

Globeform's Breeders' Cup Special

Saturday, Nov 4, 2023

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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
			Most recent first	
0	CODY'S WISH	127	121+ 108 - 127 - 123+	Mott / Alvarado
8	NATIONAL TREASURE 3	119	112 - 100 - 103 - 119	Baffert / Prat
10	SKIPPYLONGSTOCKING	117	117 - 115 - 100 - 115+	Joseph Jr / Gaffalione
7 / 12	CHARGE IT <i>GF 120 in '22</i>	120 / 115	110 - 106 - 115	Pletcher / Velazquez
13	ZOZOS	114	113 - 106 - 114 - 114	B Cox / Geroux
16p	STAGE RAIDER	111p	111p - 106+ - 0	DeVaux / J J Hernandez
27	SHIRL'S BEE 3	100	0 - 100 - ?+	Stewart / L Saez

3yo horses: 3lbs age weight allowance

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

2022: CODY'S WISH – GF 123

Bill Mott / Junior Alvarado

2021: LIFE IS GOOD – GF 130

Todd Pletcher / Irad Ortiz Jr

2020: KNICKS GO – GF 121p

Brad Cox / Joel Rosario

2019: SPUN TO RUN – GF 124

Juan Carlos Guerrero / Irad Ortiz Jr

2018: CITY OF LIGHT – GF 125

Michael McCarthy / Javier Castellano

2017: BATTLE OF MIDWAY – GF 124

J Hollendorfer / Flavien Prat

GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS - BREEDERS' CUP DIRT MILE

CODY'S WISH: Last year's winner and by far the best horse in this seven-runner field; if Cody's Wish turns up and gets back to his best form, then the others are running for second. Cody's Wish has been even better this year than he was in 2022, and he ran to Globeform 127 to win the Met Mile (G1) at Belmont Park in the summer. Based on that impressive win, gained by 3 1/4 lengths from Zandon, with White Abarrio back in third place, he was stepped up to 9 furlongs in the Whitney (G1) at Saratoga. It was a test to find out whether he should be aimed at the Breeders' Cup Classic or stick to a mile. Cody's Wish ran well below form in the Whitney, trailing home in third place, beaten as much as 10 lengths behind White Abarrio. Bill Mott was quick to point out that Cody's Wish did not stay the trip. Perhaps he didn't but I'm not so sure that was the whole story behind his dull performance. He was tardy from the gates, last but travelling well going down the back stretch, then made his customary move going around the home turn, only to flatten out soon into the home stretch. It was a run to draw a line through. His Met Mile win was sensational and he has upwards of four lengths in hand on his rivals here, so it's hard to go against be big favorite. >>>

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NATIONAL TREASURE: This Bob Baffert trained 3yo led all the way to win the Preakness Stakes (G1) at Pimlico back in May, taking the 9.5-furlong classic by a hard fought head from Blazing Sevens, as Kentucky Derby winner Mage (who was badly ridden) failed back in third, being the main victim of a slow pace. It was an excellent tactical ride by jockey John Velazquez, but he will not be on board on Saturday, when National Treasure gets Flavien Prat on board. Velazquez is on Charge It for his old ally Todd Pletcher. Prat is also a top pilot so the rider change is hardly a worry. That the colt has failed to hit the board in his three subsequent races, however, might be. He was well below par in the Belmont (wrong distance) and Travers (probably also too long) - then came back to better form when fourth to Slow Down Andy in the 9-furlong Awesome Again Stakes (G1) here at Santa Anita in late September. National Treasure looked every inch a miler at Preakness and it's about time that he gets a chance to try this distance. He is likely to be part of the early pace but will he get an easy lead once more? Probably not. Zosos will probably go forward, as he did when winning last time out, and Stage Raider may be sent from gate one, while Skippy Longstocking is another who may want the lead. He owns the third best GF rating in this race, earned on his most recent start. >>>

SKIPPYLONGSTOCKING: An easy 5-length winner of the 9-furlong Charles Town Classic (G2) in August, Skippy Longstocking may be overlooked as just another longshot in the BC Dirt Mile - but let's not make the mistake to dismiss him. He ran to Globeform 117 as he led from gate to wire at Charles Town, outclassing O'Connor over a sloppy track. O'Connor went on to run fifth in the Woodward Stakes (G1), beaten just under six lengths behind BC Classic contender Zandon. Was Skippy Longstocking helped by the wet track in the Charles Town? For O'Connor it was a first try in the slop but Dash Attack (third) and Muad'Dib (fourth) both love wet tracks, so perhaps the conditions did not affect the result in a false way at all. Skippy Longstocking was simply far too good and would have beaten them just as easily on a dry day. He performed to GF 115+ when winning the Challenger Stakes (G3) over 8.5 furlongs over a fast track at Tampa Bay Downs back in March (beating Tax by 3 1/4 lengths with more in hand).

ZOSOS, who beat **STAGE RAIDER** by a length when enjoying the run of the race in the one-mile Ack Ack Stakes (G3) at Churchill Downs last time out, and **CHARGE IT** - very good once in 2022 but not quite as good this year - are closely matched on this year's form and they are all very much at home over this distance. Zosos has won all his three races over a mile.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

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