

Globeform @ Kentucky Downs

Saturday August 31

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GLOBEFORM RANKING

THE NASHVILLE DERBY (G3), 10.5 fur Turf, Kentucky Downs

Horses ranked in pounds (0.45kg). Top ranked horse on "0". 1 length = 2 pounds over this distance

Rank	Horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs	Trainer / Jockey
From right to left (most recent first)				
0	BELLUM JUSTUM	111	111 - 110 - 100	A Balding / L Dettori
4p	CARSON'S RUN	107p	107p - 103p - ?	C Clement / J Rosario
6	CUGINO	105	105 - 96 - 102	C McGaughey / F Prat
7p	WHITE PALOMINO	104p	104p - 100 - 83p	C Brown / J L Ortiz
8	STROMBERG	103	103 - 0 - 95	J O'Brien / D McMonagle
9	LAGYNOS	102	102 - 99 - 96	S Asmussen / C A Torres
11	CAMEO PERFORMANCE	100	100 - 100 - 87	B Walsh / T Gaffalione
12	ABRUMAR	99	99 - 98 - 97	S Joseph Jr / E Zayas
14p	ROTHSCHILD	97p	90 - 97p - 0	T Yakteen / J Velazquez
16 / 24	NAVY SEAL	95 / 87	87 - ? - 95	W Ward / J Spencer
17	SEA THE THUNDER	94	0 - 94 - 91	C DeVaux / B Hernandez Jr
18	NOMOS	93	93 - 84 - ?+	T Pletcher / J Leparoux
	Also Eligible			
23	EL MATADOR	88	88 - 88 - ?	M Maker / J A Torres
?	HAMILTON'S WAY	?	? - ? - ?	R Handal / G Corrales

2023: Race not staged

GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

BELLUM JUSTUM is the obvious selection in this race. A son of the outstanding turf champion Sea The Stars, he is coming off two excellent runs against G1 quality rivals in England and, just as important, this colt has run well both at Epsom and Goodwood, undulating and rather tricky courses. He shouldn't have any problems with Kentucky Downs, he stays this distance and further, and he gets Frankie Dettori on his back. Morning line 7-2 looks rather generous for this visitor. Bellum Justum ran third behind Jayarebe and King's Gambit in the Hampton Court Stakes at Royal Ascot in June. Jayarebe went on to run second to the exciting colt Economics (favourite for the Irish Champion Stakes / Sep 14) in the Prix Guillaume d'Ornano at Deauville in France, beaten just 2 lengths. King's Gambit has also franked the form since; he was a close third behind the Irish Derby winner Los Angeles and Illinois in the Great Voltigeur Stakes at York earlier this month. After Royal Ascot, Bellum Justum was sent to Goodwood, where he ran second in the Gordon Stakes, beaten only a neck by Jan Brueghel, an unbeaten Aidan O'Brien trainee who is now second favorite for the prestigious St. Leger Stakes (behind Illinois). Bellum Justum was ridden prominently at Ascot but he was held up for a late run at Goodwood, where he made the favorite pull out all the stops to hold him at bay. Having performed to Globeform 110 and **Globeform 111** in those races, he will probably be hard to beat.



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CARSON'S RUN looks the best of the home team, and if he improves again he could be a serious threat to the favorite. He improved to **Globeform 107p** when coming from off the pace to win the Saratoga Derby three weeks ago, taking the 9.5-furlong contest in good style, with Legend of Time three parts of a length behind in second place. Carson's Run had a bit up his sleeve and he is the right type for this race. With experience from different tracks, including Monmouth Park, Aqueduct, Santa Anita and Woodbine (where he was an impressive winner of the Summer Stakes last year), Carson's Run may not be fazed by coming to an unusual track like Kentucky Downs. Not very big, he is built to handle undulations and his off-the-pace style gives him every chance of staying the distance.

CUGINO made all to win the 9-furlong Audubon Stakes at Churchill Downs in early June and this is his first start since than easy win. He kept on strongly in front and won the race by 4 1/4 lengths from LAGYNOS, who is a consistent sort and thus a good benchmark horse. Cugino was ridden differently when just pipped by Neat in the Transylvania Stakes at Keeneland in April, so perhaps he does not need the lead to be at his best - but he improved to **Globeform 105** when racing that way at Churchill Downs and - if he breaks well - we might see him up with the pace again here. With three others capable of setting the pace; Abrumar, White Palomino, Sea The Thunder; plus Bellum Justum in opposition, getting a clear lead won't be easy for Cugino - especially from the widest post (there's s short run from the start to the first bend).

WHITE PALOMINO represents Chad Brown, who decided to bypass the rescheduled Saratoga Derby in order to have this colt fresh for the Nashville Derby. Most of Brown's turf runners are held up at the back, in order to come with a dash in the straight. White Palomino is different. He set out to make all both in the Pennine Ridge Stakes over 9 furlongs at Aqueduct in May and in the Belmont Derby over 9.5 furlongs at the same venue in July. He was beaten a head in both; by Legend of Time in the first and by Trikari (who won the Secretariat next time out) in the second. White Palomino has been progressive in his four starts to date, he ran to **Globeform 104** in the Belmont Derby and thus sits high on the ranking for this race - but will he appreciate a test of stamina? For a change, Brown has a longshot in a turf stakes, and it is his only shot too. It may feel tempting to toss him out but tossing 'CB-runners' in races like this one is seldom a good idea. White Palomino was rated when he broke his maiden and perhaps that's how he will be ridden.

STROMBERG is exiting a game third place finish in a 10-furlong Listed race at Deauville in France, his best performance to date. He came from well off the pace and ran on well (despite lugging in a bit) to almost get up for second. Ombudsman, who won the race easily by 3 1/2 lengths, is a talented 3-for-3 John Gosden trainee, while the runner-up, Sons And Lovers (who held Stromberg by a neck), was coming off a sixth place finish in the Hampton Court Stakes at Royal Ascot, where he was 3 lengths behind **BELLUM JUSTUM**. Stromberg stays well - the way he finished in France suggested that he would get further than 10 furlongs - and he is one to consider for the Trifecta plan.

LAGYNOS - the only contender to have raced over this course - is an interesting longshot stepping up in distance, after having performed consistently around the 100-mark over shorter trips. His best piece of form came on his most recent outing, when he was a neck second to the smart miler Neat in the Hall of Fame Stakes at Saratoga. Lagynos has been held up right at the back and he has been rated just off the pace in his races. He normally runs on gamely at the finish. This distance could suit him enough to bring out further improvement. Note that he broke his maiden in a good race here at Kentucky Downs last year, beating Liam's Journey (third in a G3 on his next start) and In a Jam (a G3 placed stakes winner this year).

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	6 BELLUM JUSTUM
B	8 CARSON'S RUN
C	4 STROMBERG, 5 WHITE PALOMINO, 11 LAGYNOS, 12 CUGINO

