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GLOBEFORM RANKING SWEETEST CHANT STAKES (LR) 8.5 fur Turf, Gulfstream Park

Horses ranked in pounds (0.45kg). 1 length = 2 pounds over this distance

Rank	No.	Name of horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs	Trainer / Jockey	
From right to left (most recent first)						
0	8	VIXEN	101	101 - 100p	M Casse / Velazquez	
2	2	CORRETO	99	95 - 99 - 2	Motion / I Ortiz Jr	
3	3	RAMSEY POND	94	94 - 90 - 82	Joseph Jr / Zayas	
7p	1	FIXIN TO BEE	90p	90p - 0 - 90	Arnold / L Saez	
7	6	ORIGAMI	90	90 - 86p - ?p	Sisterson / Gaffalione	
15	4	LA GIOCONDA	82	82 - ?p	Delgado / Castellano	
15	7	FEDE	82	? - 82 - ?p	De La Cerda / Davis	
?	5	SAIL THESEVEN SEAS	?	?+?-?+	Trombetta / Karamanos	

Most recent winners of the Sweetest Chant							
2024	Life's an Audible	GF 99	Todd Pletcher	Irad Ortiz Jr			
2023	Cairo Consort	GF 102	Todd Pletcher	Irad Ortiz Jr			
2022	Opalina	GF 97p	Rodrigo Rodriguez	Luis Saez			
2021	White Forest	GF 103	William Mott	Junior Alvarado			
2020	Cheermeister	GF 104p	Armando de la Cerda	Emisael Jaramillo			

Average winning Globeform: 101

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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

VIXEN will probably be a short priced favorite here, as she is making her first start since running sixth to the top class Irish filly Lake Victoria in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf at Del Mar in November. With strong form in the book, and Mark Casse's team in such good form, she is impossible to oppose. Vixen may not be a value win bet proposition but she looks a nice key for exotics bets. Drawn wide, she had to use energy early on at Del Mar, where she was soon seen in a nice spot not far off the pace, and she stayed on gamely at the finish too. Beaten 4 1/4 lengths by the winner, she performed to GF 100 in the championship race, having produced **Globeform 101p** when runner-up in the Natalma Stakes on her preceding start. Quite how much the early push for a good position (ie not too wide) early on cost her is hard to say but it's not too far fetched to assume that she could have been closer given a better draw that day. She beat the seventh placed **CORRETO** (who saved ground by the rail all the way around) by 3/4 length. While Vixen ran on in a manner suggesting further than the mile would suit, Correto tired in the closing stages. Vixen was a game second in the Natalma Stakes over a mile at Woodbine in September, beaten a neck by her barnmare And One More Time in a race that produced a Mark Casse Trifecta. This year's Ginger Brew Stakes winner Nitrogen was third, half a length behind Vixen. Nitrogen also ran in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf; taking third after a strong run from off the pace.

Vixen was probably committed a bit too early at Woodbine, where John Velazquez kicked for home at the top on the long Woodbine straight. And One More Time caught her in the last few strides. Vixen had previously been an impressive maiden winner over a mile at Ellis Park on her second start. A very late foal (May 24), this daughter of Vekoma produced smart form at two but she has both the physique and the breeding to progress with age. She could easily become a leading player in this division. Vixen's sire Vekoma has enjoyed a fine start to his stallion career; he is also the sire of Kitten's Joy Stakes contender Mi Bago. Vixen is out of Top Mission; an ordinary mile turf winner from the family of the G1 mile turf winner Centre Court and G1 dirt performer Let.

CORRETO's best form is not far off Vixen's best but this filly is quite different and she does not strike me as one that will be able to step up again as a three-year-old. Rather small, she may have been a typical juvenile; in other words as runner we can't expect to improve much this season. She improved to Globeform 99 at the Breeders' Cup, while her fifth placed effort in the Ginger Brew at Gulfstream Park in January was worth GF 95. Perhaps Correto needed the run after her break but there's not much of her and the way she ran in the Ginger Brew (fading after being on the pace) seemed to confirm the impression at Del Mar; that a mile is as far as she cares to go. Which is a bit of a surprise, given that she ran third in the 8.5-furlongs Miss Grillo Stakes last summer (but that race has not worked out too well), and Correto is actually bred to stay; she is by top class 12-furlong performer English Channel out of the Kitten's Joy daughter Spooky Kitten, who was placed in stakes company over 9 and 10 furlongs at Woodbine as a 3yo.

RAMSEY POND looked a bit special when winning a maiden race over a mile at Kentucky Downs last September. She may not be a star but she has improved gradually in each of her three races since, and there was a lot to like about her effort last time out; when she finished second to Lush Lips in a good allowance race over 8.5 furlongs at Gulfstream Park in January. Lush Lips set the pace (pulling hard early) and Ramsey Pond was tracking her. The winner, who had interesting form in Ireland last year, proved much too good and won by 2 lengths but Ramsey Pond kept on well all the way to the winning post and beat Sashay Away easily for second place. Sashay Away ran two good races in the slipstream of Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf runner-up May Day Ready last year, so this piece of form seems solid enough. Prior to her run against Lush Lips, Ramsey Pond took third in the 7.5-furlong Wait a While Stakes (coming from off the pace). Stepping up to 8.5 furlongs will probably be to her liking. Her sire Divisidero won the 9-furlong Turf Classic at Churchill Downs twice and her er dam, Surfs Edge, who was 3-for-6 running over sprint distances on dirt and turf in Canada, was out of 9-furlong Canadian Stakes winner Essential Edge. >>>

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FIXIN TO BEE is the interesting longshot in this race. Please note a correction from the GF ratings email; she ran to **Globeform 90p** (not without the 'p') last time out. That was in the one-mile Ginger Brew Stakes at Gulfstream Park in January. Going off at 50-1, Fixin to Bee was last though the first six furlongs (traveling sweetly under Luis Saez), she had just one behind her turning for home, then finished with good interest to be sixth, 4 lengths behind Nitrogen. Fixin to Bee was not given a hard time by her rider and she is probably going to be a fair bit better than that showing, especially when trying over further than a mile. A daughter of the versatile Mshawish (G1 winner over 9 furlongs on turf and dirt), she is out of 8-time winner Susie Bee (a minor stakes winner over 8 and 8.5 furlongs on turf).

ORIGAMI improved on her Irish form when third to Clock Tower and Scipio in the Cecil DeMille Stakes at Del Mar on her US debut, a mile event contested on December 1. The daughter of Sioux Nation never had a winning chance but she stayed on to be beaten 3 3/4 lengths by all the way winner Clock Tower, who had previously run third in the Bourbon Stakes and goes for the Robert Lewis Stakes (R4) at Santa Anita this Saturday. Runner-up Scipio (1 1/4 lengths better than Origami) had run fourth in the TAA Stakes on his preceding start and he won a decent maiden at Santa Anita next time out. Origami ran to **Globeform 90** at Del Mar, having produced GF 86p when third in an allowance heat over 5 furlongs at Cork in Ireland in July, beaten 4 3/4 lengths behind Morning Vietnam. Morning Vietnam next ran fifth in a G3 at the Curragh, 5 1/2 lengths behind one of Aidan O'Brien's best juvenile sprinters, Ides of March (seventh after a poor start from a bad draw in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint). Origami is likely to get a fair bit of attention in the Sweetest Chant Stakes but she needs to improve again to have a winning chance.

CONCLUSION: We should not expect Vixen to be fully cranked up for this race; after all it is just her starting point to a season that will hopefully put her in the mix in better and more prestigious events later on. She meets rivals with recent form and they may hold a fitness edge - but she has the class edge and Mark Casse is just as good with layoff runners as he is overall, so let's stick with the obvious here. Ramsey Pond appeals as the second pick - her progression has been noticeable -, and Fixin to Bee is the value option who can hit the board and boost the Trifecta payoff.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

Α	8 VIXEN
В	3 RAMSEY POND
С	1 FIXIN TO BEE

Vixen 6th (post 13) / Correto 7th (post 3) / Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vPwWgZUv0q8&t=1s

Vixen 2nd / Natalma Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XswsWQB8DqM&t=4s

Correto 5th / Ginger Brew Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GfQKVr7AMus

Origami 3rd / Cecil DeMille Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CxXola3dt4l&t=234s

Ramsey Pond 2nd / Gulfstream allowance (R9 / 19 min): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qXj1xrjN5P4