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## FROM GLOBEFORM'S 50 TO FOLLOW

### GLENEAGLES (Galileo) 3 b c

This colt is hardly an original choice for a list of horses to follow in the coming season, but Gleneagles is a runner you may be sorry to have left out of your team. As a son of Galileo, he is seen by many as a Derby contender, but he may not be a typical mile and a half horse. The speed he showed when 'winning' the Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere (G1) at Longchamp indicated that we need to take him seriously also for the 2,000 Guineas (G1). His sister won a Guineas so why not.

Gleneagles was first past the post in the 7-furlong Lagardere, half a length ahead of Full Mast, but demoted for having caused interference. He was much the best horse on the day, and Full Mast is also featured in this book. Gleneagles, whose form has worked out quite well, had already landed a Group One over

### Trainer: Aidan O'Brien

7 furlongs, as he beat Toscanini by 1 ½ lengths in the Vincent O'Brien National Stakes (G1) at The Curragh on his preceding start. Like in Paris, he was held up at the back and delivered with a fine kick at the finish. Toscanini had finished second in three earlier black type events, while the third placed Dutch Connection was coming off a win in the Acomb Stakes (G3) at York. Prior to the National, Gleneagles took the Futurity Stakes (G2) – also over 7 furlongs at the Curragh – a race he won from the subsequent easy Gran Criterium (G1) winner Vert de Grece. Gleneagles is a full-brother to Irish 1,000 Guineas (G1) winner Marvellous. Their dam, You'resothrilling (Storm Cat), ran seven times for two wins, capturing the Cherry Hinton Stakes (G2) and the Swordlestown Stud Sprint Stakes (G3) as a juvenile, both over 6 furlongs.

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*Toast Of New York Photo: Breeders' Cup Inc.*

## **TOAST OF NEW YORK      Globeform 122      Trainer: Jamie Osborne**

Winner of the UAE Derby (G2) on last year's World Cup night, Toast Of New York is well known by racing fans in Dubai. He was visually impressive here twelve months ago, when taking the lead 400 metres out and cruising home for a comfortable 2 1/2-length win over Asmar. He sure looked good – but what did he beat? Not much, to be honest, but Toast Of New York was going to go on to better things, in much tougher races. He is trained in England but all of his three subsequent starts last year came in North America. He was below par, and found to be a bit of a cloud, in the Belmont Derby (G1) on turf in New York in July, only to bounce back with two excellent efforts in the latter half of the season. He met Shared Belief, widely acknowledged as the best runner in the US at the time, when going for the Pacific Classic (G1) at Del Mar in California. The race was run over an artificial track and, since he had performed so well over the Tapeta track in Dubai, the surface was not seen as a problem. Shared Belief was though, as he produced his career best with a stylish win, beating Toast Of New York by almost three lengths without being

fully extended. Ah, well, "Toast" was an honourable runner-up. He ran better than many had expected. Before heading back across the Atlantic, his trainer Jamie Osborne was given one piece of advice by local horsemen; 'try this big colt of yours on dirt', they said. The argument was that Toast Of New York moved very much like a natural dirt horse. So the plan to give him a long break and wait for next season was shelved. Osborne decided to go for the big one, the Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) at Santa Anita Park in early November. A mile and a quarter on dirt against the best the Americans could offer would be some test. The colt almost, almost pulled it off. After a tremendous battle he lost by only a nose to Bayern, with Kentucky Derby (G1) winner California Chrome a close third and an unlucky Shared Belief back in fourth. Don't be surprised if 'Toast' turns the form around in the Dubai World Cup.

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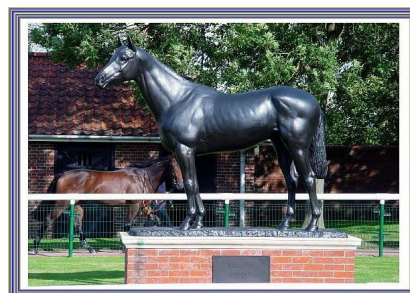
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**ABLE FRIEND****Globeform 129****Trainer: John Moore**

Nicknamed 'Big Red' at home in Hong Kong, Able Friend is one of the world's best horses. If he were a dirt track performer, well, then he would end up in the World Cup. Though Able Friend is a turf runner, who is operating between 1600 and 2000 metres, and the Dubai Turf is tailor-made for this Australian bred gelding.

When watching his most recent win, an effortless display in the Stewards' Cup (G1) at Sha Tin in January, it is hard to believe his rivals were top class performers. They were, and they tried their best to fox him, but had no chance when Able Friend came with his incredible finish. He is always ridden from well off the pace, and runs down his rivals in a matter of strides at the finish. The leaders set a slow pace in the Stewards' Cup, in an attempt at saving energy for when 'Big Red' would deliver his attack. It made no difference. He was much the best again, winning the 1600 metres contest with ridiculous ease – just as he had in the Hong Kong Mile (G1) back in December. That event was more strongly contested and Able Friend flew past his rivals in the home straight to register a deeply impressive 4 1/4-length win over

Gold-Fun, who had finished second in the same event also in 2013. Able Friend beat Gold-Fun also in the Jockey Club Mile (G2) three weeks before the Hong Kong Mile. He is at his best over 1600 metres, but he has excellent form also over 2000 metres. His sire Shamardal became a dual classic winner when capturing the Poule d'Essai des Poulains (G1) over 1600 metres and Prix du Jockey Club (G1) over 2100 metres for Godolphin.



*Able Friend winning the 2014 Hong Kong Mile. Photo: Hong Kong Jockey Club*

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## THE GODOLPHIN MILE

*Meydan, Dubai World Cup Night, March 28*

**Variety Club** and Soft Falling Rain made a nice exacta for South African racing and breeding in the 2014 Godolphin Mile (G2), a race that now returns to dirt and is likely to get live participation from North America. The surface switch might make a big difference to this contest.

**The race sponsors**, or 'the boys in blue' as we like to call them, have won this event seven times, with their principal trainer Saeed bin Suroor having saddled the winner nine times, most recently African Story in 2013. Twelve months later African Story won the World Cup, illustrating what a tough race the Godolphin Mile can be. The double was achieved over the Tapeta track though, and things may develop a bit differently from now on. Not to say that the quality will drop. On the contrary, if the Godolphin Mile regularly gets serious milers from the US, well then the quality will improve – and the race soon get Group 1 status.



**Bob Baffert** will be jetting in with his World Cup contender Bayern, and the white haired horseman has plenty of talent both in the sprint and mile division, so perhaps Bayern gets a travelling companion or two. Secret Circle, winner of the 2013 Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1) and second in this year's edition, plus runner-up also in the Cigar Mile (G1), might fit the bill. Baffert said last year that he would have sent this horse to Meydan, "for sure, if they had a dirt track out there...". He may be planning a bit of a raid on Meydan these days, with phase one of the preparation plan coming as Secret Circle runs in the Palos Verdes (G2) at Santa Anita on Saturday.

**North American challengers** won three of the last eight editions of the Godolphin Mile when its home was at Nad Al Sheba and the surface was dirt, and if Baffert takes a horse to the race he might be mainly worried about another American, the tough and battle hardened sprint / miler Bourbon Courage, who was third in the Cigar Mile (G1) and fourth in the Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1). Bourbon Courage finished just over a neck behind Secret Circle in the Cigar, having been a length and a half behind him at the Breeders' Cup.

**A locally trained** Godolphin Mile challenger to take seriously is Satish Seemar's Surfer, who opened his 2015 campaign with a rock solid win in the Al Maktoum Challenge Round I (G2) over this mile trip in January. Surfer and his regular rider Richard Mullen came home as rather easy winners that day, a little over two lengths in front of the French import Frankyfourfingers. Mullen was pushing all the way to the line but only because Surfer idled in front, clearly thinking 'what more is needed, I'm too good here'. Too good he was, and sticking to a mile seems to be the obvious route to take with this gelded son of Distorted Humor. He was unplaced in last year's World Cup. **CT-M**

# Globeform's 50 to Follow



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- ALMERZEM - WON 13-2 (3 runs)
  - ARAB DAWN - 3 WINS, 11-2, 3-1 and 9-4
  - CHATEZ - 2 WINS, 10-1 and 7-2
  - CANNOCK CHASE - 3-for-3; 3-1, 7-4, 6-4
  - KARAKONTIE - 30-1 Breeders' Cup winner
  - KINGSTON HILL - St Leger winner 10-1 a/post
  - MANGE ALL - WON 10-1, Ascot handicap
  - MISS FRANCE - 1,000 Guineas winner 10-1
  - REEDCUTTER - 2 WINS, 7-1 and 9-2
  - SUDDEN WONDER - 2 WINS, 8-1 and 7-1
  - TERCEL - WON 9-2 first time out
  - VENT DE FORCE - 3 WINS, 16-1, 4-1 and 2-1
  - VOLUME - WON 4-1, 2nd Oaks 40-1 a/post
  - WAHGAH - 2 WINS, 8-1 and 6-1
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