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GLOBEFORM ANALYSES & RATINGS **SANTA ANITA - 2 NOVEMBER 2019**



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Midnight Bisou winning at Santa Anita as a three-year-old.
Could she be our banker on Breeders' Cup Saturday?

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GLOBEFORM RATINGS

BREEDERS' CUP FILLY & MARE SPRINT (G1), 7 fur dirt, Santa Anita

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

Rank	Horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs	Trainer / Jockey
From left to right (most recent last)				
0	COVFEFE 3yo	124	123p – 108 – 121+ 124	Cox / Rosario
4p	COME DANCING	122p	114+ 109 – 120p – 122p	Martin / Castellano
5	BELLAFINA 3yo	119	119 – 118+ 118+ 105 – 100	Callaghan / Prat
6	SELCOURT	120	120 in 2018 / 114 - 109 - 114	Sadler / Saez
7	SPICED PERFECTION	119	114 – 119 – 107 – 117+	Miller / Velazquez
12	DANUSKA'S MY GIRL	114	104 – 104 – 114	D Ward / G Franco
14	LADY NINJA	112	105p – 102 – 112	Baltas / Van Dyke
14	DAWN THE DESTROYER	112	101 – 106 – 112	McLaughlin / Gaffalione
17	HEAVENHASMNIKKI	109	?+ 109 - ?+	Hess Jr / Santana Jr

3yo horses will carry 2lbs less than older horses

* Globeform Weight-for-age 3-year-olds vs. older horses 7 fur early Nov: USA zero

2018: SHAMROCK ROSE – GF 115

Mark Casse / Irad Ortiz jr

2017: BAR OF GOLD – GF 117

John Kimmel / Irad Ortiz Jr



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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS BREEDERS' CUP FILLY & MARE SPRINT

COVFEFE has been brilliant in her winning races this year. In the old days, this 3yo filly would have taken on the boys in the Breeders' Cup Sprint over 6 furlongs – and gone into the race with a serious chance. She will probably be hard to beat, but 7 furlongs – although she has won the Test Stakes over the distance – may suit her chief rival, **COME DANCING** a little bit better. Particularly as Covfefe has to break from the rail. She will have to run hard the whole way here, and going a notch too fast can play the cards right into Come Dancing's lap. She is also very fast but she appears to have a bit more stamina than Covfefe. The latter was favoured by the weights when she beat Serengeti Empress in the Test at Saratoga, and she looked better when taking the Miss Preakness at Pimlico back in May and when winning the Dogwood at Churchill Downs last time out. Both these races were over 6 furlongs. Note that she had **Danuska's My Girl** and **Heavenhasmynikki** directly to her outside in the stalls. They are not good enough to win this event but they both prefer to be on the lead early and we may see a speed duel developing here. Unless, of course, Covfefe simply proves too swift for them and gets away early.

COME DANCING is taken to lower her colors. She is in the same league as Covfefe, she is an older contender, with more experience, and she truly stays 7 furlongs. Actually, she stays even further, having run second to Distaff favorite Midnight Bisou in the 8.5-furlong Ogden Phipps Stakes at Belmont Park in June. The 5yo daughter of Malibu Moon was strong as she captured the Ballerina Stakes over 7 panels at Saratoga (outclasing Dawn the Destroyer by 3 ½ lengths while giving her 4lbs) and her odds-on win the 6.5-furlong Gallant Bloom at Belmont in October was a lot better than it may look on paper. Come Dancing took that race by 3 ¼ lengths from Minit to Stardom, this time carrying 5lbs more than the runner-up, and she was pricking her ears when passing the winning post. It was a comfortable win, she was full of energy after the race and it was a perfect prep run.

BELLAFINA cuts back to sprinting after having struggled over longer distances a couple of times this year and she should not be underestimated. Her best form came when she won the Santa Anita Oaks over 8.5 furlongs early in the season but she has excellent tactical speed and 7 furlongs might suit her well. Note that she is 4-for-4 here at Santa Anita. She was nowhere near Covfefe when third in the Test but Saratoga probably did not suit this filly. She should run better here and she is in with a chance.

SELCOURT ran well enough on her return from a long break when beaten a nose by **Lady Ninja** (who was receiving 2lbs) in the LA Woman just over a month ago, to suggest she might recapture her best form – in which case she is also a Trifecta contender. She ran to GF 120 last year.

SPICED PERFECTION also holds a decent chance. She overcame a slow start and was visually impressive when landing the TCA Stakes over 6 furlongs at Keeneland last time out. Even better will be needed this time but Secret Perfection – like Bellafina – enjoys home court advantage. She has a 2-2-1 record from five starts at Santa Anita and 7 furlongs suits her well. She won the prestigious La Brea Stakes over this trip in the winter. Her trainer Peter Miller has a record second to none with sprinters.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A: 4 COME DANCING

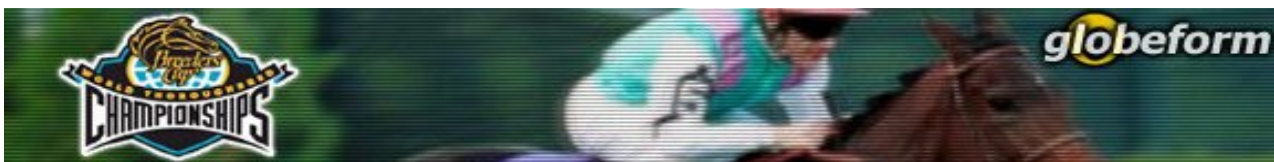
B: 1 COVFEFE

C: 6 BELLAFINA, 9 SPICED PERFECTION

3YO WEIGHTS IN BREEDERS' CUP SPRINT RACES

Note that the three-year-olds get a 2lbs weight pull against older horses in sprint races at the Breeders' Cup. Globeform research over the years have shown that, when we get to late October and onwards, there should be no "wfa" allowance for North American 3yo sprinters over 7 furlongs, just a 1lb allowance for European 3yo sprinters over this distance, and 'zero' for both categories in races over 5 and 6 furlongs.

Whether a 3yo is a 'North American' or a 'European' is determined by where the horse began its career.



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GLOBEFORM RATINGS

BREEDERS' CUP TURF SPRINT (G1), 5 fur turf, Santa Anita

Horses ranked in pounds (0.45kg). 1 length = 3 pounds over this distance

Rank	Horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs	Trainer / Jockey
From left to right (most recent last)				
0?	STORMY LIBERAL	124 / 116	124 in 2018 / 115+ 108 – 109	Miller / Velazquez
0p	IMPRIMIS	122p	122p – 111+ 113 – 113+	Orseno / Dettori
1	BELVOIR BAY <i>mare</i>	118	118 – 113 - ? - 110	Miller / Castellano
4	TOTALLY BOSS	118	113p – 114p – 118	Arnold II / J Ortiz
4	STUBBINS <i>3yo</i>	116	92 – 106 – 116	O'Neill / Prat
6	LEINSTER	116	116 – 113 – 115	Arnold II / Gaffalione
6	PURE SENSATION	116	115 – 113 – 115+	C Clement / Lopez
6	LEGENDS OF WAR <i>3yo</i>	114	95 - ?+ 114	O'Neill / Bejarano
6	OM	116	110 – 116 – 113	Miller / M Franco
7	EDDIE HASKELL	115	114p – 115 – 113	Glatt / Rosario
7	SHEKKY SHEBAZ	115	?p – 115 – 115	Jason Servis / I Ortiz Jr
10	FINAL FRONTIER	112	106p – 112 – 112	T Albertrani / Saez

RESERVES

10	GIRLS KNOW BEST <i>m</i>	109	109 – 107 – 103	Kenneally / Bravo
15	DOUBLE TOUCH	107	102 – 98 - ? - 107	Sadler / Velazquez

Fillies / mares: 3lbs sex allowance – add 3lbs to ratings for direct comparison

3-year-olds carry 2lbs less than older horses in this race

* Globeform Weight-for-age 3-year-olds vs. older horses: USA 0lbs * Europe 0lbs

2018: STORMY LIBERAL – GF 124

Peter Miller / Drayden Van Dyke

2017: STORMY LIBERAL - GF 117p

Peter Miller / Joel Rosario



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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS BREEDERS' CUP TURF SPRINT

This is such an open affair and it is probably a race to get too heavily involved in. Three contenders stick out a little bit though, and last year's winner Stormy Liberal is not one of them. We have made very good money from backing this horse over the past two seasons (he was recommended at 40-1 when winning in 2017) and if he runs back to his best he will win the Turf Sprint, for a third time, but he seems to have lost a step or two nowadays. He ran to GF 124 when beating the top class sprinter World of Trouble twelve months ago and now he lingers around GF 116. Which does give him a chance again actually. Though **IMPRIMIS**, with Frankie Dettori back on board, **BELVOIR BAY**, a 25-1 value bet for us a couple of weeks ago, and the experienced and bang in form **PURE SENSATION** all make a bit more appeal.

IMPRIMIS, a high class sprinter coming off a couple of defeats when finding himself in trouble, might be the one who blows the field apart. We tried him at a big price in the King's Stand at Royal Ascot, after he had produced GF 122p twice at home, but he was not suited by the straight course. Frankie Dettori said after the race that Imprimis "was as good as them (ie. Blue Point and Battash) but he kept looking for a bend". Dettori takes the ride again, and this time Imprimis will get a bend, and most likely a strong pace to close into. Give him a clear run and he will be hard to beat. The bookmaker's price of **10-1** is totally about this contender (8-1 morning line), and it would come as no big surprise to see his odds shorten as we get closer to the race.

BACK IMPRIMIS AT 10-1 WITH THE BOOKMAKERS – HE COULD WELL BE ONE WHO DROPS MARKEDLY IN THE BETTING ON SATURDAY, ON BOTH SIDES OF THE POND

BELVOIR BAY is still way too big in the betting (best priced **20-1**). Don't worry about stall 12. She is fast enough to clear and it is far better to be drawn wide, than being stuck on the inside. Coming back from a layoff, she is a high class speedball – and the fact that the Turf Sprint is run over 5 furlongs on the flat track is very much in her favour. Belvoir Bay is fast from the outset – as demonstrated when she almost led from gate to wire in the Al Quoz Sprint over the straight course at Meydan in March. Her performance there, when she was a game runner-up to Europe's champion sprinter Blue Point, was really impressive. It was not her absolute best piece of form, however. That came in a one-turn sprint at home. She returned Globeform 113 at Meydan, having produced Globeform 118 when taking the Wishing Well Stakes by almost five lengths in February – a race run over 5 furlongs on Santa Anita's turf course. Her second place finish in the Monrovia Stakes (on dirt) and fourth behind World of Trouble in the Jaipur Stakes (over 6 furlongs at Belmont Park) were solid efforts, under circumstances that did not suit her ideally. At 20-1, she simply must be backed.

PURE SENSATION, an old and battle hardened sprinter, looked back to his absolute best when gaining a comfortable win in the Turf Monster at Parx last time out. His runner-up, Dubini, franked the form by winning the Laurel Dash on his next start. You can make a case for several in this year's BC Turf Sprint but it's going to be so competitive, with several horses in with a chance on ratings, and it could easily develop into a bit of a street fight. Pure Sensation's experience will be a big plus under such circumstances.

STUBBINS, a 3yo who was showing great promise early in the season, but has had a somewhat unusual campaign, produced his career best when winning the Woodford over 5.5 furlongs at Keeneland last month and he looks a potential improver.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A: 3 IMPRIMIS, 12 BELVOIR BAY
B: 2 PURE SENSATION
C: 5 STUBBINS

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GLOBEFORM RATINGS

BREEDERS' CUP DIRT MILE (G1), 8 fur dirt, Santa Anita

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

Rank	Horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs	Trainer / Jockey
From left to right (most recent last)				
0	COAL FRONT	122	121 – 108+ 95 – 116+	Pletcher / Castellano
1p	OMAHA BEACH	121p	117p – 118p – 121p	R Mandella / Smith
4	IMPROBABLE 3yo	118 / 116	113 – 106 – 114+ 106+	Baffert / Bejarano
5	MR. MONEY 3yo	117	117 – 117 – 111+	Calhoun / G Saez
5	GIANT EXPECTATIONS	117	110 – 118 – 117	Eurton / J Ortiz
6	SPUN TO RUN 3yo	116p	105 – 108 – 116p	Guerrera / I Ortiz Jr
?	BLUE CHIPPER	?	7-for-8 in Korea, 6 – 8 fur.	Young Kwan / Prat
11	DIAMOND OOPS	111	109 – 110 – 111	Biancone / Leparoux
13	SNAPPER SINCLAIR	109	?+ 109 – 109	Asmussen / Santana Jr
16	AMBASSADORIAL	106	106 - ? - 99	J Chapple-Hyam / Spencer

3yo horses: 3lbs age weight allowance

Globeform Weight-for-age 3-year-olds vs. older horses 8 fur early Nov: USA 3lbs / Europe 4lbs

2018: CITY OF LIGHT – GF 125
Michael McCarthy / Javier Castellano

2017: BATTLE OF MIDWAY – GF 124
J Hollendorfer / Flavien Prat

ABOUT GLOBEFORM RATING CODES

Good to know! What is the difference between rank figures with “p” and “+”?

Notice these differences in the rank columns for some runners.

A “p” being used next to the rating denotes that the horse produced a new career best and was given a “plus”, indicating that improvement could be expected. When “+” is being used it tells us that better form than this can be expected next time out, but that the rating the horse ran to on this day was not a new career best (it was either equal to his previous best or below his previous best form).

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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS BREEDERS' CUP DIRT MILE



Coal Front winning the Godolphin Mile at Meydan.
Photo: Erika Rasmussen / Dubai Racing Club

COAL FRONT brings the highest Globeform rating into this edition of the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile, a field that – admittedly – is not as strong and classy as we have seen in earlier years. The Todd Pletcher trainee is coming off a cozy win in the Parx Dirt Mile, and he should be coming up to a big performance on Breeders' Cup Saturday. Coal Front did not beat top class rivals at Parx but he did it very comfortably, and he was actually toying with the runner-up, Diamond King (who he was spotting 5lbs) down the home stretch. Diamond King headed him but when Coal Front was asked to pick it up a notch he regained command with ease. In winning by $\frac{3}{4}$ length, full of energy, he performed to GF 116+. His best two runs to date came in the Mr Prospector over 7 furlongs at Gulfstream Park last December and the Godolphin Mile at Meydan in March, when he reeled in the local favorite Heavy Metal to win by $\frac{3}{4}$ length. He was ridden far too aggressively when seventh to BC

Sprint favorite Mitole in the Met Mile at Belmont Park in June, and ran as if something was amiss when beaten 12 lengths into third behind War Story in the Monmouth Cup the following month. Coal Front was given a break after that disappointment, and he looked back to his old self when returning with his nice win at Parx. Unlike his (expected) main rival, Omaha Beach, he should not be in any danger of suffering from the dreaded 'bounce factor' – as his prep win was so effortless – and he is the value selection. Morning line 6-1 about this runner is a lot more tempting than the 8-5 put up for Omaha Beach, and bookmakers have been offering as big as 8-1 about Coal Front. That's a must take offer.

The classy three-year-old **OMAHA BEACH** ran such a big race after a lengthy spell on the sidelines when beating BC Sprint contender Shancelot in the Santa Anita Sprint Championship, could well prove to be a star – and follow up with a Breeders' Cup win four weeks later. He could also bounce though, as there is little doubt that both he and Shancelot had a hard race that day. They put on a good show, with Omaha Beach winning the fight by a head. He was going away from his rival soon after passing the winning post, and it is easy to see why he was given the Dir Mile as his task at the Breeders' Cup. This distance will probably suit him better than the 6-furlong trip he tackled last time. He seems sure to go off favorite.

IMPROBABLE, MR. MONEY and **SPUN TO RUN**, also representing the classic generation – are closely matched on ratings but they have made their way to the Breeders' Cup coming down different routes. Improbable has been too erratic from the gates (he is often restless in the stalls) to make much appeal as a threat to the top two. Mr. Money appeared to have his limitations exposed when beaten Math Wizard in the Pennsylvania Derby (though this distance may suit him better). Spun to Run might be the one of these three that pops up and runs a big race. He has improved markedly in his three most recent races, and he is a late developing 3yo who has more to give. He crushed his rivals to win a minor mile event at Parx in October by almost seven lengths (the third placed horse, Forewarned, won a stakes last weekend), in a good time.

GIANT EXPECTATIONS is a local warrior who should not be dismissed. He ran right up to his best when beaten just a head by BC Sprint contender Catalina Cruiser in the Pat O'Brien Stakes over 7 furlongs at Del Mar in August. He has been rested since, and he has run some very good races 'off the bench' in the past. Anyone who fears that a mile might be too far for him should take a look at the 2017 San Pasqual Stakes, run over 8.5 furlongs over this track. Result: 1 Giant Expectations 2 Accelerate, won by $3\frac{1}{4}$ lengths.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A: 7 COAL FRONT
B: 5 OMAHA BEACH
C: 1 GIANT EXPECTATIONS, 3 SPUN TO RUN

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GLOBEFORM RATINGS

BREEDERS' CUP FILLY & MARE TURF (G1), 10 fur turf, Santa Anita

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

Rank	Horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs	Trainer / Jockey
From left to right (most recent last)				
0	SISTERCHARLIE	122	122 – 118+ 117+	Brown / Velazquez
6	VASILIKA	116	116 – 115 – 116 – 110	D Ward / Prat
7	IRIDESSA 3yo	116	116 – 0 – 113+ 111	J O'Brien / Lordan
8	BILLESDON BROOK	114	106 – 110 – 114	R Hannon / S Levey
10	VILLA MARINA 3yo	113	108p – 111 – 113	Laffon-Parias / Peslier
10	MRS SIPPY	112	87 – 109p – 112	Motion / Rosario
11p	FLEETING 3yo	112p	111 – 112p – 112p	A O'Brien / Moore
12	JUST WONDERFUL 3yo	111	111 – 106 – 111 – 104	A O'Brien / Buick
12	MIRTH	110	102 – 96 – 110	D'Amato / Smith
13	FANNY LOGAN 3yo	110	110 – 107 – 109+	J Gosden / Dettori
13	CASTLE LADY 3yo	110	110 – 107 – 109	Pantall / Barzalona
12	THAIS – SCRATCHED -	110	110 in 2018 / 0 – 104+ 105	Brown /

3yo horses: 4lbs age weight allowance

Globeform Weight-for-age 3-year-olds vs. older horses 10 fur early Nov: USA 4lbs / Europe 5lbs

Globeform rating codes used

“p” = plus, improvement expected by this horse.

“+” = more in hand / horse could have produced higher GF rating in this particular race if asked, or: horse is rated with a “+” because it was running over an unsuitable trip, on unsuitable ground / surface, suffered from a poor trip, was pace compromised, or was given a bad ride, and had produced a higher Globeform rating previously.

3yo horses will carry 4lbs less than older horses

* **Globeform Weight-for-age** 3-year-olds vs. older horses: USA 4lbs Europe 5lbs

2018: SISTERCHARLIE – GF 119

Chad Brown / John Velazquez

2017: WUHEIDA - GF 118

Charlie Appleby / William Buick

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2018 BC Filly & Mare Turf: **Sistercharlie** proves too good, yet again. Photo: Benoit

GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS BREEDERS' CUP FILLY & MARE TURF

SISTERCHARLIE, winner of this race last year, is taking an impressive six-race winning streak into the contest this time, and she will be a short priced favorite to end up in the winners' circle once more. She is the clear number one in her division, she is six pounds (about 3 lengths) clear on ratings, she likes this distance, she is coming off an easy prep race win so – in short – she is impossible to oppose. If she runs up to her best, or even a couple of lengths below her previous best, she wins this race. It may sound too simple but that's what it is. She ran an excellent race when winning the Diana Stakes at Saratoga on her first run of the season in July, returning GF 122 as she beat Rushing Falls by 1 ¾ lengths in the 9-furlong contest. That was her first start since last year's Breeders' Cup and she has had just two runs since – meaning that Sistercharlie comes here quite fresh and ready for another big win. She has all but wrapped up her Eclipse Award anyway, but a win on Saturday would absolutely clinch it. She broke little sweat when winning the Beverly D Stakes over 9.5 furlongs at Arlington (a race she took also in 2018), nor when getting her B Cup prep in the Flower Bowl at Belmont Park. One can argue that beating Awesometank and **Mrs Sippy** does not require top class form – and that's correct. However, it is also the beauty of Sistercharlie's preparations, as she did not have hard races. Likely to be no bigger than even money, she does not represent value, but betting against does not appeal. >>>

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Filly & Mare Turf

VASILIKA will be stretching out to 10 furlongs, after having put together a string of solid performances over shorter trips here at Santa Anita, where she is so, so efficient. How about 11 wins from 12 runs over the track? At her very best over 9 furlongs, she is a thoroughly game and consistent performer who is capable of Globeform 116. She won the Rodeo Drive Stakes over 10 furlongs here last year, when returning GF 113. Her most recent run, a third place finish behind BC Mile contender Uni over a mile at Keeneland, was a better effort than it looks on paper. Vasilika was too far back early that day and she finished well. It was far from ideal. She likes to be prominent in her races and we can expect her to be more forwardly placed on Saturday. With Sistercharlie's intended pacesetter Thais scratched, we will probably see Mirth on the lead from the outset. How the early fractions develop will certainly interest Vasilika's team. If the pace becomes moderate, she might be the main danger to the favourite.

IRIDESSA was below par on her most recent start, when beaten behind Billesdon Brook over a straight mile at Newmarket, but she might be the better of the two here. A bit in and out, Iridessa has run some big races back home in Ireland, not least when she easily beat the useful yardstick Magic Wand in the 10-furlong Pretty Polly Stakes at The Curragh in June, and when she came from off the pace to beat 1,000 Guineas winner Hermosa in the Matron Stakes over a mile at Leopardstown in September. She was a G1 winners also at two and has plenty of experience.

BILLESDON BROOK (whose two top performances have come over the straight mile at Newmarket), **VILLA MARINA** (winner of a sub-standard G1 on soft ground at Longchamp last out, but admittedly progressive), **MRS SIPPY** (who ran a game second to Sistercharlie in the Flower Bowl) and **FLEETING** (coming off a couple of tough luck defeats, but also a couple of hard races) are smart performers but – realistically – not good enough to give Sistercharlie's supporters a fright.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A: 2 SISTERCHARLIE
B: 7 VASILIKA
C: 1 IRIDESSA



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GLOBEFORM RATINGS

BREEDERS' CUP SPRINT (G1), 6 fur dirt, Santa Anita

Leading contenders ranked in pounds (0.45kg). 1 length = 3 pounds over this distance

Rank	Horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs	Trainer / Jockey
From left to right (most recent last)				
0	MITOLE	129	123 – 109 – 129	Asmussen / Santana Jr
0	IMPERIAL HINT	129	114 – 129 – 127	Caravajal / Castellano
1	CATALINA CRUISER	128 / 120+	128 Aug '18 / 120+ 119 - 120	Sadler / Rosario
2	FIRENZE FIRE	127	96 – 115 – 127	Jason Servis / I Ortiz Jr
2	SHANCELOT 3yo	125	125 – 114 – 118	Navarro / J Ortiz
6	WHITMORE	123 / 118	118 – 110 – 103 – 115	Moquett / Prat
11	HOG CREEK HUSTLE 3	116	110 – 116 – 116	Foley / Smith
12	ENGAGE	117	100 – 109p – 117	Asmussen / Velazquez
13	MATERA SKY	116	116 - ? - 100	Mori / Take

3yo horses: 2lbs age weight allowance

Globeform Weight-for-age 3-year-olds vs. older horses 6 fur early Nov: USA **zero** / Europe zero



Catalina Cruiser, 7-for-8 lifetime, 2-for-2 at Santa Anita and one of only two BC Sprint conderers to have raced over this track. The other being Shancelot. Photo: Benoit

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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS BREEDERS' CUP SPRINT

MITOLE has suffered just one defeat from six starts in 2019, when he was stuck on the inside on a day when the rail was not the place to be, in the 6-furlong Vanderebilt Stakes at Saratoga in July, won in great style by one of his B Cup rivals, **IMPERIAL HINT**. It was bad day at the office for Mitole, and certainly an excellent one for Mitole, who powered home by 7 ½ lengths from Diamond Oops (who runs in the BC Dirt Mile). Imperial Hint had won the Vanderbilt also last year, and he is just as good as Mitole – though not as consistent. Mitole gets his chance of revenge here. He was right back to his best in the Forego over 7 furlongs at the same venue four weeks later. In slamming **FIRENZE FIRE** by 3 lengths (when also giving him 6lbs), Mitole ran to GF 129, the same mark Imperial Hint returned in the Vanderbilt. Mitole ran to that level also when taking the Churchill Downs Stakes in May (beating the in-form Bobby's Wicked One by 3 ½ lengths), and he produced GF 123 to take the Met Mile at Belmont Park in June. BC Classic bound McKinzie was an unlucky runner-up that day, but Mitole was very solid, and he proved that he can stretch out to a mile. He is better over shorter, however, and although his two best runs this year have come over seven, he is equally as effective over six (10 runs: 6-2-2 over this distance). This race will probably get fast fractions and the fact that Mitole stays further than 6 furlongs will be to his advantage at the finish.

IMPERIAL HINT, nicely drawn in stall eight (Landeskog is scratched, so Imperial Hint and Matera Sky move one lane in), could of course get the better of Mitole again. These two top class sprinters are so closely matched, and it will be the one who is absolutely 100% on the day that prevails. A very speedy runner, Imperial Hint is always on or very close to the pace. 6 furlongs is clearly his trip (10-for-16), and he followed up his Vanderbilt win by an extremely game effort to win the Vosburgh Stake at Saratoga in September (note the two-month break between these races).

FIRENZE FIRE, so talented but nowhere near as consistent, went by him that day – and looked a surefire winner as they were into the final furlong, but Imperial Hint fought back in the dying strides, to win by a nose. The fact that they met at level weights tells us that we also have to consider Firenze Fire here. This is not a two-horse race. Firenze Fire has produced super form on a few occasions, and he has looked a clear cut below the top on other days. His 9-length win in the Dwyer Stakes over a mile last year and his 4 ¾-length win in this year's Runhappy Stakes (6 fur) were particularly impressive and, although he stays a mile, he is a typical one-turn runner. Which is probably why his connections opted for this race rather than the Dirt Mile, where Firenze Fire would have been clear top rated. Like Mitole, he has the advantage of more stamina than the pure speedballs and he should not be underestimated. **12-1** is not a bad price about this contender. >>>



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The Sprint

CATALINA CRUISER did not fare well at the post position draw. Stall one will be tricky, especially for a horse cutting back from having run over longer distances in his three starts this season. Catalina Cruiser has been good, very good, and 3-for-3 in 2019 – but his career best is still the GF 128 he returned when winning last year's Pat O'Brien Stakes at Del Mar by 7 lengths (he took the same race by a head this summer). The Pat O'Brien is 7 furlongs and two other wins this term came in the 6.5-furlong True North at Belmont (a more demanding track) and the San Diego over 8.5 furlongs at Del Mar. It would be wrong to say that Catalina Cruiser can not be effective over 6 furlongs, he has a lot of speed and has won both times he tried this distance, but he is better over further. He is also 2-for-2 here at Santa Anita, by the way, and note that Catalina Cruiser and Shancelot are only two in this lineup to have raced at Santa Anita track previously.

SHANCELOT came up with an almost unreal performance in the 6.5-furlong Amsterdam Stakes at Saratoga in late July. With a narrow maiden win at Gulfstream Park and a visually impressive allowance win at Monmouth Park under his belt, he was making only his third start in the Amsterdam, and he blew the field to bits – winning by 12 ½ lengths from Nitrous. After such a run, he became the 1/3 favorite to follow up in the Jerkens Stakes, run over 7 furlongs at the same track four weeks later, but disappointed. He was third, and only beaten a head behind Mind Control (**HOG CREEK HUSTLE** in between in a three-way photo). That form was nowhere near his Amsterdam win though. Most likely, he bounced, and we should not take the Amsterdam form literally. If we did, Shancelot would end up on around GF 135. Hard to believe. What happened in the Amsterdam (a 3yo race with no other top class contender) was that he went so fast early that he had all the others well out of their comfort zones already when going into the turn. While they were 'hitting the wall' turning for home, Shancelot kept on without being challenged. He was ridden out, probably in an attempt at educating him, but that might have been a costly error. A bounce is always a danger after a hard run like that – particularly for a young and inexperienced runner. He was back to form in the Santa Anita Sprint Championship over this course and distance on October 5, when just pipped by Dirt Mile favorite Omaha Beach. They passed the winning post 2 ½ lengths in front of Flagstaff - who is not a proper G1 horse and was tenderly handled through the last furlong - and more will be needed to match strides with these old, battle hardened sprinters. Still, there is that one big run in the memory, which makes this 3yo fascinating.

WHITMORE has not been up to his previous best this season but he is a runner who will benefit from a strong early pace, as he likes to close in from the back – like he did when taking second behind Roy H in the BC Sprint last year, when the championships were staged at Churchill Downs – a track that suits closers much better than Santa Anita does.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A: 4 MITOLE
B: 9 IMPERIAL HINT
C: 3 FIRENZE FIRE

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GLOBEFORM RATINGS

BREEDERS' CUP MILE (G1), 8 fur turf, Santa Anita

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

Rank	Horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs	Trainer / Jockey
From left to right (most recent last)				
0	UNI <i>mare</i>	120	120 in 2018 / 117+ 114 - 119	Brown / Rosario
2	GOT STORMY <i>filly</i>	118	116 – 118 – 116	M Casse / Gaffalione
5	LORD GLITTERS	118	118 – 114 – 111 – 100	O'Meara / Spencer
5	WITHOUT PAROLE	118 /	118 June 2018 / 112 – 108 – 0 /	Brown / I Ortiz Jr
6	CIRCUS MAXIMUS <i>3yo</i>	118	118 – 110 – 118	A O'Brien / Moore
6	EL TORMENTA	117	110 – 112p – 117	G Cox / Da Silva
9	BOWIES HERO	114	111+ 114 – 111 – 113	D'Amato / I Ortiz Jr
9	BOLO	114	109+ 114 – 106 – 102	Gaines / Leparoux
9	TRAIS FLUOR	114	112 – 114 – 110 – 108	Condon / Lee
9	HEY GAMAN	114	114 – 113 – 98 – 105	Tate / Dettori
10	SPACE TRAVELLER <i>3yo</i>	114	113 – 104 – 113 – 114	Fahey / Tudhope
11	SUEDOIS	112	111 – 112 – 106 – 111	O'Meara / Castellano
11	LUCULLAN	112	109+ 112 – 111 – 112	McLaughlin / Saez
12	TRUE VALOUR	111	106 – 111 – 111	Callaghan / Van Dyke

RESERVES – IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE

4	CARIBOU CLUB	119	119 in Jan / 0 – 108+ 111+	Proctor / Talamo
7	NEXT SHARES	116 / 111	116 in 2018 / 104 – 104 – 111	Baltas / Velazquez

Fillies & mares: 3lbs sex weight allowance / **3yo horses:** 3lbs age weight allowance

Globeform Weight-for-age 3-year-olds vs. older horses 8 fur early Nov: USA 3lbs / Europe 4lbs

Globeform rating codes used

“p” = plus, improvement expected by this horse.

“+” = more in hand / horse could have produced higher GF rating in this particular race if asked, or: horse is rated with a “+” because it was running over an unsuitable trip, on unsuitable ground / surface, suffered from a poor trip, was pace compromised, or was given a bad ride, and had produced a higher Globeform rating previously.

2018: EXPERT EYE – GF 118p

Sir Michael Stoute / Frankie Dettori

2017: WORLD APPROVAL - GF 119

Mark Casse / John Velazquez

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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS BREEDERS' CUP MILE

The Mile has been won by fillies and mares nine times, so do not believe that Uni and Got Stormy are up against it as they take on the boys at Santa Anita on Saturday. Actually, it is very much the other way around in this event.

UNI is top rated in the Breeders' Cup Mile, and he has a big chance here. She drew post 11, something that will put many players off though in her case this draw is not a big disadvantage. Of course, if she gets forced wide around the first bend, it will not be good, but Uni is an off-the-pace runner, always held up right at the back of the field, and Joel Rosario (sometimes a bit too cool on such horses) will be dropping her right in behind the others as the gates open. From there on, he will be seeking out a ground saving trip, hoping they set a strong pace up front, and look for a way to deliver his challenge in the straight. Don't be too surprised if he decides to swing wide coming out of the home turn. Uni is good enough to beat this field, no doubt about that – and if things pan out right for her she will probably do just that. She produced an almost unreal finish when coming from near last to first to win the Matriarch over this distance at Del Mar last fall. That course, with a one-furlong finish, does not exactly lend itself to closers but she managed it, and she ran a very similar race when winning the First Lady Stakes at Keeneland last month. When on song, this daughter of More Than Ready runs to GF 119-120. None of the males in this race have ever produced better than GF 118, and they have to give her three pounds. In other words, if Uni fires her best shot one of them will have to improve considerably to win the Mile. Which seems unlikely.

GOT STORMY beat Uni when they met in the Fourstardave at Saratoga in August, and she also holds strong claims. She was in super form at the time, having won a Listed event over the same mile at the Spa just a week earlier, and she followed these two wins up by running second to **El Tormenta** in the Woodbine Mile in Canada in September. While Uni suffered from a terrible trip, Got Stormy enjoyed a perfect trip in the Fourstardave, where she improved to GF 118. Her form this year has been so much better than what we saw from her in 2018 and she has developed a really likeable attitude to the game. Her running style is to sit just off the pace and she owns good tactical speed. Breaking from stall 6 she is in a good spot here.

EL TORMENTA caused an upset when beating Got Stormy by half a length at level weights in the Woodbine Mile, a race that has so often given us a strong BC Mile contender. He sneaked up the rail and battled gamely past the filly inside the last furlong. He was 44-1 on the board but this performance was no fluke, and Gail Cox's contender should not be underestimated. He has been on a roll in his last four starts, improving steadily, and there could be better still to come from this gelding. Got Stormy is around 9-2 with the bookmakers and he can be backed at 20-1. It makes no sense – and it makes him an interesting each-way bet. He is only 12-1 on the Santa Anita morning line. >>>



Uni coming back in after last year's Matriarch Stakes at Del Mar. Saturday could be another feast in the Sunshine State for her connections. She was recommended as a 12-1 value bet on Oct 17, and also recommended in a 90-1 double with Bricks and Mortar for the Turf. Photo: Benoit

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The Mile

LORD GLITTERS ran his best race when taking the Queen Anne Stakes over a straight mile at Royal Ascot back in June, when he beat subsequent G2 winner Beat The Bank by a neck, with G1 winner One Master back in third. It was a gutsy effort, but it was also gained over a course that is very different to Santa Anita, on softish ground – so it's hard to imagine he will be as good here. His three runs since Royal Ascot have been respectable, but not up to his Queen Anne winning form.

WITHOUT PAROLE is an unusual B C Mile contender. Not that his best form does not make him fit into the contest here, but this ex-John Gosden pupil, who is now with Uni's trainer Chad Brown, has not raced since May 19, when he was hopelessly beaten in the Lockinge Stakes over a straight mile at Newbury in England. He had been below par, though better, also when fifth to Almond Eye in the Dubai Turf over 9 furlongs at Meydan in March. These are his only two runs in 2019. The way he ran at Newbury one might suspect that something was seriously amiss. Perhaps he bled. He gets Lasix here of course. His best 3yo form was a win over Gustav Klimt in the St. James's Palace Stakes over a mile at Royal Ascot. He was subsequently sixth in a pair of G1 mile events against older horses in France.

CIRCUS MAXIMUS represents the powerful Aidan O'Brien team, and he is one of the best 3yo milers in Europe. Though whether those horses form a vintage crop is open to debate. However, this is a contender one must respect. He has three solid mile performances on his CV: a win in the St. James's Palace at Royal Ascot - a neck in front of subsequent G1 winner King Of Comedy, with the smart Too Darn Hot third - a second place finish in the Sussex Stakes at Goodwood – where Too Darn Hot gained revenge to the tune of half a length – and a nose verdict against Romanised when he met older horses in the Prix du Moulin at Longchamp almost two months ago. Circus Maximus has been rested since and clearly been prepared especially for a crack at the BC Mile, a race his owners have won six times. He is good enough to have a winning chance and he is a possible improver. He likes to be prominently positioned in his races.

RESERVE WITH STRONG FORM

CARIBOU CLUB was placed fifth on the list of reserves by the Breeders' Cup panel. A decision that beggars belief. He is better than most of those they decided to put into the field, and will be third top ranked on Globeform ratings if he gets in. Caribou Club needs one scratch to get a run. Taking **33-1** about this horse with the bookmakers makes sense, it's way too big a price and it's money back if he does not get in. He produced GF 119 when winning the Hernandez Stakes over 6.5 furlongs here in January, stepping up another notch from his win in the Seabiscuit over 8.5 furlongs at Del Mar last fall. His most recent start, in a G3 at Laurel, resulted in a smooth win against overmatched rivals and Caribou Club is in good shape at the minute. If, as is likely, he will be back at his stall when the BC Mile is being run, perhaps he can look forward to another Seabiscuit win later in the month.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A: 11 UNI

B: 6 GOT STORMY

C: 8 EL TORMENTA, 9 CIRCUS MAXIMUS, 15 CARIBOU CLUB (reserve)

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GLOBEFORM RATINGS

BREEDERS' CUP DISTAFF (G1), 9 fur dirt, Santa Anita

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

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

Rank	Horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs	Trainer / Jockey
From left to right (most recent last)				
0	MIDNIGHT BISOU	124p	124p – 120+ 124 - 121+	Asmussen / Smith
1	SERENGETI EMPRESS 3yo	123	119p – 113 – 123 – 91	Amoss / Prat
2	PARADISE WOODS	122	122 – 116 – 102 - 121	Shirreffs / Cedillo
5	SECRET SPICE	119	119 – 119 – 119 – 119	Baltas / J Velazquez
6p	WOW CAT	118p	118p / 111 – 103 - 113+	Brown / I Ortiz Jr
6	BLUE PRIZE	118	113 – 107 – 110+ 118	Correas / Bravo
6	DUNBAR ROAD 3yo	118	?p – 113p – 118 – 116	Brown / J Ortiz
6	OLLIE'S CANDY	118	102 – 108 – 116 – 118	Sadler / Rosario
8	STREET BAND 3yo	116	92 – 110p – 112 – 116	Jones / S Doyle
9	LA FORCE	115	115 – 107 – 99 – 111	Gallagher / Van Dyke
16	MO SEE CAL	108	? – 102 – 108	Miller / Lopez

3yo horses will carry 4lbs less than older horses

Globeform Weight-for-age 3-year-olds vs. older horses 9 fur early Nov: USA 4lbs

2018: MONOMOY GIRL – GF 120

Brad Cox / Florent geroux

2017: FOREVER UNBRIDLED - GF 122

Dallas Stewart / John Velazquez



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Paradise Woods, our 50-1 each-way bet for the Distaff, winning the Santa Anita Oaks as a three-year-old.

Photo: Benoit

GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS BREEDERS' CUP DISTAFF

There will be three short priced favorites on Breeders' Cup Saturday; Sistercharlie, Bricks and Mortar and Midnight Bisou, who might be the heaviest betting choice of them all. She stands out in the Breeders' Cup Distaff, which will be her final race. She has come full circle now. This is where she began her career, when trained by Bill Spawr, and what a career it has turned out to be for this filly – bought for just \$80,000 at the Ocala Sales back in April 2017.

MIDNIGHT BISOU has had 18 runs since that shrewd purchase was made, with 12 wins and \$3.4 million earned. Her 2019 season has been perfect, with 7 wins from 7 runs. If she can keep the momentum going for one more win, at the biggest stage of all, she will get many fans on her side when we get to the voting process for Horse of The Year. Midnight Bisou has a lot going for her – most likely she will win again. She prepped with a comfortable 3 1/4-length win over **Wow Cat** in the Beldame at Belmont Park in September, having produced a top notch performance to beat BC Classic bound Elate by a nose in the Personal Ensign at Saratoga in August. A defeat that day would have been perfectly understandable, as Elate was coming into the race in top form and also enjoyed a four-pound pull at the weights. Elate got first run on her but Midnight Bisou got the last laugh. She came from off the pace, with a strong and determined finish, to get up in time. It was a performance on a par with her win in the Ogden Phipps Stakes over the same track back in June, when she trounced BC Filly & Mare Sprint contender Come Dancing to win by 3 1/2 lengths, this time spotting the runner-up 6lbs. Midnight Bisou has produced top class form over six different courses and she is well suited by this distance. She was a champion 3yo filly here at Santa Anita last year (3-for-4 at the track) and she is the one they all have to beat in the 2019 Distaff. >>>

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The Distaff

SERENGETI EMPRESS sits right behind the big favorite on the ratings ladder, as the Kentucky Oaks winner improved to GF 123 when taking second to BC Filly & Mare Sprint favorite Covfefe in the Test Stakes over 7 furlongs at Saratoga two starts back. The Test is one of those stupid Grade One events where horses do not meet at level weights. Serengeti Empress was the best horse on the day. She was giving 4lbs to Covfefe and went down by just half a length (which equals less than two pounds over 7 fur.). It was a cruel result, though a very good run. Then came the Cotillion Stakes, over 8.5 furlongs at Parx in September, and a 'too bad to be true' showing. Serengeti Empress showed some of her usual early speed but she was soon beaten and trailed home in sixth place, a long way behind the upset winner, **Street Band**. Something must have been amiss with the Tom Amoss trainee, who had led from gate to wire to win the 9-furlong Kentucky Oaks in gerat style back in May. She will probably be sent to the lead again this time, and quite possibly get company by Secret Spice. Serengeti Empress has more stamina than that rival but will she be able to hold on when Midnight Bisou comes rolling?

PARADISE WOODS is a bit inconsistent but she can produce some seriously good performances, and she is very much at home over this track. She came back to winning form in the Zenyatta Stakes last time out, when she raced in the first two every step of the way and outstayed Secret Spice to win by 1 ¾ lengths. Ollie's Candy finished third. Secret Spice is 2lbs better off at the weights this time, but the fact that the distance is now half a furlong further favors Paradise Woods. She drew the inside post, which could be tricky, but she is likely to make an impact – this daughter of Union Rags looked full of energy in the Zenyatta. Paradise Woods was recommended as one of our early value bets, at **50-1**, prior to her nice prep race win.

SECRET SPICE must be the nation's most consistent top class performer. She has run to GF 119 in all of her last four races. Quite unusual, and she is obviously a runner to consider for Trifecta players, though stretching out to 9 furlongs is an unknown. She is quite speedy and has never run over this distance. >>>

WOW CAT, runner-up in the Distaff last year (when she beat a below par Midnight Bisou) and **DUNBAR ROAD**, one of the best 3yo fillies this season, both represent Chad Brown – and they are in with a shot at hitting the board. Wow Cat, who ran a promising prep race to take second behind Midnight Bisou in the Beladme, and has had just three runs this term, may be the best of the two. South American imports often progress significantly with age and this 5yo daughter of Lookin A Lucky might improve. **BLUE PRIZE** upset the BC Classic contender Elate in the Spinster Stakes (a race she won also last year) on her most recent start and she is top form – but she is also a runner ideally suited by the Keeneland oval, and this contest will be somewhat different.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A: 4 MIDNIGHT BISOU

B: 1 PARADISE WOODS, 9 SERENGETI EMPRESS

C: 6 WOW CAT

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GLOBEFORM RATINGS

BREEDERS' CUP TURF (G1), 12 fur turf, Santa Anita

Horses ranked in pounds (0.45kg). 1 length = 1.5 pounds over this distance

Rank	Horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs	Trainer / Jockey
From left to right (most recent last)				
0p	BRICKS AND MORTAR	124p	124p – 122+ 118+	Brown / I Ortiz Jr
2	OLD PERSIAN	122	122 – 0 – 114 – 120	Appleby / Buick
6	CHANNEL MAKER	118	115 – 115 – 116	Mott / Velazquez
7	ARKLOW	117	114+ 109 – 117	Cox / Castellano
7	ZULU ALPHA	117	114 – 117 – 112	Maker / Jo Ortiz
8	ALOUNAK	116	112 – 113 – 116	Hickst / Lecoivre
9p	ANTHONY VAN DYCK 3yo	117p	117p – 108 – 0 – 115	A O'Brien / Moore
9	CHANNEL CAT	115	115 – 113 – 114	Pletcher / Saez
11	BANDUA	113	111 – 113 – 108+	Sisterson / Gaffalione
12	ACCLIMATE	112	107 – 110 – 112	D'Amato / M Garcia
14p	UNITED	110p	110p – 107+ 106+	R Mandella / Prat
18	MOUNT EVERST 3yo	108	105 – 107 – 108	A O'Brien / Lordan

Fillies / mares: 3lbs sex weight allowance

3yo horses: 4lbs age weight allowance

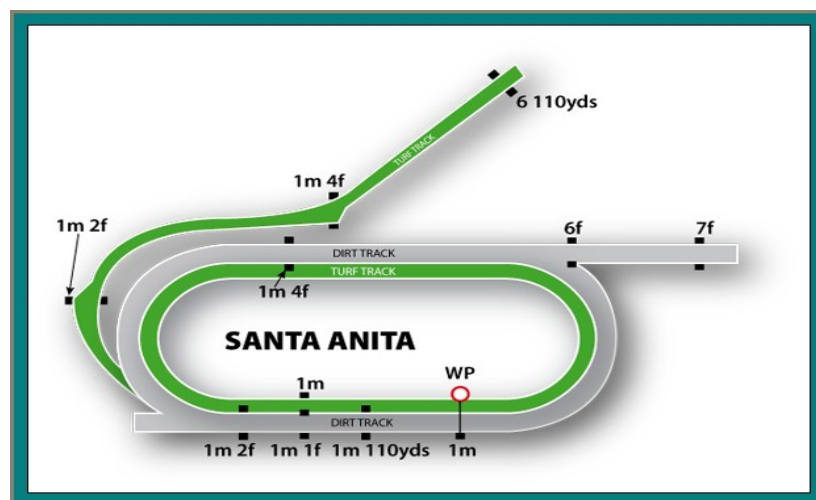
Globeform Weight-for-age 3-year-olds vs. older horses 12 fur early Nov: USA 5lbs / Europe 6lbs

2018: ENABLE – GF 124

John Gosden / Frankie Dettori

2017: TALISMANIC – GF 119

Andre Fabre / Mikael Barzalona



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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS BREEDERS' CUP TURF



Horse of The Year candidate **Bricks and Mortar** winning the Arlington Million. Photo: Four Footed Fotos

BRICKS AND MORTAR has won all of his five races this season, and produced Globeform 124p on two occasions; when winning the Pegasus World Cup Turf at Gulfstream Park in late January, and again when taking the Turf Classic at Churchill Downs in May. In addition, he has captured the Manhattan Stakes at Belmont Park (GF 122), Arlington Million at Arlington Park (GF 118+) and Muniz Memorial at the Fair Grounds (GF 120+). All of his wins have been gained with ease. He is not a flashy sort of runner who suddenly kicks into top gear inside the final furlong, but he is highly efficient – normally coming with a strong, sustained run through the last quarter mile. Like Filly & Mare Turf favorite Sistercharlie – also trained by Chad Brown – Bricks and Mortar has the luxury of having enjoyed comfortable wins leading up to this championship day. He has yet to tackle 12 furlongs but too much has been made of that factor. It is unlikely to be a problem. A runner that stays on strongly to win a G1 over 10 furlongs at Churchill Downs, where he beat the smart Qurbaan readily by half a length while conceding 4lbs, is unlikely to be troubled by 12 furlongs at Santa Anita. He is a son of Giant's Causeway (a top class runner who had enough stamina to push Tiznow all out in the Breeders' Cup Classic), and there is stamina in the bottom half of Bricks and Mortar's pedigree. His dam, Beyond The Waves (Ocean Crest), was a Listed / G3 performer who won over 12 furlongs in France at three, and she has also produced Emerald Beach (Maria's Mon), winner of the Glens Fall Stakes over 11 furlongs at Saratoga. Bricks and Mortar is the best horse in this year's BC Turf field, he is an incredibly game and reliable runner, with top class connections in his corner, and he could still improve, so – despite his short price – he must be the selection. >>>

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The Turf

OLD PERSIAN looks the most likely threat to Bricks and Mortar, having bounced back to winning form in the Northern Dancer Stakes over this distance at Woodbine in September – then rested with the Breeders' Cup Turf as his target. He did not beat top class runners in Toronto, but there was a lot to like about the way he did it, dominating to beat Nessy by 2 ½ lengths. Note that he was giving Nessy 7lbs that day – it was a much better performance than many seem to realise. Old Persian, who had been given a tender ride when third in a G1 at Hoppegarten in Germany in August, produced GF 120 at Woodbine. His career best, GF 122, came when he captured the Dubai Sheema Classic over 12 furlongs at Meydan in March (by 1 ½ lengths from the high class Japanese rival Cheval Grand). This 4yo son of Dubawi may be ideally suited by Santa Anita, as he likes flat, even tracks, and he is probably set for a big run.

CHANNEL MAKER is third best on the ratings, based on the form he showed when winning the Man o'War over 11 furlongs at Belmont Park last year. He has not been able to repeat GF 118 in four subsequent starts, but Channel Maker has performed quite consistently, and his prominent running style is perfect for Santa Anita. It is unlikely that he will be able to get a soft lead, however, as Acclimate (drawn on the inside) will probably be sent from the start.

ARKLOW is coming off his career best run, having beaten Channel Maker by half a length when they filled the exacta in the Turf Classic Invitational over 12 furlongs at Belmont Park last month, and he is also one to consider for the Trifecta / Superfecta players. He has been seen closing from off the pace on a couple of occasions but was racing quite prominently in the Turf Classic. Similar tactics will probably be employed on Saturday.

ZULU ALPHA and **ALOUNAK** are solid 12-furlong performers but not really G1 horses, while **ANTHONY VAN DYCK** comes here with 'Epsom Derby winner' to promote him. The Brits saw a sub-standard Derby this year though, with Anthony Van Dyck winning a race where the first five home finished very close, and he was beaten 6 lengths when trying to follow up in the Irish Derby, then got sunk behind Enable & Co on soft ground in the 'King George' at Ascot in late July, before running much better to take third behind the fillies Magical and Magic Wand in the 10-furlong Irish Champion Stakes in September. If there is a sudden improver in this field, his name is likely to be Anthony Van Dyck, but he needs to step up quite a bit to match strides with Bricks and Mortar and Old Persian. When he won the Derby, he did it in the manner of a horse that would be suited by the St. Leger (over 1 ¾ miles), so a moderate pace scenario at Santa Anita would not seem to be ideal. He can't be ruled out entirely but he does not make all that much appeal – especially not at around 3/1.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A: 9 BRICKS AND MORTAR

B: 10 OLD PERSIAN

C: 5 ANTHONY VAN DYCK, 11 ARKLOW, 12 CHANNEL MAKER

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GLOBEFORM RATINGS

BREEDERS' CUP CLASSIC (G1), 10 fur dirt, Santa Anita

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

Rank	Horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs	Trainer / Jockey
From left to right (most recent last)				
0	ELATE <i>mare</i>	123	123 in 2018 / 122 – 120 – 117	Mott / J Ortiz
1p	McKINZIE	125p	123+ 125p – 118+	Baffert / Rosario
4	CODE OF HONOR <i>3yo</i>	122	115 – 118p – 122 – 122	McGaughey / Velazquez
5	VINO ROSSO	121	110+ 117p – 110 – 121	Pletcher / I Ortiz Jr
5	HIGHER POWER	121	106 – 111 – 121 – 108+	Sadler / Prat
6	YOSHIDA	120	99 – 120 – 118+	Mott / Smith
7	SEEKING THE SOUL	119	107 – 118 – 0 – 104	Stewart / Hernandez Jr
10	MONGOLIAN GROOM	116	109 – 108 – 105 – 116	Ganbat / Cedillo
11	WAR OF WILL <i>3yo</i>	115	115 – 0 – 106 – 111	M Casse / Gaffalione
14	OWENDALE <i>3yo</i>	112	112 – 111 – 111 – 112	Cox / Castellano
16	MATH WIZARD <i>3yo</i>	110	103 – 90 – 110	S A Joseph Jr / Santana Jr

Fillies / mares: 3lbs sex weight allowance

3yo horses: 4lbs age weight allowance

Globeform Weight-for-age 3-year-olds vs. older horses 10 fur early Nov: USA 4lbs / Europe 5lbs

2018: ACCELERATE – GF 124

John Sadler / Joel Rosario

2017: GUN RUNNER – GF 127

Steve Asmussen / Florent Geroux



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Likely BC Classic favorite **McKinzie** taking the Whitney at Saratoga. NYRA Photo

GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS BREEDERS' CUP CLASSIC

ELATE comes out best on ratings in this year's Breeders' Cup Classic field, which one has to admit is not absolutely top class. Not that it won't be highly competitive – we are sure to be in for an exciting race here, with a handful of legitimate winning contenders. Elate will be meeting the boys for the first time and there are two reasons she is going for this race, rather than the Distaff. Mainly, because she is better over 1 ¼ miles than she is over 9 furlongs, but also because a race against Midnight Bisou, over the shorter distance and at a track that puts little emphasis on stamina, does not appeal. Elate has a winning chance in the Classic, that's for sure. Receiving 3lbs from the others, she is capable of GF 123 (produced when she was narrowly beaten by Abel Tasman in the Personal Ensign last year). Elate is coming off two defeats now, one where she impressed and one where she did not. She was beaten just a nose by Midnight Bisou in the Personal Ensign – nothing wrong with that – but surrendered by half a length when beaten by Blue Prize in the Spinster at Keeneland. It's hard to know what to make of the latter run but we have seen so many horses lose the prep, then win the big one, and Elate was not fully tuned up for that run. She will be this time, she loves this distance (unbeaten in three runs over 10 fur) and her running style fits well. There should be a good pace, perhaps even a strong one, and Elate can sit just off it. Her stamina will make her dangerous at the business end of the contest.

MCKINZIE is the likely favorite, despite the fact that he also lost his final prep, running below form when second to **MONGOLIAN GROOM** in the 9-furlong Awesome Again Stakes at this venue in late September. McKinzie nowhere near his best that day, but he was not given too hard a race, and he can bounce back this time. He was most impressive when taking the Whitney Stakes over 9 furlongs at Saratoga two starts back, a race he won by 1 ¾ lengths from **YOSHIDA**, who stayed on for second, well clear of the third placed **VINO ROSSO**. A reproduction of that form would make McKinzie very hard to beat on Saturday. He ran a big race also when unlucky in running in the Met Mile (second to Mitole), and was visually impressive >>>

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>>> when outclassing his rivals in the Alysheba Stakes over 8.5 furlongs at Churchill Downs in May. That performance is quite interesting, when we wonder a little about his stamina. It makes sense to consider that factor. Will he stay 1 ¼ miles? Looking at the Whitney – and the Alysheba, it appears that the answer is yes, at least at Santa Anita he will. McKinzie hit a flat spot and looked beaten on the turn that day (this has happened a couple of time), then picked up again coming into the long straight, and stayed on really strongly to beat Tom's d'Etat by almost five lengths. **SEEKING THE SOUL** checked in third, beaten 8 ½ lengths. McKinzie showed stamina that day, he was strong passing the winning post and another half-furlong would not have bothered him. Now, that only brings us up to nine panels, but any horse that get that distance at Churchill, and at Saratoga for that matter, is likely to get ten at Santa Anita. He was beaten a nose by Gift Box (who was in great form at the time and receiving one pound) when second in the Santa Anita Handicap over this trip in April. That performance was worth GF 120. McKinzie ran to GF 125p in the Whitney. He has looked like a horse right at the top of his game in the mornings the past couple of weeks. It will probably take a high class performance to beat him. He can be a bit tricky though, and does not care much for the whip. Baffert has gone for a rider change, from Mike Smith to Joel Rosario, who guided Accelerate to victory in the Classic last year. Baffert hasn't fallen out with Smith, but perphas the reason for this change is that McKinzie has.

CODE OF HONOR is coming off three excellent efforts, he stays the distance well, he may improve again, and this three-year-old trained by Shug McGaughey is also in with a good chance of winning the BC Classic. He impressed with his stretch run kick both in the Dwyer Stakes at Belmont and Travers Stakes at Saratoga in the summer, producing smart form over 8 and 10 furlongs, and he showed battling qualities when clashing with **VINO ROSSO** in the Jockey Club Gold Cup back at Belmont Park in September. Vino Rosso managed to get his nose in front in that 10-furlong contest, but he bumped Code of Honor a couple of time at the finish and was – quite rightly so – taken down by the Stewards. Vino Rosso also has good stamina, and he has the advantage of having raced here at Santa Anita once already – having won the Gold Cup at Santa Anite, over the full BC Classic trip, in late May. Vino Rosso came home 1 ¾ lengths in front of Gift Box on that occasion, but his runner-up was giving him 4lbs and Vino Rosso's Jockey Club Gold Cup form is better than what was needed at Santa Anita.

HIGHER POWER stmbled at the start and there went his chance as he ran a distant third in the Awesome Again. It was an unfortunate thing, not least since he likes to be prominent, but at least he did not get a hard race in his final prep. His best piece of form gives him a decent chance here. He used his good tactical speed to full effect when gaining a solid 5 1/4-length win in the Pacific Classic over this distance in August (Draft Pick second, a neck in front of **MONGOLIAN GROOM**). Higher Power has been priced up as big as 16-1 by bookmakers (one of our early value bets) and that's too big. Del Mar might suit his running style better but he has the class to make an impact in this field.

YOSHIDA will be coming fast and late, so his supporters will be hoping for a very strong pace right from the outset. He came back to his career best form when second to McKinzie in the Whitney (though never looked dangerous) and his third in the Woodward was also a good effort, but a deep closer at Santa Anita? Of course it has happened, and it could happen again, but he looks more of a Tri / Super filler than the winner.

SEEKING THE SOUL was ill after running poorly in the Pacific Classic at Del Mar two starts back, but his fourth, beaten more than eight lengths behind Mongolian Groom, in the Awesome Again was not all that inspiring either. He is a very smart runner but Seeking the Soul is not all that consistent. He won the 9-furlong Syephen Foster at Churchill Downs in the summer. Seeking the Soul has G1 form. He ran second in the BC Dirt Mile last year and filled the same spot in the Pegasus World Cup in the winter (both won by City of Light) and he is a deep closer – similar to Yoshida. >>>

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MONGOLIAN GROOM ran the race of his life when causing an upset in the 9-furlong Awesome Again Stakes. In beating McKinzie, he improved to GF 116 and at the same time gave his connections a big decision to make. They supplemented him for the big race. It's easy to see why, as Grade One winners don't come easily into small trainers' barns. It's hard fancy his chances though. The Awesome Again, where he rode the speed to a game 2 1/2-length win over McKinzie (who carried 4lbs more), might have been a bit of a fluke. After all, this 4yo had never been better than GF 109 previously and the Awesome Again was his tenth start in 2019.

WAR OF WILL (winner of a sub-standard edition of the Preakness), **OWENDALE** (a very consistent sort who last won the Oklahoma Derby and **MATH WIZARD** (an upset winner of the Pennsylvania Derby on his most recent start), are three-year-olds likely to be found wanting in this field. The last named beat Mr. Money at Parx, so do check how that horse fared in the Dirt Mile if you are thinking of using Math Wizard. If forced to take one of these three into the Tri / Super plan, it would have to be Owendale, who always tries hard in his races.

Conclusion: Two against the field, **Elate** and **McKinzie**, ahead of the two Jockey Club Gold Cup rivals, **Code of Honor** and **Vino Rosso**. Like Elate, they are sure to stay the distance, though McKinzie is the one who, on a couple of occasions, has hinted at brilliance. The fifth name on the Tri / Super plan must be **Higher Power** – he did look like a horse with more to offer when winning at Del Mar.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A: 6 ELATE, 8 MCKINZIE

B: 7 HIGHER POWER, 10 VINO ROSSO, 11 CODE OF HONOR

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