

# GLOBEFORM PREVIEWS BREEDERS' CUP FRIDAY Oct 31, 2014

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# RACE 6

# GLOBEFORM RATINGS BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE TURF (G1) Santa Anita, Oct 31, 2014

1 mile turf

Runners presented with best Globeform, sire, trainer, likely rider, post Globeform ratings are expressed in pounds. 1 length = 2lb over this distance

115 108 107p 104p 102P 102p 100p	HOOTENANNY (Quality Road) WAR ENVOY (War Front) CONQUEST TYPHOON (Stormy Atlantic) COMMEMORATIVE (Zamindar) IMPERIA (Medaglia d'Oro) STARTUP NATION (Temple City) INTERNATIONAL STAR (Fusaichi Pegasus)	W Ward A P O'Brien M Casse C Hills K McLaughlin C Brown M Maker	F Dettori R Moore P Husbands J Doyle J Castellano J Rosario J Velazquez	5 7 4 11 10 12
100 100	LUCK OF THE KITTEN (Kitten's Joy) WET SAIL (Henrythenavigator)	W Ward C Fellow	M Smith J Spencer	3 1
99p 98p	OFFERING PLAN (Spring At Last) LAWN RANGER (US Ranger)	C Brown K McPeek	J Ortiz Jr C Landeros	8 13
97	DANNY BOY (Harlan's Holiday)	D Romans	J Leparoux	14
95p	DADDY D T (Scat Daddy)	J Sadler	C Nakatani	2
	<b>CCDATCHED</b> , AKTARANITAV (Operic Dropm)			

SCRATCHED: AKTABANTAY (Oasis Dream)

# Also Eligible

97	FAITHFUL CREEK (Bushranger)	B Meehan	K Fallon
94p	PAPACOOLPAPACOOL (Temple City)	J Mullins	J Talamo

### **GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS**

**HOOTENANNY** is well clear on Globeform ratings here, having performed to GF 115 when runner-up to The Wow Signal in the Prix Morny at Deauville in France. Both colts were coming off an impressive win at the Royal Ascot meeting in England, and the Morny form was strong. Still, backing Hootenany for this race may be a bit of a gamble. He is the best horse going for this Breeders' Cup win, and if the race was run over 6 furlongs, he would be an even money shot and hard to oppose. This is a mile, however, and if the early pace is honest (which seems to be a 50/50 chance looking at the running profiles), well, then another horse could outstay him at the finish.

**WAR ENVOY** fits the bill nicely, and he represents an excellent team. This Irish trained contender has one win from seven runs in Europe, though it was his last run, when he was

#### **R6 / JUVENILE TURF continued**

>> fifth home, that was his best. War Envoy was just 1 ¼ lengths behind stable companion Gleneagles (who was disqualified) when fifth in the 7-furlong Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere (G1) at Longchamp. Staying on from the back, he shaped like a horse that will appreciate going a mile. He is quite exposed, however, and unlikely to improve markedly. Perhaps he won't need to.

**CONQUEST TYPHOON** makes a lot of appeal, and this is my selection. Let's gor for a big price in this, quite wide open, juvenile race. And that's not just for the sake of it. Conquest Typhoon, seemingly overlooked by bookmakers and on offer at **20-1**, is third best on ratings, and he has a lot going for him. He was an easy winner of the one-mile Summer Stakes at Woodbine in September, when he actually broke his maiden. Next up was the Grey Stakes on the synthetic track, where he moved up to 1 1/16 miles. Conquest Typhoon was again up with the pace throughout, and he produced improved form to take second, 1 ¼ lengths behind the late charging **INTERNATIONAL STAR**. Carrying ten pounds more than the winner, Conquest Typhoon was by far the best horse that day. Back on the lawn, and back over a mile, he must have a big chance on Friday.

**AKTABANTAY** is an experienced colt with solid form over four very different tracks in England. His form when second to Estidkhaar in G2 at Newmarket given a boost when the latter won again in G2 at Doncaster next time out – but the form of his narrow (and somewhat fortunate) win over Future Empire in G3 at Sandown has not been too well advertised.Shipped to Longchamp in October, he ran respectably in G1 though he did only beat three of his rivals (finished behind War Envoy).

**COMMEMORATIVE** is an improving, attractive colt with plenty of scope. He battled on well to win a G3 over a straight mile at Newmarket last time out and looks sure to keep on progressing. Though he is a big colt, and how he will like Santa Anita is another matter. Also, it needs mentioning that Restorer, who was his runner-up at Newmarket, disappointed next time out.

**IMPERIA** is a neat and nimble son of Medaglia d'Oro, and should have no problems handling this oval. He came from off the pace to win the Pilgrim over 1 1/16 miles at Belmont Park in September. Making only his second start, he beat Vision Perfect by a length. The latter went on to win the Awad Stakes last weekend, beating Zandar, a colt coming off a nice maiden win. These formlines augur well for Imperia, who looks the most likely big improver in this field. One worry is the distance, as he would rather have stepped up in distance.

**STARTUP NATION** was odds-on favourite in the Pilgrim, since he had been a comfortable winner of the With Anticipation a month earlier – when beating International Star (see Conquest Typhoon).

### **GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS**

A: 6 CONQUEST TYPHOON B: 5 HOOTENANNY, 7 WAR ENVOY, 11 IMPERIA C: 4 COMMEMORATIVE

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# RACE 7

# GLOBEFORM RATINGS BREEDERS' CUP DIRT MILE (G1) Santa Anita, Oct 31, 2014

1 mile dirt

Runners presented with best Globeform, sire, trainer, likely rider, post Globeform ratings are expressed in pounds. 1 length = 2lb over this distance

125	GOLDENCENTS (Into Mischief)	L Mora	R Bejarano	1
117	FED BIZ (Giant's Causeway)	B Baffert	M Garcia	8
116	BRONZO (Fusaichi Pegasus)	J Inda	L Torres	7
115	GOLDEN TICKET (Speightstown)	M McPeek	J Rosario	6
114	BIG BANE THEORY (Artie Schiller)	C Gaines	J Talamo	10
	TAPITURE (Tapit)	S Asmussen	R Napravnink	9
114	VICAR'S IN TROUBLE (Into Mischief)	M Maker	J Velazquez	3
114	PANTS ON FIRE (Jump Start)	K Green	P Lopez	4
	CARVE (First Samurai)	B H Cox	M Smith	2
110	HANDSOME MIKE (Scat Daddy)	L Mora	M Gutierrez	5

#### **GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS**

**GOLDENCENTS** looks the banker of the day, no, correction; he's the banker of the weekend. An impressive winner of this race a year ago, he is as good as ever, he is coming off a very solid second in a big sprint (lost photo finish to Rich Tapestry, while carrying 2lb more), and he drew post one – ideal for a front runner like him over this distance. Goldencents can go straight to the lead, save ground on the inside around the turn, and prove hard to catch.

**FED BIZ** is the one who might give him a fight. This Bob Baffert trainee is also very effective here at Santa Anita, something we saw when he was runner-up to BC Classic favorite Shared Belief in the Awesome Again last time out. That was over 9 furlongs, while Fed Biz is best suited to running over a mile. Fed Biz was a well beaten sixth here last year, but he has had a light campaign this year, meaning he comes much fresher to the contest. He was second, beaten 4 ¼ lengths behind Goldencents in the 7-furlong Pat O'Brien at Del Mar two starts back.

**BRONZO**, coming off two visually impressive wins in Chile, is a bit hard to assess, but he has been given a provisional Globeform 116, making him the third best runner going into the Dirt Mile. This son of Fusaichi Pegasus took a G1 by almost nine lengths back in May, and he booked his trip to the Breeders' Cup taking a G2 by almost four in June. He has improved considerably this year, and should not be underestimated. Though a mile may be on the sharp side; his two best runs came over 9 furlongs and 11 furlongs in Chile. Bronzo has three wins over a mile but those came in lesser company.

**GOLDEN TICKET** was beaten 2 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> lengths by Goldencents when second in this event 12 months ago, and he could hit the board again. He beat Pants On Fire by a neck when winning the Left Bank at Belmont two starts back, then disappinted in the Kelso at the same venue last month. He is a bit inconsistent.

Four horses capable of Globeform 114 are all in with a chance of hitting the board; BIG BANE THEORY (making his dirt debut after a G2 win on turf), VICAR'S IN TROUBLE (easy G2 win two back, after having been second to Tapiture in G2), PANTS ON FIRE (who has finished 3221 in his last four) and TAPITURE (a 3yo with solid and consistent form who may prove the best of this quartet).

#### **GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS**

A: 1 GOLDENCENTS B: 8 FED BIZ C: 7 BRONZO, 9 TAPITURE

# RACE 8

### GLOBEFORM RATINGS BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE FILLIES TURF (G1) Santa Anita, Oct 31, 2014

1 mile turf

Runners presented with best Globeform, sire, trainer, likely rider, post Globeform ratings are expressed in pounds. 1 length = 2lb over this distance

110	SUNSET GLOW (Exchange Rate)	W Ward	V Espinoza	3
107P	LADY ELI (Divine Park)	C Brown	l Ortiz Jr	4
108	OSAILA (Danehill Dancer)	R Hannon	F Dettori	2
105	QUALIFY (Fastnet Rock)	A P O'Brien	R Moore	14
104p	CONQUEST HARLANTE (Harlan's Holiday)	M Casse	P Husbands	11
102	SIVOLIERE (Sea The Stars)	C Brown	G Stevens	6
100p	PARTISAN POLITICS (More Than Ready)	C Brown	J Castellano	1
99p	ISABELLA SINGS (Eskendraya)	T Pletcher	J Velazquez	5
98p	RAINHA DA BATERIA (Broken Vow)	G Motion	J Rosario	7
?p	LADY ZUZU (Dynaformer)	D W Lukas	J Leparoux	9
97p	TAMMY THE TORPEDO (More Than Ready)	C Brown	R Bejarano	12
95p	QUALITY ROCK (Rock Hard Ten)	W Mott	J Lezcano	10
94	PRIZE EXHIBIT (Showcasing)	J Osborne	J Spencer	13
91	NICKY'S BROWN MISS (Big Brown)	S Capilupi	F Torres	8
Also eligible				
90	FLYING TIPAT (Tapit)	D Romans	J L Ortiz	
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# GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

WAR ALERT (War Front)

unknown territory and is not one to back at short odds.

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**SUNSET GLOW** ran second to Cursory Glance, one of the best juvenile fillies in Europe, when shipping to Royal Ascot in June. She has done really well since returning to the US, winning the Sorrento Stakes and Del Mar Debutante at Del Mar in August. She beat La Grange easily by 3 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> lengths in the 6.5-furlong Sorrento, went off the odds-on favorite in the 7-furlong Debutante, and got the better on another smart runner, Her Emmynency, to win that race by a neck. She looks the likely favorite here, and deservedly so, but stretching out to a mile she goes into

D Brown

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**LADY ELI** is the selection. She may be the most talented young turf filly trained in North America for some time, and she is open to plenty of improvement. Lady Eli has run just twice, and won twice, so lacks experience – but the way she won the Miss Grillo at Belmont Park suggested she is top, top class. She raced a bit keenly early on, just a few lengths off the pace (it was too easy for her), then flew away from them down the lane to win hard held by 3 lengths from Margaret Reay – who went on to be third in the Chelsea Flower Stakes a week prior to the Breeders' Cup. Lady Eli could have won the Miss Grillo, a race that has been a good pointer to this event in the past, by six lengths, quite possibly more. The Euro shippers might be in for a surprise here.



#### **R8 / JUVENILE FILLIES continued**

**OSALIA** is coming off a win in a valuable auction race at Newmarket in England, where she beat Lacing by 1 ½ lengths as the 4/5 favorite. Lacing did little for the form when running sixth of eight at Newbury last Saturday, but Osaila achieved a higher rating when fifth to Cursory Glance in the Moyglare Stud Stakes (one of the best juvenile fillies races in Europe this season) on her preceding start – and also when winning the Princess Margaret at Ascot in July. She is right up with the best here, though was a bit workmanlike at Newmarket, and could be feeling the effects of having been in some tough races. She's rather exposed.

**QUALIFY** was sixth in the Moyglare Stud, and went on to win a G3 at The Curragh two weeks later. She finished 1 ½ lengths behind Osaila in the Moyglare, and has an improving profile.

**CONQUEST HARLANTE** represents Canada, and she is an interesting contender. Taking a win streak of three into the race, she has captured both the Natalma (from **ISABELLA SINGS**) and the Mazarine at home. Conquest Harlante has improved steadily with every race and she comes here with a good chance.

#### **GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS**

A: 4 LADY ELI B: 3 SUNSET GLOW C: 2 OSAILA, 11 CONQUEST HARLANTE, 14 QUALIFY

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# RACE 9

# GLOBEFORM RATINGS BREEDERS' CUP DISTAFF (G1) Santa Anita, Oct 31, 2014

1 1/8 miles dirt

Runners presented with best Globeform, sire, trainer, rider, post Globeform ratings are expressed in pounds. 1 length = 2lb over this distance

122	CLOSE HATCHES (First Defence)	B Mott	J Rosario	11
121	UNTAPABLE (Tapit)	S Asmussen	R Napravnik	10
117	BELLE GALLANTEY (After Market)	R Rodriguez	J Ortiz	4
116	DON'T TELL SOPHIA (Congaree)	P Simms	J Rocco Jr	7
116	IOTAPA (Afleet Alex)	J Sadler	J Talamo	3
115	L'AMOUR DE MA VIE (Dansili)	P Brandt	M Guyon	1
114p	TIZ MIDNIGHT (Midnight Lute)	B Baffert	V Espinoza	2
110	RIA ANTONIA (Rockport Harbor)	T Amoss	P Lopez	9
109	STANWYCK (Empire Maker)	J Shirreffs	C Nakatani	6
104	UNBRIDLED FOREVER (Unbridled Song)	D Stewart	J Velazquez	5
?	VALIANT EMILIA (Pegasus Wind)	J S Villaroel	R Bejarano	8

### **GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS**

**CLOSE HATCHES** has had just one tame run this season; her most recent, when she could manage only fourth behind **Don't Tell Sophia**, **Ria Antonia** and Molly Morgan in the Spinster Stakes at Keeneland. She clearly had an off day and the best approach is to draw a line through the performance. Plenty of high profile horses have lost the prep, then peaked to win the big one, and she could easily be another to follow that pattern. Close Hatches, who was second to Beholder in last year's Distaff, had won all of her four previous races this year, including a most impressive 5-length romp in the Personal Ensign at Saratoga in August. She is ideally suited by this distance, she is our top rated runner, she is very game and consistent, and she is trained by a man who has won the Distaff five times. A Close Hatches in top form will not be easy to beat.

**UNTAPABLE**, the best 3yo filly in North America, is the obvious threat, in what (on paper at least) looks like a two-horse affair. Sure, some of the others are capable of big runs, but Close Hatches and Untapable are both a good notch above the rest. Untapable also likes this distance, and she is coming off a confidence-booster in the Cotillon at Parx, which she won by a length from Filly & Mare Sprint contender Sweet Reason. It was a fine way to bounce back, after her dull effort when she was fifth against the boys in the Haskell at Monmouth on her preceding start. Steve Asmussen's contender captured the Kentucky Oaks in May, taking the classic by 4 ½ lengths from My Miss Sophia (with **Unbridled Forever** third), and she impressed even more when beating Princess Violet by 9 lengths to win the Mother Goose at Belmont Park in June. Untapable breaks from post 11, with Close Hatches right next door. Hopefully they will both get a good (not too wide) trip – and hopefully they both show up on the day. This could be some race.

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### **R9 / B CUP DISTAFF continued**

**BELLE GALLANTEY** is coming off her career best effort, having won the Beldame Invitational by 8 ¼ lengths from Stopchargingmaria at Belmont in September. She led from gate to wire that day, and similar tactics are likely to be employed this Friday, as she breaks from post four. She won the Delaware Handicap and been a game fifth to Close Hatches in the Ogden Phipps earlier in the season – but Belle Gallantey's Beldame procession was still a surprise. Let's see if this 5yo mare, who has 43 runs under her belt, can produce such form again.

**DON'T TELL SOPHIA** (coming off two solid wins, the most recent in the Spinster) and **IOTAPA** (a G1 winner on dirt and synthetics this year) are closely matched, and both come here with a good chance of hitting the board, but the lightly raced **TIZ MIDNIGHT** may be a better card. Trained by Bob Baffert, this daughter of Midnight Lute beat lotapa when they filled second and third behind Beholder in the Zenyatta Stakes (G1) here at Santa Anita in October. That was over half a furlong shorter and Tiz Midnight has a lot of speed, so perhaps she will find the last furlong tough here – though she is open to improvement and does look interesting.

### **GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS**

- A: 11 CLOSE HATCHES
- B: 10 UNTAPABLE
- C: 2 TIZ MIDNIGHT, 7 DON'T TELL SOPHIA

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- P = plenty of improvement expected, sure to do better

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