

Globeform @ Colonial Downs

Sunday 11 Aug 2024

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GLOBEFORM RATINGS

THE VAN CLIEF STAKES, 5.5 fur Turf, Colonial Downs

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

Rank	Horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs	Trainer / Jockey
From right to left (most recent first)				
0	DREAM SHAKE	112	111 - 112 - 102	Stidham / Curtis
0	EAMONN	112	100 - 104 - 99	Orseno / Lopez
2 / 5	CARORATI <i>GF 113 in '22 / GF 110 in Feb '23</i>	110 / 107 (113)	0 - 102 - 95	B Lynch / J L Ortiz
4	MISCHIEF MAGIC	112	107+ 109+ 112	C Appleby / Buick
4	WITTY	112	108 - 112 - 109	Merryman / Toledo
5	DETERMINED KINGDOM	111	?++ 111 - 86	Schonental / Carasco
6 / 9	EXTENDO	106 / 103	93 - 103 - 0	Orseno / Zayas
8	MISTER MMMMM	104	? - 94 - 94	J Sharp / B Hernandez Jr
11	CRUZIN MAN	101	99 - 101 - 96	Crichton / T McCarthy
12	AGENT PETER GRAVES	104	100 - 104 - 0	Young / Leparoux
12	BEAR RIVER <i>3yo WFA: 1lb Also entered, Secretariat S.</i>	101	18 - 13 - 12	Desormeaux / Graham
?	LITTLE ROO ROO	?	? - ? - ?	M E Jones Jr / A Cruz

2023: FRONT RUN THE FED – GF 113

Caio Caramori / David Carbera

GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

DREAM SHAKE has never run over this distance and he may find 5.5 furlongs too sharp, but there's quite a bit to like about this layoff contender. He was pretty consistent last year, when won the 7-furlong Connaught Cup at Woodbine, where he was also a very close fifth to high class sprinter Big Invasion in the 6-furlong Nearctic Stakes at the same venue (a race run on soft ground). What Dream Shake would need to be successful over this trip is plenty of pace - and that's exactly what he will get today, as seven, possibly eight, of his rivals can be described as speed merchants. A fierce early pace is virtually guaranteed, and a meltdown on the front end can easily be the effect of that - and play the card into the lap of a horse with a bit of stamina. Another factor to help Dream Shake is the home straight at Colonial, he will get 1290 feet to work with coming down the lane - not as long as Woodbine's 1440 feet but longer than at most tracks. Dream Shake is drawn in post one; if the pace is hot and he can work out a clean, ground saving trip (perhaps not easy), then he could have a winning chance.

EAMONN will also appreciate the length of the home straight here. He has actually been able to close in from off the pace at Gulfstream Park, where the straight is just 898 feet and favors speed horses. His performance in the Shakertown Stakes at Keeneland (third behind Arzak and MISCHIEF MAGIC) represents form good enough to win the Van Clief, but Eamonn has been below that level in all of his three races since and, given that he had busy winter in Florida, it's understandable if his form is now tailing off. If he can bounce back to his best, however, well then this closer becomes a danger to all. He was just a head behind Mischief Magic at Keeneland, and is now 4lbs better off at the weights. >>>

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CAROTARI ran third in this race last year, producing GF 107 as he was beaten 1 1/4 lengths behind back-to-back winner Front Run the Fed, but his form has been rather ordinary in his five starts this season and he is a bit hard to fancy. His career best came over 5 furlongs at Laurel back in 2022 (Globoform 113) and his best in 2023 was GF 110 when he ran second to Yes I Am Free in the Gulfstream Park Turf Sprint, also contested over 5 panels.

MISCHIEF MAGIC should get an absolutely perfect setup here, with tons of speed in front of him, and it's easy to see why he has been made the morning line favorite. He has been finishing fast in all of his three races in the US this season, but come up short; though a one-length second to Arzak in the Shakertown Stakes showed us how good this contender is. After that run he finished third to the outstanding Cogburn in the Twin Spires Turf Sprint at Churchill Downs and fifth to the same rival in the Jaipur at Saratoga. All of these races were over 5.5 furlongs and what Mischief Magic needs is 6 furlongs, perhaps even seven. He was drawn in stall 12 at Saratoga, where Cogburn dominated throughout. Mischief Magic is better drawn here, and there is no Cogburn in the field, so - unless his three hard races have taken a toll - he is a winning contender. He was gelded prior to the Jaipur.

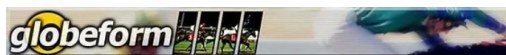
WITTY is another who makes a lot of appeal. Runner-up to the high class sprinter Grooms All Bizness on heavy ground at Pimlico two starts back and to Filo di Arianna at Woodbine last time out, he will appreciate stepping up from 5 to 5.5 furlongs, and he is a good closer.

DETERMINED KINGDOM, a local star who is 5-for-8 over this course and has 8 wins over the distance, must also be considered. He took the Lunch Line Stakes for a third consecutive year when winning with ease over this course and distance in July (idled when about five lengths clear, won wrapped up). His run prior to that was even better, as he beat the impressive Saratoga next out winner Outlaw Kid easily after making all the running. He is part of the speed but he holds home court advantage and he is in really good form.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	1 DREAM SHAKE, 8 MISCHIEF MAGIC
B	5 EAMONN, 7 WITTY
C	4 DETERMINED KINGDOM

**Today's betting plans will go out between
1.30pm - 2.30pm Eastern time (6.30pm - 7.30pm UK time)**



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