch to John Velazquez. Let's take a shot!

DREAM DANCING ran her best race to date when second in the Edgewood here 12 months ago, taking second to La Coronel, and she won a subs-standard edition of the Del Mar Oaks in the summer, beating Beau Recall and **MADAME DANCEALOT** in a close finish.

ON LEAVE is coming off her career best effort, having finished nicely for third in the Honey Fox at Gulfstream Park in late March, beaten half a length behind Lull. That was On Leave's first start back since her win in the My Charmer at the same venue in December, and she is a potential improver worth noting. **MADAM STRIPES** has two solid performances on her CV, a win over **INSTA ERMA** and **THUNDERING SKY** in the Megahertz over a mile at Santa Anita in January and a game third behind Beau Recall and Thundering Sky in the Royal Heroine over the same course and distance in early April. Thundering Sky turned the form around with Insta Erma when they finished second and sixth in the Buena Vista in February – a race won by Fault (wide margin winner of the Santa Margarita next time out). **DREAM AWHILE** does not sit high on the ranking but this ex-French filly must also be considered. She has improved with every run since joining Chad Brown's team, and might continue her progress. She raced up with the pace throughout when second in the Suwannee River over 9 furlongs at Gulfstream Park in February, moving up to Globeform 109, having recorded GF 104p with her win over Westit in the Tropical Park Oaks in late December.

Pick 6 players should try to get good cover in this leg – it is wide open.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A: 6 PROCTOR'S LEDGE

B: 11 LA CORONEL

C: 3 DREAM AWHILE, 8 MADAME STRIPES, 9 ON LEAVE

interesting replays

Jenny Wiley Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-d9kgKUnaGg&t=127s>

2017 Queen Elizabeth II Cup: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0_BwYhRcAbo

2017 Lake Placid Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-qFq3gHuap0>

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GLOBEFORM RANKING

Race 8

CHURCHILL DOWNS STAKES (G2) 7 fur dirt, Churchill Downs, 5 May 2018

Horses ranked in pounds (0.45kg). 1 length = 2.5 pounds over this distance

Rank	Horse	Globeform	Rank past 3 runs	Top3	Trainer / Jockey
				%	
0	IMPERIAL HINT	122	?+ 0 ?+	78	Carvajal / Castellano
3	WHITMORE	121 / 117+	X - 12+ 7+	83	Moquett / Santana Jr
3	LIMOUSINE LIBERAL	119*	5 - 3 - 12	85	Colebrook / J L Ortiz
4	AWESOME SLEW **	118*	6 - 7 - 6	77	Casse / I Ortiz Jr
5p	OUTPLAY	117p*	9p - X - 5p	77	Pletcher / Velazquez
8	CHIEF CICATRIX	114	21 - 12 - 8	77	Davis / Stevens
11	WARRIOR'S CLUB	111*	16 - X - 11	59	Lukas / Contreras
11	CONQUEST WINDYCITY	111?*	25 - 11? - 27	58	Maker / Rosario
13	AWESOME SATURDAY	109*	19 - 22 - 13	77	Cahoun / Hernandez Jr
17	UNBRIDLED OUTLAW	105	17 - 17 - 26	58	Romans / Saez

** **Awesome Slew** - cross entered, Alysheba Stakes Friday

2017: LIMOUSINE LIBERAL - GLOBEFORM 116

Ben Colebrook / Jose L Ortiz

IMPERIAL HINT was one of the best sprinters in North America last season, when he won all of his for races leading up to the Breeders' Cup Sprint at Del Mar, where he was a good second, a length by Roy H and two lengths in front of the third placed Mind Your Biscuits - and improved to **Globeform 122** in the process. This is seriously strong form and the son of Imperialism made a winning start to his 2018 campaign by cruising home by 5 lengths at odds of 1/5 in a minor stakes at Tampa Bay Downs in March (with subsequent stakes winner Delta Bluesman well beaten in third). Imperial Hint gets in with 2lbs less than one of his main rivals, Whitmore, and he must have a good chance. The one concern is the distance, as he is best at 6 furlongs. He did win the General George over seven back in February '17 (running to GF 117p) but today's contest will be tougher. Also, there are four speed runners in the mix - including him of course - and we may see a race with a wicked pace, an ideal scenario for a closer.

WHITMORE would be well suited by such a scenario. He looked back to his very best when coming from last to first in the 6-furlong Count Fleet Handicap at Oaklawn Park last month - kicking into top gear a furlong out and beating Wilbo by $\frac{3}{4}$ length. Whitmore was odds-on to win the Count Fleet but it was the way he did it that is noteworthy. He looked a beaten horse in mid-stretch. Returning GF 117+, he made a statement - do not forget that he performed to **Globeform 121** when winning the 2017 Hot Springs, and produced GF 120 on his two subsequent outings. Whitmore has yet to try 7 furlongs and that is actually a bit surprising, as his running style give the impression that seven would suit him really well. He won over six and a half as a three-year-old, when he was also second in the Rebel and third in the Arkansas Derby (before running unplaced in the Kentucky Derby). Whitmore drew the dreaded rail post here but in this case it could actually be an advantage, as he has Chief Cicatrix and Imperial Hint directly to his outside. They will probably shoot forward and leave him good space for a ground saving trip off the pace. He has a big chance.

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LIMOUSINE LIBERAL won this race last year, taking it by a head from **AWESOME SLEW**, and Ben Colebrook's star must be respected again. He was below form when second to **WARRIOR'S CLUB** in the Commonwealth, run over this distance at Keeneland last month, but that was Limousine Liberal's first start of the year and he should turn the tables now. He beat Warrior's Club easily by 4 ½ lengths in the Bet on Sunshine Stakes over this course and distance last November – reproducing his best, **Globeform 119**, a mark he ran to also in the Churchill Downs and in the 6-furlong Aristides (which he won by 2 ¼ lengths from Wilbo). Limousine Liberal is a battle hardened, tough sprinter. He is 5-for-7 here at Churchill Downs and he is 3-for-8 over seven panels. He is versatile, no longer dependant on being on the lead, and has good form also over wet tracks.

AWESOME SLEW – cross entered for the Alysheba on Friday – is another who would love a fast pace followed by a meltdown in the straight. Where he runs has not been announced at the time of writing – but he must be considered if going for the Churchill Downs. The Mark Case trainee was at his best when winning the Commonwealth over this distance at Keeneland thirteen months ago, and he has been largely consistent since, winning the Ack Ack over a mile here at Churchill Downs last September, running third to Battle of Midway in the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile and taking second behind Army Mule in the Carter Handicap over 7 furlongs at Aqueduct last month. Drawn in stall 10, Awesome Slew will get a perfect trip here – if this is the race they decide to go for.

OUTPLAY is stepping up in class – but don't underestimate this four-year-old from Todd Pletcher's barn. He was a late developing runner last year and, if his seasonal debut is anything to go by, he is set to continue his progress this season. Outplay was most impressive in a 7-furlong allowance race at Gulfstream Park in early March, winning the race by 5 ½ lengths from Sweetontheladies, with Weekend Hideaway third. Those two are not G1 performers but they do have decent stakes form in the book and Outplay absolutely crushed them, and clocked a good time. He was prominent throughout and dominated down the stretch, winning with a bit in hand and returning back full of energy after the contest. It was a new personal best, **Globeform 117p**, four pounds better than his win in the 9-furlong Curlin Stakes, and Outplay could well become serious player in this division. Combining good tactical speed with stamina, he fits in well here.

CHIEF CICATRIX would be an upset winner if he manages to pull this off, something that seems unlikely, but he is a key factor in the contest, as he is a speedy six-furlong specialist, and coming off his career best effort when winning the Phoenix Gold Cup at Turf Paradise in February. He was twice well beaten by Whitmore last year but Chief Cicatrix has improved this year. Drawn next to Imperial hint he could cause / find himself in a speed duel.

It's hard to pick one horse as a clear selection. Whitmore, Imperial Hint, Outplay, Limousine Liberal and Awesome Slew all have strong claims, but looking for a bit of value and something that will have a bit of stamina it's tempting to side with **Outplay** – the potential improver in the mix. Let's back him up with **Whitmore**, who's interesting stepping up in trip.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A: 1 WHITMORE, 5 OUTPLAY

B: 3 IMPERIAL HINT, 7 LIMOUSINE LIBERAL, 10 AWESOME SLEW

interesting replays

2017 Breeders' Cup Sprint (Imperial Hint 2nd): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zBENQFgANys>

Gulfstream Allowance March 31: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IBN6eMIQU5U>

Count Fleet Sprint: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGLVmr2N2FQ&t=16s>

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Race 9

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Horses ranked in pounds (0.45kg). 1 length = 2 pounds over this distance

Rank	Horse	Globeform	Rank past 3 runs	Top3	Trainer / Jockey
				%	
-1	RUSHING FALL ** SCRATCH	111p*	4p - 0p - -1p	4of4	Brown / Castellano
0	THREEANDFOURPENCE	110	0 - 5+ X	3of5	A O'Brien / Moore
1p	TIZ MISCHIEF Also Eligible2	109p / 102	1p - 22 - 13 - 8	57	Romans / Albarado
4p	UNTAMED DOMAIN	111p*/100+	4p - 15+ 18	71	Motion / J L Ortiz Jr
4	SPEED FRANCO	108	8 - 4 - 5	83	Delgado / Jaramillo
6	MARAUD	106	12+ 6 - 10	83	Pletcher / Velazquez
8	RIVER BOYNE	102*	18p - 14p - 8	71	Mullins / Prat
9	INSCOM	101*	9 - X - 12	57	Callaghan / Rosario
9	ARAWAK	101	15 - 9 - X	50	O'Neill / Stevens
10p	CAPTIVATING MOON	100p*	?p - 10p - 10p	85	Block / Geroux
10	ADMIRALY PIER	100	? - 10 - 10	71	Minshall / Saez
11	TIGERS RULE	99	14 - 11 - 12+	4of5	Foley / Lanerie
11	DRAGON DREW	99	?p - 15p - 11	2of5	Bradley / Graham
13	ALTERNATIVE ROUTE AE1	97	?p - 25+ 13	2of4	Stall Jr / Beschizza
14	CHANNEL CAT	96	15 - 24 - 14	66	Pletcher / I Ortiz Jr
25	PONT DU GARD ***	85	30 - 37 - 25	50	Correas / Santana Jr

ALSO ELIGIBLES: 15 Alternative Route, 16 Tiz Mischief

** **Rushing Fall**, cross entered, Edgewood Stakes, Friday

*** **Pont du Gard**, cross entered, Race 4 Churchill Downs, Friday

2017: ARKLOW – GLOBEFORM 110

Brad Cox / Mike Smith

RUSHING FALL is more likely to run in the Edgewood on Friday. She would have a good winning chance also in this race, which will be given a new preview and sent out in a separate Globeform Newsletter if she is taken out of the Edgewood in favor of a crack at the boys on Saturday. Chad Brown says that the filly prefers firm ground and rain is possible on Friday. **Her Globeform ranking** given here is “-1”, meaning 'one pound better in' compared to Threeandpourpence, who is on “0” among the males. All males will move down by one pound if the filly takes part. **PONT DU GARD** is also cross entered and may run Friday, meaning that both of the also eligibles, Alternative Route and Tiz Mischief could get into the race.

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THREEANDFOURPENCE is an obvious contender from Aidan O'Brien's team. He did not take to the dirt and was soon right at the back in the UAE Derby, where he was not given a hard race and strolled home in last place. Forget that outing and focus on his best turf form – which is good enough to make him a winner of the American Turf. Threeandfourpence, a brother to G1 winners Hit it a Bomb and Brave Anna, was fourth in the Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket last fall, behind US Navy Flag, Mendelssohn and Seahenge. Beaten 5 lengths, he improved markedly on his maiden winning form and ran to Globeform 110 in the 7-furlong contest. Hit it a Bomb won the 8.5-furlong Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf and there's no reason to doubt Threeandfourpence's ability to handle today's distance. He ran a nice race over a mile at Dundalk in March, taking second to Mendelssohn in the Patton Stakes without being given a hard time (Seahenge third). Well drawn in stall three, getting Lasix for the first time, and open to improvement, Threeandfourpence makes a lot of appeal.

TIZ MISCHIEF needs two defections to get into the field. He has never raced on turf before, and the widest post would make his lawn debut rather difficult. His best piece of form is on a par with best of these – as he returned Globeform 109p when beaten only a head by Kentucky Derby contender Enticed in last year's Kentucky Jockey Club. His three runs this year have been below his best but note that has at least moved up rating-wise in these races. He was a late foal and could be open to improvement this season.

UNTAMED DOMAIN must have a big chance, if he is back to form. His first run this season, a third behind **SPEED FRANCO** and subsequent winner Gidu in the Dania Beach at Gulfstream Park, was a satisfactory return to action – then came a disappointing effort in the Tampa Bay Derby, an experiment on dirt that clearly didn't work. He returns to the turf here, and last year's Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf runner-up is a must of all kinds of tickets. He finished strongly from off the pace at Del Mar, where the short straight worked against him, and lost by just a length to Mendelssohn – one of the favorites for the Kentucky Derby. Untamed Domain had previously won the Summer Stakes in Canada and been third to subsequent Remsen winner Catholic Boy in the With Anticipation.

SPEED FRANCO is what it says on the tin – and likely to set the pace from his inside post. He has had a good season at Gulfstream Park, winning the Dania Beach and running second both in the Palm Beach and the Cutler Bay. He was giving 2lbs to the winner, Therapist, when beaten a neck in the Cutler Bay, and he carried 6lbs more than **MARAUD** when the latter beat him by a neck in Palm Beach. A game and consistent performer, Speed Franco meets Maraud at level weights this time and he is set for a ground saving, uncomplicated run. He'll make his prence felt at the finish.

MARAUD failed to follow up when sent to Keeneland for the Transylvania – won by the mighty Analyze It from **CAPTIVATING MOON** and **ADMIRALTY PIER** – with Maraud well beaten in fifth place. Captivating Moon finished best of the beaten horses that day and he is an interesting longshot in the American Turf. **RIVER BOYNE** has made significant improvement since exported across the pond, to gain three straight wins at Santa Anita, most recently when show **INSCOM** how it's done in the Pasadena, and he is yet another trifecta candidate.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A: 3 THREEANDFOURPENCE

B: 11 UNTAMED DOMAIN

C: 1 SPEED FRANCO, 9 CAPTIVATING MOON

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Patton Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P0VLTJ-AplA&t=318s>

2017 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qTBT6fm937I&t=133s>

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GLOBEFORM RANKING

Race 10

PAT DAY MILE (G3) 8 fur dirt, Churchill Downs, 5 May 2018

Horses ranked in pounds (0.45kg). 1 length = 2 pounds over this distance

Rank	Horse	Globeform	Rank past 3 runs	Top3	Trainer / Jockey
				%	
0p	SPORTING CHANCE	112p	17 - 12 - 0p	75	Lukas / Contreras
2p	NATIONAL FLAG	110p	19 - ?p - 2p	3of5	Pletcher / Prat
2	SEAHENGE	110	2 - 16 - 9+ X	57	A O'Brien / Moore
5p	MASK	109p	15p - 5p	2of2	Brown / Castellano
6	GREYVITOS	106	9p - 6 - 6	3of5	Kitchingman / Espinoza
7p	MADISON'S LUNA	105p	?p - 7p	2of2	Bauer / Geroux
8	RESTORING HOPE	104	31+ 13p - 8	4of4	Baffert / Smith
9p	MISSISSIPPI	103p	11 - 9p - 11+	4of5	Casse / Leparoux
10	LOMBO	104	16p - 10 - X	3of5	Pender / Desormeaux
14	SMART REMARK	98	18+ 17p - 14	4of5	Oliver / Lezcano
15	GIVEMEAMINIT	97	? - 26 - 16	44	Stewart / Lanerie
16	FUNNY DUCK	96	18 - 18 - 16	50	Arnold / Hernandez
20	NEW YORK CENTRAL	92	21 - 20 - X	4of5	Asmussen / Santana Jr
28	SHANE ZAIN	84	32 - 28 - 32	16	O'Neill / Beschizza

2017: WILD SHOT – GLOBEFORM 113

George Arnold II / Corey Lanerie

Three names stand out in this year's Pat Day Mile, which will be a highly competitive - and possibly a bit crowded - contest. The Wayne Lukas trained **SPORTING CHANCE** is the most accomplished in a full field of fourteen, having captured the Hopeful Stakes at Saratoga last year, though Chad Brown's Mucho Macho Man winner **MASK** and Todd Pletcher's Bay Shore winner **NATIONAL FLAG** both look just as talented.

SPORTING CHANCE, who has failed two run straight at the finish on two occasions, produced his career best when third behind Kentucky Derby contenders Good Magic and Flameaway in the Blue Grass Stakes at Keeneland last month. Stretching out to 9 furlongs, probably his absolute limit, Sporting Chance ducked out at the finish, caused interference to Free Drop Billy and was demoted to fourth place by the stewards. He ran to **Globeform 112p**, having produced GF 107p in the Hopeful as a juvenile, when also ducked out but did not trouble others and kept the race, passing the winning post a neck in front of Free Drop Billy. Backing Sporting Chance can't be done with much confidence - but it's clear that he is capable of winning a race like this and he deserves a shot. He gets a rider change, from Saez to Contreras.

NATIONAL FLAG is a serious contender here - coming off two impressive wins over 7 furlongs and looking very much like a horse ready to improve again when stepped up to a mile. He was odds-on and won without much fuss when making his seasonal debut in allowance company at Gulfstream Park in early March and followed up in great style in the Bay Shore Stakes at >>>

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>>> Aqueduct five weeks later. National Flag was at the back of the field early, as the pace was strong, and he kicked in like a high class performer to sweep by them all down the lane. He won by 4 lengths from Engage, going right away at the finish, and earned **Globeform 110p**. There's a lot of pace also in this race and National Flag could get an ideal setup.

MASK is a different type of runner, he made all when winning the one-mile Much Macho Man Stakes at Gulfstream Park in January, and has been on the shelf since. It was remarkable performance, he traveled sweetly on the lead throughout, drew off early in the straight and passed the winning post hard held, 6 ¼ lengths in front of Bal Harbor, who was also in good form at the time. The Mucho Macho Man was Mask's second career outing (he was an easy maiden winner at Belmont last fall) and he ran to **Globeform 109p** – not many horses reach such a level after just two runs. This attractive son of Tapit is a bit special. He has to give 2lbs to Sporting Chance and National Flag, but he is the one who might find significant improvement, and he gets the nod as the selection.

GREYVITOS will break from the widest post, and it will not be easy for a prominent runner to get a good trip from there. He is good enough to make an impact, having run to **Globeform 106** on his last start at two and again on his first outing this year.

SEAHENGE ran no sort of a race in the UAE Derby, having blown the start when third, 4 ½ lengths behind Mendelssohn, in the Patton Stakes over a mile at Dundalk first time out this year. He was a smart juvenile, with an off-the-pace win in the Champagne Stakes over 7 furlongs at Doncaster as his best result. The form he showed that day puts him in with the best here but Seahenge is fairly exposed, and another sluggish start won't be ideal.

MADISON'S LUNA is a bit hard to assess and falls into the 'could be anything' bracket, after two wins from two runs to date. He proved way too good for Soutache and Tricks too Doo (both quite useful) when winning the 6-furlong Hutcheson Stakes at Gulfstream Park in March. A late foal by Tapit, this gray colt showed excellent speed and won for fun, despite showing clear signs of immaturity. **RESTORING HOPE**, who adds blinkers, may have been overestimated by many observers after his easy maiden win in what wasn't a strong field at Santa Anita in February – but he did improve when third to Vino Rosso in the Wood Memorial two months later, and his run here could be a pointer to Vino Rosso's chances in the Derby. **MISSISSIPPI** will give us an indication of how strong the Florida Derby was, as he was third behind Audible at Gulfstream Park, beaten almost eleven lengths.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A: 8 MASK

B: 1 NATIONAL FLAG, 11 SPORTING CHANCE

interesting replays

Bay Shore Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YnQIsb0Eiqs>

Mucho Macho Man Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZZRiQqtPTNE>

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Race 11

TURF CLASSIC (G1) 9 fur Turf, Churchill Downs, 5 May 2018

Horses ranked in pounds (0.45kg). 1 length = 2 pounds over this distance

Rank	Horse	Globeform	Rank past 3 runs	Top3	Trainer / Jockey
				%	
0	BEACH PATROL	119	5 - 0 - 1	82	Brown / Rosario
2	DEAUVILLE	117	22 - 15 - 6	72	A O'Brien / Moore
3	KURILOV	114 / 112+	14+ 6+ 5+	85	Brown / I Ortiz Jr
4	SYNCHRONY	115	13 - 7 - 4	83	Stidham / Bravo
4	SHINING COPPER	115	9 - 6 - 4 - ?	77	Maker / Saez
6	CHANNEL MAKER	111	6 - 7 - 9+	53	Mott / Castellano
8p	YOSHIDA	111p	9 - 7 - 9	85	Mott / J L Ortiz
8	CAMELOT KITTEN	112 // 106	14 - 18 - 11	53	Maker / Smith
8	EDITORE	109	9+ 10 - 10+	61	Lobo / Van Dyke
9	ARKLOW	110	16 - 15+ 10	54	Cox / Geroux

2017: DIVISIDERO – GLOBEFORM 118

William Bradley / Julien Leparoux

BEACH PATROL is the likely favorite in this year's Turf Classic, despite the fact that he coming off the bench after a long layoff and will be facing race fit rivals with good recent form. Beach Patrol enjoyed an excellent 2017 season, with wins in the Arlington Million and Joe Hirsch Turf Classic at Belmont Park, and a game runner-up effort in the Breeders' Cup Turf. He beat Fanciful Angel by half a length over 10 furlongs at Arlington and had the same rival 5 lengths behind when they filled first and second again over 12 furlongs at Belmont. Beach Patrol is a consistent, genuine performer, and he turned up again at the Breeders' Cup, to finish a half-length second to the French trained winner Talismanic, with Highland Reel third. Highland Reel and Talismanic went on to dominate the Hong Kong Vase at Sha Tin next time out. Twelve months ago, Beach Patrol ran second in the Turf Classic, caught late and beaten half a length by Divisidero. That run also came after layoff, he is the best horse in this field, his trainer has enjoyed an excellent season so far, and Beach Patrol is the one to beat.

KURILOV, from the same barn as Beach Patrol, could well be his biggest threat. This South American import, an impressive G1 winner over 11 furlongs on dirt in Chile last May, was runner-up in the Gulfstream Park Turf in February, beaten by Heart to Heart - who went on to take the Maker's Mark 46 Mile at Keeneland on his next start. Kurilov ran to GF 112+ on that occasion, having produced **Globeform 114** in Chile a year ago. The third placed horse in the Gulfstream Park, Hi Happy, also won big next out - and Kurilov is definitely an interesting new name on the turf stage. He is a potential improver. >>>

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DEAUVILLE, who won the Belmont Derby back in 2016 and was third to **BEACH PATROL** in last year's Arlington Million – is a well traveled, experienced horse with quite solid form in the book – though it must be noted that he doesn't win very often. His last ten placings read: 7233323002. The five-year-old son of Galileo was last seen in action when 3/2 favorite for the Earl Of Sefton Stakes at Newmarket (straight 9-furlong race), and beaten half a length by Forest Ranger. Deauville's best run last year was his third in the Queen Anne Stakes over a straight mile at Royal Ascot, when he was beaten 1 ½ lengths behind Ribchester, and performed to Globeform 117.

SYNCHRONY is coming off his career best effort, winning the Muniz Memorial at the Fair Grounds in March – after having landed the Fair Grounds Handicap in February. He came from well off the pace for his first win, gained by 2 lengths from the in-form Mr. Misunderstood, but raced more prominently in the Muniz, where he beat **ARKLOW** by 1 ¾ lengths while carrying 2lbs more than the runner-up. That piece of form suggest Synchrony will beat Arklow again – but the latter was making a late seasonal debut in the Muniz and he is the type to improve as a four-year-old. Proven over the track, Arklow won the American Turf here last year. He's an interesting longshot.

SHINING COPPER ran a thoroughly game race to win the Ft. Lauderdale Stakes over 8.5 furlongs at Gulfstream Park in January, when he got up to beat the front-running One Go All Go (who has franked the form since). Shining Copper improved his rating in the Ft. Lauderdale, having won the River City Handicap here at Churchill Downs in November - beating Kasaqui by 1 ¾ lengths over the same trip at the Turf Classic – and he was sent to Barbados Gold Cup in March, and ran second to another Ramsey runner, Sir Dudley Digges.

CAMELOT KITTEN returned to winning form last time out, winning the Kentucky Cup Classic at Turfway Park, a race where he needed no more than GF 106 to take. His best performance, Globeform 112, dates back to October 2016. He ran to GF 106 on a couple of occasions also last year – and perhaps that's about what he's worth these days. Then again, dismissing a horse with back class coming off a confidence boost can be risky. He's a possible trifecta horse, as are Bill Mott's two runners, **CHANNEL MAKER** and seasonal debutant **YOSHIDA**. The latter is just the type to improve at four.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A: 10 BEACH PATROL

B: 3 KURILOV

C: 1 DEAUVILLE, 7 SYNCHRONY

interesting replays

Gulfstream Park Turf: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ItOrX9oZ_x0

2017 Breeders' Cup Turf: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1MLrZIVvPIQ&t=3s>

2017 Arlington Million: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=idStftYM3T4>

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GLOBEFORM RANKING

Race 12

KENTUCKY DERBY (G1) 10 furlongs dirt, Churchill Downs, 5 May 2018

Horses ranked in pounds (0.45kg). 1 length = 2 pounds over this distance

Rank	Horse with placings	Globeform	Rank past 3 runs	Top3	Trainer / Jockey / Post	
				%		
0p	MENDELSSOHN 81721 - 11	127p	14+ 15+ 0p	71	O'Brien / Moore	14
2p	GOOD MAGIC 221 - 31	125p	2p - 16+ 8+	4of5	Brown / J L Ortiz	6
5p	AUDIBLE 311 - 11	122p	22p - 14p - 5p	5of5	Pletcher / Castellano	5
5p	JUSTIFY 111	122p	15p - 19+ 5p	3of3	Baffert / Smith	7
5	BOLT D'ORO 1113 - 22	122	5 - 14+ 9+ 11+	100	Ruis / Espinoza	11
9p	MAGNUM MOON 1111	118p	23+ 16p - 9p	4of4	Pletcher / Saez	16
11p	HOFBURG 4 - 12	116p	46p - 24p - 11p	2of3	Mott / I Ortiz Jr	9
11	FLAMEAWAY 11618 - 1122	116	16p - 11 - 11	78	Casse / Lezcano	4
12	SOLOMINI 1223 - 23 (demoted from 1 st to 3 rd last start 2017)	115	12p - 13+ 24+ 18+	100	Baffert / Prat	17
13p	VINO ROSSO 11 - 341	114p	23p - 24 - 13p	4of5	Pletcher / Velazquez	18
13p	ENTICED 131 - 412	114p	X - 13p - 18	83	McLaughlin / Alvarado	12
13	PROMISES FULFILLED 113 - 19	114	23p - 13 - X	4of5	Romans / Lanerie	3
14p	MY BOY JACK 622217 - 3131	113p	15 - 17+ 14p	80	Desormeaux / Desormeaux	10
15p	NOBLE INDY 1 - 131	112p	24p - 26 - 15p	4of4	Pletcher / Geroux	19
15p	INSTILLED REGARD 2312 - 144	112p	17+ 23 - X	71	Hollendorfer / Vn Dyke	15
16	LONE SAILOR 51325 - 922	111	36 - 32+ 16	62	Amoss / Graham	8
17p	FREE DROP BILLY 12219 - 234	110p	20+ 28 - 17p	87	Romans / Albarado	2
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2018	KENTUCKY DERBY (G1)	10 fur	Churchill Downs	Dirt	Saturday, May 5
Rank	Horse with placings	Globeform	Rank past 3 runs	Top3	Trainer / Jockey / Post
17	FIRENZE FIRE 11417 - 1244	110	23 - 32 - 35	55	Jason Servis / Lopez 1
19	COMBATANT 41 - 22234	108	29 - 24 - 19	71	Asmussen / Santana Jr 20
21	BRAVAZO 81230 - 118	106	26p - 21 - X	62	Lukas / Contreras 13
19	BLENDED CITIZEN SCRATCH	108	23p - 23+ 19	33	O'Neill / TBA Also eligible horse

2017: ALWAYS DREAMING – GLOBEFORM 118

Todd Pletcher / John Velazquez

MENDELSSOHN was incredibly good in the UAE Derby at Meydan – and this \$3 million colt looks a bit of a freak. Many say that the 'Dubai route' is a negative, adding that a European shipper is at a disadvantage in the Kentucky Derby. That may be, but in Mendelssohn we are dealing with something quite different – in many ways. He has a lot of experience, from running over very different tracks, he has shipped across to the US once already – and came away with a big win – and he certainly has the pedigree on his side. Add in the factor that he looks sure to stay the 10-furlong distance, and you will agree; there's a lot to like about this contender.

The son of Scat Daddy created an almost bizarre result when he powered home by 18 ½ lengths from classic winning filly Rayya (who runs in the Kentucky Oaks on Friday) in the 9.5-furlong UAE Derby. Three lengths further back came Reride, and he was almost two lengths ahead of Gold Town – up to that point considered the best three-year-old in Dubai. How do we rate such a performance? The answer is that, in all honesty, we cannot rate it to any sort of accuracy – all we can do is offer an educated guess, most likely with a slight headache to go with it.

It's easy to say that "the rest ran miles below form". I have always felt that, unless we are dealing with extreme ground conditions, it pays off to take a more positive view of wide margin winners. Yes, those beaten were below par but how badly could they have run? It's hard to believe that top trainers Doug Watson (Rayya), Steve Asmussen (Reride) and Charlie Appleby (Gold Town) all had their horses in lousy shape on the big day. What's easier to grasp is the fact that, because Mendelssohn travelled so incredibly strongly – and had them all on the ropes half a mile from home – they were soon pushed outside their comfort zones. That's when thoroughbreds begin to tire quite badly. While Mendelssohn looked stronger by the stride, they all looked pretty fed up with the whole exercise. Getting exhausted, they were not able to perform anywhere near their true form.

Such a margin ought to happen in jump racing only. When Thunder Snow won last year's UAE Derby, 13 of the 16 runners finished within 16 lengths. This year, the fifth placed horse, G2 winning Seahenge, was beaten no less than 26 lengths. Again, how badly could all these 'also-rans' have performed?

Mendelssohn was on Globeform 115p going into the UAE Derby, with Reride on GF 105p and UAE Oaks winner Rayya and Gold Town both on GF 104. Reride earned his rating in the Mine That Bird Derby at Sunland Park, where he beat Runaway Ghost – who went on to win in the Sunland Derby quite easily next time out. Rayya was coming off a convincing win over the Godolphin duo Expressiy and Winter Lightning (UAE 1,000 Guineas winner) in the UAE Oaks. Gold Town had crushed everything in, admittedly a sub-standard, 3yo male division at the Dubai Carnival. Mendelssohn was pushed out by Ryan Moore at Meydan, something that makes it at least a little bit easier to try assessing this form. Taking the margin at face value, we can calculate that he beat Rayya by 37 pounds, plus the 4.4lb sex allowance, arriving at a massive 41.4lb difference between the two. Could Rayya have run to GF 100 in the Derby? Probably not. If she did, well then Mendelssohn was worthy of GF 141 – making him another Frankel already. >>>

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>>> Could Reride have been close to his Sunland form? Again; probably not. I have no doubt that he is capable of GF 105 but Meydan is quite different to 'the bullring' at Sunland Park, when it was his turn to boss inferior rivals. What about Gold Town? Hard to say – perhaps he isn't all that good after all. He's no slouch either, and it was almost unreal to observe how all but one horse were off the bridle after 1000 metres of the UAE Derby.

This is such an unusual race to assess, but putting Rayya in on 80, with Reride on 83 and Gold Town on 80, makes Mendelssohn's performance worth Globeform 127. Extremely high, higher than any other Kentucky Derby contender. His winning time over 1900 metres, 1.55.18, compared well with Thunder Snow's 2.01.38 over 2000 in the World Cup and Heavy Metal's 1.36.21 over 1600 in the Godolphin Mile. So, is this colt, who undoubtedly improved when switched to dirt, capable of 127, or is that figure too high? Too low perhaps? Let's just say it's in the right neighborhood – and that he has a big chance in the Run for The Roses. Breaking from post 14 should be fine, he will probably go forward, though he is unlikely to be sent to the lead. Hopefully, Mendelssohn gets a good, clean trip just off the early speed enabling him to make full use his stamina at the business end. Beholder's half-brother is **the only horse in this field who has raced over further than 9 furlongs**, and when he did he put up a huge performance.

GOOD MAGIC, recommended as an early value bet at 12-1 early doors, still looks too big in the betting. Last year's champion juvenile is on his way back to top form, and he will probably be a serious player. He put up a fine performance to win the Blue Grass Stakes at Keeneland, his final prep before a crack at the Run for The Roses. Still, most of the attention has been on other names. Is he the forgotten horse? How is it possible to forget how good this colt was at Del Mar last November? Going into the race with just two runs under his belt, he was a maiden – yet produced top class form to win the Breeders' Cup Juvenile by 4 ¼ lengths from Solomini. Solomini was a length better than the favorite Bolt d'Oro – who had won the FrontRunner in the style of a seriously good horse on his previous start (with Solomini second). Good Magic ran to Globeform 125p at the Breeders' Cup – extremely high for a horse with so little experience. He traveled well throughout and Jose Ortiz rode him with confidence. Advancing to second with a little over two furlongs to go, he took the lead one furlong from the winning post. Good Magic ran on strongly and he was so much the best on the day. Solomini, also improving at the time, franked the form by beating McKinzie in the Los Alamitos Cash Call Futurity a month later, when he came with a powerful run to sweep past his rivals for a decisive win. He failed to keep a straight line though, thus interfered with the third home, **INSTILLED REGARD**, and was disqualified – meaning that McKinzie was awarded the race. The latter was an easy winner of the Sham Stakes in January, while Instilled Regard did a similar job when landing the LeComte Stakes on his seasonal bow. Their wins further confirmed the strength of form lines connected to the Breeders' Cup Juvenile.

Good Magic returned GF 111+ when beaten in the Fountain of Youth on his seasonal debut, running like a horse in need of the race. Giving the winner 6lbs, he was third, 4 ½ lengths behind the much fitter winner, **PROMISES FULFILLED**. Trainer Chad Brown later said that the colt was bit short on work leading up to the contest. He had Good Magic in much better shape for the Blue Grass, a race the colt won in a no-nonsense manner, beating **FLAMEAWAY** readily by 1 ½ lengths. Flameaway was coming off a second in the Tampa Bay Derby, beaten by Quip, who went on to take second in the Arkansas Derby - beaten 4 lengths by **MAGNUM MOON** in a race run at a moderate pace that did not suit Quip. Solomini was similarly compromised in third.

Good Magic's preparation for the Kentucky Derby has gone exactly to plan. He is capable of Globeform 125, and his two runs this term were assessed to GF 111+ and GF 119+. It would come as no big surprise if he steps right back up to 125, perhaps even better, and beats them all on the first Saturday in May. He drew a good post and he is **the only horse in this field who has already won a proper championship race**. >>>

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AUDIBLE has won four of his five starts, having been beaten only on his debut over 6.5 furlongs at Belmont Park back in September '17. He won twice at Aqueduct in November / December, improving each time, and was then given a two-month winter break. His seasonal debut came in the Holy Bull Stakes over 8.5 furlongs at Gulfstream Park in early February, when he outclassed **FREE DROP BILLY** to the tune of 5 ½ lengths. Pletcher had yet another serious Kentucky Derby contender – that much was clear – and Audible confirmed his position among the best of this year's classic crop when following up in the Florida Derby on March 31. The son of Into Mischief raced off the pace in the early stages of the 9-furlong test, moved up and and kicked clear down the lane to win by 3 lengths from **HOFBURG**, who was staying on without ever posing a serious threat. Hofburg was 7 ¾ lengths clear of the third placed Mississippi (who runs in the Pat Day Mile on Derby day). Audible ran to Globeform 122p in the Florida Derby, putting him on the same mark as Santa Anita Derby winner Justify – who has three wins from as many starts but did not race at two and lacks experience. Audible is a lot more experienced. **He has raced over four different distances**, from 6.5 furlongs to 9 furlongs, and he has raced **over three different tracks**. He moved up from GF 113p in the Holy Bull to GF 122p in the Florida Derby. Another step up seems likely, and he has a good chance of staying 1 ¼ miles.

JUSTIFY has risen rapidly to the top of the 3yo group, with three wins at Santa Anita this year. Without a run as a juvenile – and thus up against the Apollo jinx – Baffert had no time to spare with this talented son of Scat Daddy if he was to think of the first Saturday in May. Baffert obviously was. He took the wraps off for a 7-furlong maiden in February, a race Justify won for fun, making virtually all to beat Camby by 9 lengths with plenty more in hand. Three weeks closer to those big Derby preps, Justify was stepped up in class – and distance – to win a mile allowance race, again showing good speed (though sitting in second early on) to crush his rivals. He won by 6 ½ lengths from Shivermetimbers. His runner-up is a decent sort though nowhere near G1 class, but Justify could not have been more impressive. Accepted by all observers as a colt with great potential, Justify had zero Derby points, however, and connections took one – rather ambitious – shot at getting him into the Kentucky Derby field. The Santa Anita Derby was next, run over 9 furlongs on April 7. It represented a big step up in class but the race drew a field of only seven runners. On paper, it looked a two-horse race. **BOLT D'ORO** and Justify stood out on form, and they separated themselves nicely also out on the track. Mike Smith sent Justify straight to the lead, Bolt d'Oro looked strong as he drew upsides on the home turn, but Justify had more stamina than his rival and pulled away again approaching the final furlong, to beat him by 3 lengths. Core Beliefs, a nice runner to note for smaller stakes down the road, was 6 ½ lengths further adrift in third place. **Globeform 122p is very high for a horse with only three runs** under his belt, and Justify could well be another champion from the Baffert barn. He is a high class, high profile, contender likely to start favorite on Saturday. He has a lot going for him, but there are also causes for concern. His lack of experience, in his three races to date he has been challenged just once, when Bolt d'Oro took a run at him, and he has only met four, four and six rivals in these contests. He beat Bolt d'Oro for stamina over 9 panels at Santa Anita, but going ten at Churchill Downs is an altogether different ballgame. Justify has good tactical speed but will he stay 1 ¼ miles?

BOLT D'ORO looks more and more like a miler. Having produced Globeform 122 when winning the FrontRunner at Santa Anita last year, he was badly compromised by a sluggish start and a wide trip when third in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile at Del Mar, 5 ¼ lengths behind **GOOD MAGIC** and beaten also by **SOLOMINI**. Bolt d'Oro's seasonal debut, in the 8.5-furlong San Felipe Stakes at Santa Anita in March, was absolutely fine. He lost, but only by a head to the much fitter McKinzie. It was a prep for the Santa Anita Derby, where Bolt d'Oro seemed short on stamina as he went down by 3 lengths to **JUSTIFY**. The Mick Ruis trainee seemed stronger than Justify for a few strides on the home turn but, while Justify found another gear down the lane, Bot d'Oro failed to see the out the 9-furlong trip. He is one of the best horses going into this Derby but others make more appeal over this distance.

MAGNUM MOON – like Justify a contender without racing experience at two - takes a win streak of four into the big race, and will probably be popular in the betting. And why shouldn't he? This son of Malibu Moon has run some fine races for the powerful Pletcher barn, and he was an easy winner of his final prep, the Arkansas Derby over 9 furlongs at Oaklawn Park in April. Having beaten **SOLOMINI** by 3 ½ lengths when >>

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>>> they clashed in the Rebel Stakes over 8.5 furlongs at the same venue in March, Magnum Moon met that rival once more in the Arkansas Derby – and he was again much the best of the two, though Quip (who is being pointed at the Preakness) finished between the two in second place. Magnum Moon went straight to the lead, set moderate fractions, and quickened away in the straight. He beat Quip by 4 lengths, while Solomini was a neck further back in third. Quip and Solomini were both compromised by the lack of pace but take nothing away from Magnum Moon. He won the race with authority, improved to Globeform 118p in the process, and gained his first Grade 1 win at his first attempt. A May foal, Magnum Moon is entitled to improve again with age, but what will his best distance be? He may turn out to be more of a miler to a 9-furlong performer, than one who excels in a strongly run race over 1 ¼ miles.

HOFBURG is an interesting longshot and definitely a horse worth including in the trifecta plan. Actually, this son of Tapit would not be an absolute shocker if he wins the Kentucky Derby. He is an attractive, strong colt with plenty of scope, and he improved markedly on his seasonal debut win when taking second in the Florida Derby. Hofburg ran on well at the finish to be a clear runner-up, 3 lengths behind Audible. With a gap of 7 ¾ lengths back to the third placed horse, Mississippi, Bill Mott's charge returned Globeform 116p, having run to GF 103p when beating Just Whistle (who won next time out) in a decent maiden race four weeks earlier. Hofburg was in stall 11 for his maiden and forced wide throughout. His win was quite impressive, and his run in the Florida Derby indicated that he is a high class performer in the making. His one start last year, when he was a distant fourth in a 7-furlong maiden at Saratoga, was purely educational – and means that Hofburg's supporters won't have to worry about the Apollo jinx. They will, however, know that he is one of the least experienced horses in the field.

FLAMEAWAY has improved from two to three and, with nine starts, he is one of the most experienced runners in this field. A strong and attractive son of Scat Daddy, he won the Sam Davis at Tampa Bay Downs before running second in the Tampa Bay Derby (a length behind Quip) and filled the same spot in the Blue Grass Stakes at Keeneland, where he was beaten 1 ½ lengths by **GOOD MAGIC**. It's hard to imagine him turning that form around at Churchill Downs but Flameaway is a solid, game performer, who could find his way to a top four finish.

SOLOMINI ran his best races to date when second to **GOOD MAGIC** in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile and first past the post in the Los Alamitos Futurity last year. He was 4 ¼ lengths behind Good Magic at Del Mar, where he finished a length in front of **BOLT D'ORO**, who had beaten him by almost eight lengths when they filled the exacta in the FrontRunner at Santa Anita five weeks earlier. Solomini confirmed his form by quickening past McKinzie and **INSTILLED REGARD** at Los Alamitos – only to be demoted to third for having hampered the latter. McKinzie and Instilled Regard both won a Derby prep next time out, and Solomini's form looked solid. He has not been quite up to the same level in his two starts as a three-year-old, taking second in the Rebel and third in the Arkansas Derby, but this son of Curlin did move forward in his runs at Oaklawn Park and **he has always looked the type who would appreciate a stamina test.**

VINO ROSSO is another likely to enjoy a test over 10 furlongs, and he is coming off his career best, a 3-length win over **ENTICED** in the Wood Memorial over 9 furlongs at Aqueduct in April. Vino Rosso improved sharply with this win, putting up a much better performance than when third behind **FLAMEAWAY** in the Sam Davis at Tampa Bay and fourth behind Quip in the Tampa Bay Derby. He came with strong run from off the pace at Aqueduct and looks the type to roll past tiring rivals at Churchill Downs. John Velazquez has chosen him over the other three from Pletcher's barn, Audible, Magnum Moon and Noble Indy.

ENTICED, who won the Kentucky Jockey Club here at Churchill Downs as a juvenile (beating Tiz Mischief and **PROMISES FULFILLED**), was visually impressive in the Gotham, a race he won hard held by 2 ¾ lengths from Old Time Revival – but he didn't beat much that day. That said, ratings show him to be closely matched with Vino Rosso, who beat him by 3 lengths in the Wood Memorial.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A: 14 MENDELSSOHN

B: 6 GOOD MAGIC

C: 5 AUDIBLE, 7 JUSTIFY

Selections based on dry conditions / fast / good track

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GLOBEFORM RANKING

2,000 GUINEAS (G1) 8 fur Turf, Newmarket, 5 May 2018

Horses ranked in pounds (0.45kg). 1 length = 2 pounds over this distance

Rank	Horse	Globeform	Trainer	Jockey (draw)
0p	SAXON WARRIOR	118p	O'Brien	D O'Brien (9)
1	ROARING LION	117	Gosden	Murphy (12)
2p	EXPERT EYE	116p	Stoute	Atzeni (4)
3p	MASAR	115p	C Appleby	Buick (14)
6p	GUSTAV KLIMT	112p	O'Brien	Heffernan (5)
6p	ELARQAM	112p	Johnston	Crowley (11)
8	JAMES GARFIELD	110	Scott	Dettori (7)
8	CARDSHARP	110	Johnston	Doyle (3)
10	NEBO	108	C Hills	S De Sousa (13)
11	RAJASINGHE	107	Spencer	Kirby (1)
12p	RAID	106p	Simcock	Harley (2)
12p	HEADWAY	106p	Haggas	Spencer (6)
12	MURILLO	106	O'Brien	Lordan (8)
12	TIP TWO WIN	106	Teal	Probert (10)

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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

SAXON WARRIOR, a son of Deep Impact out of Moyglare winner Maybe, won all of his three races as a juvenile, culminating in a battling neck verdict over **ROARING LION** in the Racing Post Trophy over a mile at Doncaster in October. 6-1 looks good value about this colt. Racing on good to soft ground, Saxon Warrior was passed – and looked beaten – inside that last furlong at Doncaster but he rallied to regain command. It was a taking performance, and made him the winter favourite for English classics. Roaring Lion was coming off a win in the Royal Lodge at Newmarket, where he beat Nelson (who won the Ballysax Stakes on his first start this year). Saxon Warrior is probably a strong contender for the 2,000 Guineas, though he could be a horse that wants a bit further than a mile, and it's worth bearing in mind that all of his runs last year came with give in the ground. More rain in Newmarket would improve his chances. He drew well in post 9, between his stable companion Murillo and one of the outsiders, Tip Two Win.

ROARING LION was outstayed by Saxon Warrior in the Racing Post Trophy, having produced solid form also when winning the Royal Lodge over a mile at Newmarket. He ran well below his juvenile form when third, beaten 9 lengths, behind Masar in the Craven Stakes two weeks ago – when the Gosden trainee looked short of fitness. He is likely to be sharper now of course, but how much can a horse move forward in such a short space of time? Also, there may still be a question mark over his participation, as his trainer earlier stated that he was likely to bypass the Guineas and be trained to the Dante Stakes at York. Then the rain came and his connections decided to leave him in the Guineas. How the weather plays out on Thursday, Friday and Saturday will probably be a deciding factor. The forecast says that we will get three dry days, with sun and breeze. Roaring Lion has run his best races on good to soft ground.

EXPERT EYE was impressive when winning the Vintage Stakes at Goodwood last summer, flopped badly in the Dewhurst here at Newmarket in the autumn (when he was 4-7 favourite), and ran a nice race on his comeback at Newbury last month, when he was given an educational ride and finished second to **JAMES GARFIELD** in the Greenham. Expert Eye seems to be the forgotten horse in the betting now – but don't forget his best race at two, when he outclassed his rivals to produce Globeform 116p on what was his second lifetime start. Always going strongly, he led two furlongs out and won by 4 ½ lengths from Zamam, with Mildenerger ¾ length further adrift in third, James Garfield fourth and Seahenge fifth. It was a strong field and Expert Eye was different class on the day. His Dewhurst run is best forgotten, something was clearly amiss that day – he was edgy in the preliminaries, difficult to load into the stalls, and ran no sort of a race – eventually allowed to coast home in last place, some ten lengths behind U S Navy Flag. Expert Eye was perfectly behaved in the preliminaries at Newbury, where he got off to a good start to the new season. Yes, he was beaten three parts of a length by James Garfield, but there was a lot to like about his performance. Running a bit green, he was put in between horses by Ryan Moore, and he would have learnt a lot more from that run than he did in the Vintage – where he never had to fight. He finished the race off well at Newbury – and we can expect a big step forward in the Guineas. Andrea Atzeni, who rode him in the Vintage Stakes, gets back on board.

MASAR impressed with his 9-length win in the Craven Stakes, where he led every step of the way and quickened up well from the front to win with ease. He has clearly improved from his juvenile days, when he ran some really good races against top class performers. He was a game third to Happily in the Prix Jean Luc Lagardere at Longchamp, and he was a staying on nicely when fifth to Mendelssohn in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf at Del Mar. Happily is set to run in the 1,000 Guineas on Sunday and Mendelssohn needs no introduction. Masar did not take to the dirt when given one run in Dubai this winter, and he looked fit and ready when returning to turf in the Craven. With Roaring Lion (who was odds-on) not being fit and running

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>>> well below his juvenile form to be third, the Craven is a bit hard to assess. 16-1 shot White Mocha (officially rated 99 going into the race), pipped Roaring Lion for second. Masar looked pretty smart - and the best thing about his prep was that he did not get a hard race. Having a win over a mile at Newmarket under your belt is also a plus, and he must have a good chance. Masar drew stall 14 and Buick is likely to kick on and try to get a good trip racing up by the stands' side rail.

GUSTAV KLIMT won the Superlative Stakes over 7 furlongs at the Newmarket July course last summer. The two courses in Newmarket are quite similar in profile, though the July course does not have a 'dip' leading to the last furlong, like the Rowley Mile, where the Guineas races are staged. Gustav Klimt overcame all sorts of trouble to win the Superlative by a head from **NEBO** - a colt who went on to take second in the Richmond Stakes at Goodwood on his next outing and won the Horris Hill at Newbury later in the season. Gustav Klimt was not seen again in 2017. He resurfaced in the 7-furlong 2,000 Guineas Trial at Leopardstown in April, a race he won readily by 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ lengths from the race-fit Imaging. The ground was heavy but Gustav Klimt ran on good to firm at Newmarket last year, when he also won a maiden on good ground at Leopardstown, and there's no reason to believe he is a mudlark. Perhaps he won despite the ground at Leopardstown. He gained many admirers and took over at the head of the betting - he's a strong contender but current odds of 5-2 looks a bit on the short side.

ELARQAM is a son of the mighty Frankel out of champion miler Attraction. They both won the Guineas at Newmarket, so this colt has something to live up to. His two runs last year indicated that he was a smart horse in the making, and he is likely to improve this season. Sent off at 10-11, he was an easy winner of a York novice stakes at York on his debut in September, and he stepped up to win the Tattersalls Somerville Stakes at Newmarket 18 days later. Elarqam raced prominently throughout, took the lead inside the final furlong and won with a fair bit in hand. **TIP TWO WIN**, who won a Listed event on his previous outing, finished second, ahead of Tangled (second to Nebo in G3 company next time out). Elarqam is not as accomplished as his main rivals but he is 2-for-2 and he is bred to be top class, so must be respected.

JAMES GARFIELD kicked his three-year-old campaign off in good style when winning the Greenham Stakes at Newbury last month - finished strongly to get up for a 3/4-length win over the race favourite Expert Eye (who had beaten him with ease at Goodwood last year). The son of Exceed and Excel also won the Mill Reef Stakes at Newbury last term, a success that booked his place in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf field at Del Mar. James Garfield never got into the race in California and he was beaten by nine of his 13 rivals - though it was a respectable run, as he passed the winning post 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ lengths behind the winner, Kentucky Derby contender Mendelssohn. Greenham winners normally go to the Guineas, and so he should, but this colt may have had a fitness edge at Newbury, and that (flat) course probably suits him better than Newmarket.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A: 3 EXPERT EYE, 13 SAXON WARRIOR

B: 4 GUSTAV KLIMT, 7 MASAR

*Expert Eye preferred if we get good to firm ground,
Saxon Warrior preferred if ground is on the soft side.*

Globeform's Ratings & Rankings

2018

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Rank (ranking): Horse best in at the weights (compared to Globeform ratings) is top ranked with rank figure "0" (zero), and all others ranked down in pounds (lbs), i.e. "3" rank means that the horse is 3 pounds worse off than the top ranked horse. The higher the 'rank figure' the worse off the horse is in this race - based on previous form.

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p = improvement expected

P = significant improvement expected

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