## **Globeform's Pegasus World Cup Special '25**

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### **6** GLOBEFORM RANKING CAROUSEL CLUB HCAP, 1 mile 70 yards Tapeta

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	4	<b>SMOKIN' T</b> GF 113 Mar '24	113	110 - 89 - 98	C Brown / Dettori	
(0) 2	8	<b>PORTFOLIO COMPANY</b> GF 111 in Mar '24 & July '23 GF 113 in May '23	(113) 111 /	111 - 105 - 106	C Brown / Gaffalione	
1/9	2	<b>EMMANUEL</b> GF 112 in Apr '24 GF 113 in Mar '24	113 / 105	105 - 98 - 103	Maker / L Saez **	
3	6	EXACT ESTIMATE	110	94 - 110 - 110	C Brown / Zayas	
4	9	TIDAL FORCES GF 106 in July '24	106 / 91	?+ 0 - 91	Abreu / Davis	
6	7	POSSIBLEMENTE	105	102 - 105 - ?	D Rodriguez / Reyes	
6	12	OKIRO	104	104 - 100 - 0	Joseph Jr / E Gonzalez	
7	11	JERRY THE NIPPER	110	110 - 102 - 102	Pletcher / I Ortiz Jr	
10	1	IN A JAM GF 102 Kent Downs Sep '24	102	99 - 98 - 89	M Casse / J L Ortiz	
11	10	EVADE	103	103 - 103 - 101	Maker / O Murphy	
12	5	CLASSIC MO TOWN	103	103 - 100 - 97	Drexler / Castellano	
13	3	STANLEY HOUSE	102	96 - 100 - 99	DePaulo / Velazquez	
		ALSO ELIGIBLE				
12 / 21	13	FREEDOM PRINCIPLE GF 97 in Feb '24	97 / 88	0 - 88 - 0	Garoffalo / Alvarado	
?	14	TENNESSEE LAMB	?	? - ? - ?	Arnold / L Saez **	

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### GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

**Predicting the pace scenario** in this race is near impossible. There are five possible pace setters / pressers in the field but three of them are trained by Chad Brown; his newly acquired Smokin T, Portfolio Company and Exact Estimate. There's no way Chad will tell all three riders to head for the lead but on the other hand; would he like to see a race where recent course and distance winner Jerry the Nipper gets away with a soft lead? Probably not. We are in for a fascinating contest, and a really tricky handicapping challenge at that.

**SMOKIN' T**, sold for \$160,000 at the Keeneland November Sale and moved from Shug McGaughey to Chad Brown, makes a lot of appeal, and that's not only because he is 8-1 on the morning line, has a nice weight and gets Frankie Dettori on board. Quite why he should be getting weight from a horse like Jerry the Nipper is hard to fathom, and 8-1 also seems somewhat difficult to explain. Let's just hope he will be that sort of a price. Having performed to **Globeform 113** when winning the Appleton Stakes over a mile on turf at Gulfstream Park last March, and backed that up with GF 110 when he ran fourth to Pegasus World Cup Turf contender Major Dude at Keeneland in October, he must have a good chance here. He was prominent throughout at Keeneland but Smokin' T is flexible; he was ridden from well off the pace when capturing the River City Stakes at Churchill Downs in 2023 and from mid-pack when taking the Appleton Stakes, where got up to beat Saratoga Flash and **TIDAL FORCES** while spotting them 6lbs.

**PORTFOLIO COMPANY** has not races since landing the Barbados Gold Cup over 9 furlongs / turf at Garrison Savannah last March. Never far off the pace he took the lead inside the last quarter and fought off a late challenge from another US raider, Cash Equity, to win by half a length. **JERRY THE NIPPER** was a well beaten fourth. Cash Equity (who runs in the MacDiarmida) has not won since but he has run good races in defeat against the likes of Major Dude, Battle of Normandy (both in the Pegasus Turf) and Goliad, and the Barbados form was solid enough. Portfolio Company ran to GF 111 in that race, the same mark he had returned when he was beaten just a neck into third behind **SMOKIN' T** in the Lure Stakes at Saratoga back in 2023, when his best performance, a stakes quality allowance win, was worth **Globeform 113**.

**EMMANUEL** tries the Tapeta for the first time. Sometimes a change can rejuvenate a horse that has lost his form and that's exactly what his connections will be hoping for. There's another change worth noting; the blinkers, applied for his three most recent races, come off. Emmanuel ran to **Globeform 113** and 112 in the first half of the '24 season and his run at Kentucky Downs in September wasn't too far off that level, but he has taken a dip since. That said, he was beaten only 3 lengths behind Major Dude in the Ft. Lauderdale last month, and this is a much easier contest.

**EXACT ESTIMATE** went off favorite in a race similar to this when coming back after a lengthy layoff last month, but faded tamely to finish seventh, beaten 4 1/2 lengths behind **JERRY THE NIPPER**, who beat Boppy O by by a length, with **POSSIBLEMENTE** a close third. Exact Estimate is much better than that showing and perhaps he simply needed the race. A prominent runner, he returned **Globeform 110** twice over this track last winter / spring, and he must be respected. >>>

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**JERRY THE NIPPER** made all for a game win when prepping for this event just over a month ago, beating Boppy O by a length with **POSSIBLEMENTE** a neck further back. It was Jerry the Nipper's first start over a Tapeta track and he has never been better. It's quite unusual to see an 8yo approaching 30 starts suddenly step up like that, but Jerry the Nipper is in great form and he can be expected to run well. He has been given a tough weight though; with 124lbs he is spotting horses with better form in the book weight. Which means that he will probably have to improve again to follow up. That does seem unlikely. His runner-up Boppy O let the form down by finishing fourth in the Sunshine Turf Stakes last Saturday and note that Skyro, who was fifth in Jerry the Nipper's race, runs in R3 today.

**TIDAL FORCES** beat little when returning to winning form in a six-runner allowance heat over this trip three weeks ago; his runner-up Navy Cross (40-1) ran 4th in a \$35' claimer next out, but note that Tidal Forces is 3-for-3 racing over Gulfstream's Tapeta and he has back class giving him a chance of hitting the board.

**CONCLUSION:** A useful betting rule; when a race looks too difficult, try what seems 'impossible', going in with an ambitious, economical Trifecta using two keys. In this case; Chad Brown trainees. Smokin' T is definitely worth a win bet and that's where most of the investment should go. His barnmate Portfolio Company has also shown goo form when racing against better than what he will be facing on this occasion. Another way to play this Trifecta is to key Smokin' T in 1st, 2nd or 3rd with as many as the budget allows.

#### GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

Α	4 SMOKIN' T		
В	8 PORTFOLIO COMPANY		
С	2 EMMANUEL, 6 EXACT ESTIMATE, 7 POSSIBLEMENTE, 11 JERRY THE NIPPER		
D	9 TIDAL FORCES		

Smokin' T / Appleton Stakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nuq74ldokFs

Smokin' T 4th / Keeneland allowance: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sV0LgCDOGLo

Portfolio Company / Barbados Gold Cup: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H6EhsnS1H-s

#### PEGASUS WORLD CUP DAY

January 25, 2025

- \$3 million Pegasus World Cup (G1)
  \$1 Million Pegasus World Cup Turf (G1)
  \$500,000 Pegasus F&M Turf (G2)
  \$200,000 Inside Information (G2)
  \$200,000 W.L. McKnight (G3)
  \$150,000 La Prevoyante (G3)
  \$150,000 Fred Hooper (G3)
  \$150,000 Gulfstream Park Turf Sprint
  \$100,000 Carousel Club
  \$100,000 South Beach
- 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub> miles
- 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub> miles
- 1 1/16 miles
- 7 furlongs
- 1 1/2 miles turf
- 1 1/2 miles turf
- 1 mile
- 5 furlongs turf
- 1m, 70 yds Tapeta
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